

2015 Bucks County Chapter

Pennsylvania Sports Hall of Fame

Biographies of Deceased Candidates

1D - John "Skip" Duffy Jr. - Bishop Egan High School Football Player and Archbishop Wood Head Coach. Skip was an All-Catholic player for Dick Bedesem in 1963 and '64. He was the Head Coach at Wood from 1973 to 1980. He led the Vikings to 2 Catholic League Championships in '74 and '78, winning the Phila. City Title in '74. He was the Maxwell Award Winner in '78.

2D - Gerry Friedrich - Bishop Egan High School Basketball Player - scored over 1200 points in 3 seasons at Egan in the late 50's. Went on to an outstanding career at St. Francis College in Loretto, PA.

3D - Wayne "Pud" Hellman - Pennridge HS Football and Track & Field Coach, Athletic Director, and PIAA Track, Cross Country and Swimming Official. "Pud" was Pennridge High's first Football Coach in 1954. He led his teams to 6 Bux-Mont Titles and 3 undefeated seasons in '55, '57, and '64. He also coached the Track & Field Team to 2 Bux-Mont Titles. Wayne graduated from Lansdale HS where he captained the football and basketball teams and was a champion high jumper. He was also Class President. Wayne went on to Penn where he played football all 4 years. In 1982, he retired from coaching and became Athletic Director at Pennridge. For 56 years, Wayne was a respected PIAA Track & Field, Cross Country, and Swimming official.

4D - F. Elizabeth Hess - Pennsbury Aquatics Director, Synchronized Swimming Coach, and International Swimming Judge. She was the captain of Temple University's Swimming and Softball Teams while a student in the early '50's. Elizabeth was the Pennsbury Aquatics director for 17 years and Synchronized Swimming Coach for 43 years. She led the Falconettes to placement in 35 National Championships, was a member of the US Synchronized Swimming governing body and 2003 winner of the Lillian MacKeller Award for outstanding Service to US Synchro in 2003. Inducted into the Temple Hall of Fame in 1983

7D - Al Speakman - Doylestown High School and West Chester University Baseball player and Council Rock High School Baseball Coach. Al's teams at Council Rock High School won 7 Lower Bucks County titles. During that time 8 of Al's players played professionally; 2 (Billy Dillman and Craig Robinson) played in the Major Leagues. His overall record at Council Rock was 235 - 106; he received the Courier Times Twin Sports Award for Long Service in 1978.