



Nancy Kleinsmith

Year of Induction: **2012**

Year of Graduation: **1979**

Nancy Kleinsmith was one of Johnson City's most dominant female athletes of the 1970's. She was a rare four-sport student-athlete while at JCHS. Her leadership as an athlete was admired by her former coaches and teammates, and that ability to lead others would continue on as she has devoted her life to communicating her passion for wellness, fitness and athletics.

Ms. Kleinsmith accumulated an incredible 13 varsity letters during her playing days at JCHS—four each in softball, basketball and field hockey and one varsity letter in volleyball. Her accomplishments in these sports reveal both her ability and her role as the team leader:

Field Hockey: 1st Team All-STAC, Team MVP—1977
1st Team All-STAC, Team MVP—1978
Basketball: Most Improved Player—1976-77
1st Team All-STAC, STAC leading scorer, Team MVP—1977-78
1st Team All-STAC, Team MVP—1978-79
Softball: 1st Team All-STAC—1977
1st Team All-STAC, Team MVP—1978
1st Team All-STAC, Team MVP—1979

Nancy was a part of the Johnson City STAC and Section IV championship team in 1976, and she led the team to a STAC championship in 1979. These scholastic accomplishments are only a small glimpse into all that Nancy has accomplished in the world of athletics.

After graduating from Johnson City in 1979, Nancy went on to play basketball and softball at Ithaca College. She was the offensive MVP of the softball team in 1983, setting single season records for most walks, highest batting average and most hits. Nancy also experienced national and state level success in softball playing for local teams in both the ASA National Tournament and the Empire State Games. As evidence of her commitment to fitness and wellness, Nancy has finished three marathons: New York City in 1989, Disney World in 1994 and Steamtown in 1998.

Nancy's passion for athletics has been passed on to thousands of local student-athletes over the past 30 years. She has coached field hockey, softball, and volleyball at the scholastic and college levels. Nancy continues to influence the lives of young women as the girls' physical education teacher at Johnson City Middle School.

The Johnson City Athletic Hall of Fame is proud to welcome Johnson City's premiere female athlete of the late 1970's and a woman who has modeled a life dedicated to fitness and athletics, Nancy Kleinsmith, JCHS Class of 1979.