

## Bob “Harpo” Caraccilo Class of 1957



Bob (Harpo) Caraccilo graduated from Mynderse Academy in 1957. During his time at Mynderse, he was a standout multi-sport athlete participating in football, basketball and baseball. As a Blue Devil, Bob played football four years under Athletic Hall of Fame Coach George Davis (2010). As a running back, he scored 23 touchdowns, including an impressive 4 touchdowns in a single game against Clyde during his junior year. He contributed to his 1955 team, which will be inducted into the 2024 Hall of Fame, achieving an undefeated 8-0 record. Over his four-year football career, the team boasted a remarkable 29-3 record and consistently clinched the league title.

Bob played second base for the baseball team for four years, maintaining a batting average of over .300 for each season. He was a key member of the 1954 Section V Championship Baseball Team, which was inducted into the Mynderse Hall of Fame in 2014. In basketball, Bob played varsity for 2 years, but injuries and an operation cut short two of his seasons.

Throughout his tenure at Mynderse, Bob was actively involved in student council all four years and served as president of his freshman class. He was also the recipient of the Babe Ruth Award and a member of Block M.

Bob gave back to his community by coaching Little League for 15 years and is a member of the Seneca Falls SMS Lodge. In 1951, he played on the NY State Championship Kiwanis baseball team for 11-12 year olds.

Bob has been a proud Seneca Falls Business Owner for 63 years, running his barber shop in downtown Seneca Falls since 1961.

He is married to his wife, Marie (Santaniello) Caraccilo, for 65 years. They have five children: Teresa (John) Scalzo; Dominic (Karen) Caraccilo (Class of 2014); Connie (Gus) Irland (Class of 2023); Lisa (Michael Class of 2019) Anderson (Class of 2010 and 2012 soccer team) and Edward (Tracy) Caraccilo (Class of 2018). Bob and Marie are also blessed with 13 grandchildren and 6 great grandchildren.

Bob is joined by many of his siblings in the Mynderse Athletic Hall of Fame: Brother Gene Caraccilo (Class of 2012; 2014 Baseball; 2024 Football); Domenic "Carts" Caraccilo (Class of 2010; 2014 Baseball); Vincent Caraccilo (2010 Football Team; 2017 Coach - Football Team) and sister-in-law, Connie (Amidon) Sowards (Class of 2023).