



MARYANN (MEEHAN) POIRIER HHS/BMHS ATHLETIC HALL OF FAME CLASS OF 2024



Maryann (Meehan) Poirier was a gifted and talented member of the Class of 1966. She was selected as the class' top Female Athlete, earning nine varsity letters and was the recipient of the prestigious Daughters of the American Revolution Award given to the student who displays the qualities of dependability, service, leadership and patriotism. As her brother summed it up, "I believe Maryann was the quintessential example of excellence in academics, athletics and leadership."

Maryann was a three-year starter in field hockey and softball. However, she felt most at home on the basketball court starting for Coach Barbara Hood. During her junior season, girls basketball transitioned to boys basketball rules, and Maryann took full advantage becoming an outstanding shooter, scoring 306 points that season. Her teammate, Maureen Ryan, commented, "Maryann had a great jump shot, was a great teammate, and supportive of all





players.” Teammate Gail Swiacky added, “Maryann was outstanding in so many ways.”

Maryann was named captain of the 1966 team, averaging 20 points a game. The highlight of both her junior and senior years was the Ashby Tournament. She was named to the 1965 and 1966 tournament All-Star Teams. Her 1966 accomplishments also included being chosen the Ashby Tournament MVP, and league coaches voted her as an MVC All-Star. She was selected as a Lowell Sun All-Star.

After graduating BMHS, Maryann went on to the University of Massachusetts-Amherst where she graduated magna cum laude with a degree in Elementary Education. She became a passionate elementary school teacher.

Maryann’s family said she loved growing up in Billerica, having married Richard Poirier, who is also a 1966 BMHS graduate. Unfortunately, Maryann left us too early but her legacy lives on in her husband, two sons, Brett and Craig, grandson Brio as well as her brothers and sisters.

