



**William “Bill” Egan Jr.
Town of Billerica Civic
Hall of Fame
Class of 2026**



When the league names the championship trophy after you while you’re still coaching, it’s an undeniable sign that you’ve made a lasting impression on its hundreds of young athletes, not to mention the organization itself.

William “Bill” Egan Jr. stood tall in the Red Sox dugout at the Pollard Field for more than five and a half decades. But his role as assistant coach and eventual manager for the 9- to 12-year-olds Major League club has extended far beyond the foul lines for the Billerica Little League.

Bill volunteered teaching life lessons through youth baseball in Billerica from 1970 to 2025, influencing multiple generations of boys and girls in town through his knack for identifying talent and then fine-tuning it, all while keeping the importance of winning in perspective.

A local business owner, having established Burns & Egan Realty Group with his daughter Erin in 2004, Bill managed two of his sons, two nephews and seven grandchildren in Red Sox uniforms, keeping meticulous rosters and statistics for all





seasons since 1977. But his dedication to the youth of Billerica may have been best exemplified when the 33-year Raytheon Corporation finance manager did not coach a single family member for 17 straight seasons.

Current president of Billerica Little League, Brian Roberts, shares, “When people think about youth baseball in Billerica, the first name to come to mind isn’t Tom Glavine, it’s Bill Egan Jr.

“Billerica Little League is now in its 74th season since its founding in 1952, and Bill has been part of 60 of those seasons both as a player from 1953 to 1957 and in his 55 years in the dugout at Pollard Field. He has managed his three sons, all of whom have become baseball and hockey coaches—which also says something about his influence—as well as many grandchildren.

“Bill has also spent countless hours in various Little League Board of Director roles, including player agent, treasurer, and president. He is constantly giving back, and even in his first year of retirement, he is still my ‘go-to’ for guidance and expertise. He donates annually to the league, including the purchase of a new scoreboard at Pollard Field.

“The best thing about Bill isn't his countless town championships or his baseball acumen, it's how many young boys and girls this man has inspired over the past three generations of kids growing up playing baseball in Billerica. It's not uncommon for Bill to have coached a current player, the player's father, and even the player's grandfather. He is a Billerica legend and one of the nicest gentlemen around.”

The town as a whole has also greatly benefitted from Bill’s extraordinary generosity and talents. The Army veteran (1964-67) not only proved instrumental in the building of the Locke School fields, Pollard Field concession stand and lights for the Vining Fields, he also served in pivotal volunteer roles for such town causes as the Scholarship Foundation and Partners for Education, Billerica Holiday Festival, Yankee Doodle Homecoming, Marshall Middle School musicals and plays, St. Andrew Church Christmas Fair, Billerica Farmers Market, and Wreaths Across America—just to name a few.

Married since 1968 to his wife Mary “Liz,” the couple cherish their extensive family of two daughters, three sons, 17 grandchildren, and three great grandchildren.

