

HALL OF DISTINCTION

Class of 2023

INDUCTION CEREMONY

Thursday, September 14, 2023

Tim Miller

Tim Miller graduated from Canton South in 1960 and Ohio Northern University in 1964. While in college, he earned two letters in football and four letters in baseball. He was captain of the baseball team during his senior year. In 1970, he received his master's degree from the University of Akron.

Coach Miller taught math, science, and physical education at Walker Junior High School and Faircrest Memorial Middle School for 29 years. He was known for always encouraging students and athletes to give their very best in everything they did.

Coach Miller is a baseball legend in the Canton South community, both as a player and a coach. During his teaching career at South, he served as Canton South's head baseball coach, with a total record of 404 wins and 244 losses. Coach Miller's teams won 9 league championships, 11 sectional championships, 4 district championships, had 8 ALL OHIO players and of his 2 players went pro. Coach Miller had high expectations for himself and his athletes and that inspired those he coached to strive to become their best. He wanted the members of his teams to have a better place to play baseball. Coach Miller shared, "We were playing at a field at Amos McDannel (Elementary School) and it was OK, but it had a lot of rocks," recalled Miller, who noted that it was the team of 1969 that sought to improve their playing field. "Four or five of them came to me and said, 'Let's build a ball field.' And so we did."

In honor of his success and commitment to the Canton South baseball program, the Board of Education named the CS baseball field in his honor in 2013.

Coach Miller was selected twice as Stark County Coach of the Year, coached in the 1984 All-Ohio Series and was inducted into the Stark County Baseball Hall of Fame in 1987 and the OHSBCA in 1991. In 1994, his #25 Jersey was retired on home run fence on the Canton South baseball field. He was very active in the OHSBCA as a member of the Board of Directors, director of the All-Ohio Series, Clinic Director, and past president of the Association. In 2008 Coach Miller was inducted into the Northeast Baseball Coaches Hall of Fame.

After retiring from Canton South, Tim coached at Walsh University and served as the Director of Operations at the Hall of Fame for ten years. Tim still found time to volunteer in the community. He faithfully serves as a long time member of the Canton South Rotary Club.

Tim married fellow Wildcat grad, Jill Syler. All three of their children, Scott, Matt, and Sheri graduated from Canton South. Jill was a teacher in the district for 19 year and Sheri currently teaches 4th grade at Faircrest Elementary School. Tim is very proud of his 8 grandchildren- Madison, Clay, Morgan, Miller, Jordan, Mackenzie, Peyton and Parker.

Tim's nominator, Mark Miller wrote: "I am very biased, but I am proud to nominate my brother, Tim Miller, for induction into the Canton South Hall of Distinction. Tim is a Wildcat through and through and ranks high among those who have made Canton South the great place that it has been and continues to be!"