RAYMOND MULLLIGAN was in the middle of his three sisters that attended SJB in the 1970s, and his brothers followed in the next decade. He came to SJB intending to play football...and he did, and, in fact, he played very well. His freshman team was League champs and over the years he was twice first team all league and twice the player of the week, with 10 interceptions in his final two years.

Perhaps to keep in shape in the off season, Ray decided to try his hand at lacrosse, a new sport that was being added to the SJB athletic program. He started as a freshman on the JV team and played varsity as sophomore, earning Honorable Mention on the All League Team. Then his career took off. He led the Cougars to the First Catholic League Championship and was 1st Team All League. As a senior, SJB repeated as champs, and Ray scored 105 points, was the League MVP and a 1977 High School All American, Perhaps, his most impressive tribute paid to him was by his coach Rick Florin, who recently stated without hesitation that Ray was the best player he ever coached, saying that Ray made every teammate better.

Today Ray and his wife Beatrice are raising their three children and he has a very successful career in sales. Still close with this SJB family, Ray and a few classmates successfully ran golf outings for their teammate John Pizzarelli who was battling ALS at the time. John passed away knowing that the outings had provided funds to help his then elementary school children attend college.













St. John the Baptist Diocesan High School

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Athletic Hall of Fame





November 13, 2009













Congratulations to the 2009

Athletic Hall of Fame Honorees

Your Cougar Spirit Lives on at SJB



With Gratitude,

The

SJB ALUMNI ASSOCIATION

Congratulations to our "Inaugural Class" 2009 Athletic Hall of Fame



The SJB Administration Faculty & Staff



Dear Friends:

On Friday evening, November 13, 2009 at Captain Bill's Bayview House in Bay Shore the St. John the Baptist Diocesan High School Community gathered to celebrate the first SJB Athletic Hall of Fame Induction Ceremony.

The "Inaugural Class" consists of 15 SJB athletes and our very first Athletic Director, Mr. Larry Jordan. The athletes inducted were: Debbie Brajevich '77 Joe Gagliardi '82, Lloyd Gellineau '81, John Habyan '82, Shannon Sepe Keenan '90, Gail Lozado '74, Ray Mulligan '77, Mike O'Connor '86, Fran Pascone '83, Mike Petke '94, Janice Quinn '81, Lisa Rutkoske '89, John Sullivan '74, Bill Vogel '80 and Chris Wingert, '00. My sincere congratulations to all of the inductees.

In this commemorative journal you will find the biographies of the 2009 inductees of St. John's Athletic Hall of Fame. Please make sure you read each of the biographies. You will readily understand the impact they have had on the success of St. John the Baptist's Athletic program.

In closing, I wish to thank, in addition to all the honorees, all of you who attended this wonderful event, all who donated, worked on the committee or provided a service.

Please enjoy the souvenir journal that features photos from the evening.

Sincerely.

Walter D. Lace Principal