



Ed Connolly

Year of Induction: **2007**

Year of Graduation: **1956**

In the words of many who had the pleasure of knowing and watching him, and as stated in the Binghamton Press in 1956, 'Ed Connolly was one of the finest all-around athletes this area has ever seen.' He received his first Varsity letter at the age of 14, and he would go on to receive 9 total letters during his time at Johnson City...this number would have certainly been higher; however, Ed attended Massanutten Military Academy in Woodstock, Virginia for his senior year of high school. Ed truly did it all on the football field. In addition to playing both ways every game, Ed also did all of the kicking and ran back all of the punts and kickoffs. Here are some of his accomplishments on the gridiron: team captain in 1955 and 1956, member of the national high school all-american team in 1955 and 56, Captain of the all-central ny football team in 1956, and one of only 11 all-conference players in 1955 and 1956. One note about Ed's career that was shared by one of his teammates...Ed played a good portion of the 1955 season with his arm in a sling due to a dislocated shoulder...he did not miss a game and continued to excel on the field despite his injury. Ed was also an excellent basketball player. He captained the 1956 JC team that he lead to the Western Division championship, and he was one of only 5 members of the all-conference teams in both 1955 and 1956. For his outstanding achievements, Ed was named the Binghamton Press Athlete of the Year in 1956 and he was inducted into the section IV hall of fame in 1977. Ed was connected to Johnson City throughout his life as he worked for the village Water Department for 32 years, and he volunteered his time to coach pee-wee football with fellow HOF inductee Jack Spalik. Johnson City is proud to welcome Mr. Ed Connolly into its athletic hall of fame.