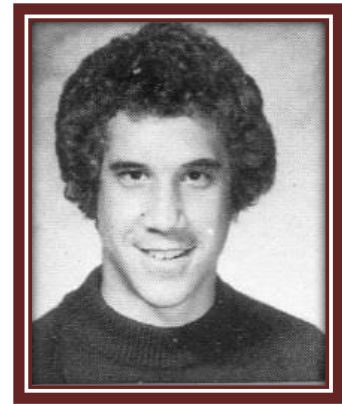


Randy Faulconer

Randy Faulconer, like so many Hall of Fame inductees before him, was first introduced to youth sports playing baseball for the Madison Heights Youth Baseball Association. As an accomplishment, he is most proud of as a young athlete, was playing on the first MHYBA all-star team to win the Virginia State tournament and travel to Jackson Mississippi to play in the Dixie Boys World Series. Randy also played youth football for the Amelon Bruins and basketball for Amherst County recreation league.



Other than the opportunity to play in the World Series, Randy's fondest memories as a young athlete was playing both baseball and football in the "hollow" in Madison Heights. Playing for his ultimate role models, his uncle David Goff (2017 Hall of Fame Inductee) and his Dad, (Paul Faulconer). Randy stated that his Dad was the biggest influence in his life. "He gave it his all. He coached, umpired, mowed fields and was there for me 24/7". There were numerous special people that helped Randy hone his baseball and football skills. Along with his dad and uncle, he contributes his success to his uncle Paul Goff, Glenn Ricketts, Leroy Floyd, Winkie Fields, Jim Procopio, John Noon and Eddie Carter. Randy had a huge family of fans but there was only one #1 fan, his Mom, (Audrey Faulconer). She worked tirelessly in the concession stand, she sewed patches on jerseys and washed numerous dirty uniforms, never without a smile on her face and love for her family.

From the red dirt fields in Madison Heights, Randy took his talents to the next level of play at Amherst County High School. Baseball was his passion, but also he played linebacker on the football team, 1979 and 1980. He was also on the wrestling team. By his own admission he states that "survival" was the highlight of his wrestling career. Baseball was another story. Randy was the catcher on the 1978 and 1979 State Champion baseball teams. Both years he made the All-District team, All-Region team and All-State team. In 1978, he led the team in hitting with a .421 batting average and 28 runs batted in.

After graduating high school Randy's success earned a scholarship to James Madison University where he played baseball from 1979 till 1982. At JMU he played on the 1980 and 1981 ECAC Championship teams. He also played in the Shenandoah Valley League in 1982. The highlights of his college career were, winning the conference in 1980, playing against #1 ranked Miami Hurricanes at their home stadium, and playing at the University of South Carolina in 1981, going 4 for 4 in two games.

In 1982 Randy was drafted in the twenty-six round by the Seattle Mariners. His pro baseball career consisted of play in the Mariners farm system in Bellingham Washington, Bakersfield California and Wausau Wisconsin. Not only did Major League baseball give him the opportunity to play at the highest level of the sport, it gave him the opportunity to catch professional pitchers, the likes of Lee Guetterman and Mark Langston. His most memorable game in Pro Baseball was hitting his first and only home run in Wausau Wisconsin. It was not the home run that made it so special, it was the fact that his Mom and Dad were in the stands to see it happen.

CAREER HIGHLIGHTS

- 1978 and 1979 State High School Championship Team, All-Region and All State Teams
- 1982 drafted by the Seattle Mariners