

James M. Bach

Jim Bach graduated from Mount Carmel Catholic High School in 1963. While in High School, Jim played varsity baseball and football. Bach played both ways for the “RAMS” as Center, Tackle, Defensive End, Middle Guard and Linebacker. During his three years as a Varsity player, the “RAMS” posted twenty five wins and only five losses. In his senior year the “RAMS” were nine and one and voted Northumberland County’s Best High School Team!

Jim played for the late Coach Bob Oravitz who rated him as “the best schoolboy center in the State”. Jim’s post-season honors included being named to the All Catholic, All Anthracite, All State and Pennsylvania Big 33 teams. In his playing days Jim was known as “MOBILE, AGILE and HOSTILE”. He continued the tradition of the Bach brothers (George, Joe, John and Frank) who played for the “RAMS” in the 40’s, 50’s and 60’s. Jim credits his success to his coach, teammates, and family. Jim’s approach to the game was good, old-fashioned, hard-nosed, coal region football.

After his senior football season, Jim was recruited by many Division I schools, including Penn State, Oklahoma, Notre Dame, Miami, Nebraska, Southern Cal, Texas, Pitt, Michigan, Michigan State, Colorado, West Virginia, Alabama, West Point, and Ohio State.

Jim attended the University of Colorado on a full football scholarship. He also played football in the U.S. Army and was named “Player of the Year” after the 1966 season. Jim’s most memorable and rewarding football experience was playing in the Pennsylvania Big 33 Classic in Hershey, PA.

After graduating from college, Jim attended Samford University Law School and today is a prominent Attorney with a general practice in Mechanicsburg, Pennsylvania.

