

Mike Iuzzolino

Jim Kane Community Impact Award

Mike Iuzzolino has been a pillar of Nyack athletics for decades serving 25 years as a member of the Monday Morning Quarterbacks booster group to support the Nyack High School football program. This 25-year commitment is only a fraction of the lifelong commitment to service for which Mike has dedicated to his community.

Born in Manhattan and raised in the Bronx, Iuzzolino's passion for football began in his youth. He grew up playing "sandlot football" on rugged city fields, where each player paid their own way and endured the rough conditions that came with playing on dirt fields.

After marrying his high school sweetheart, Carol, and moving to Valley Cottage in 1976, Mike's love for football found a new home. Mike spent 18 years mentoring young athletes as a coach for the Valley Cottage Indians, helping to shape the futures of countless players. His son Michael played for Valley Cottage, and his daughter Lucie was a cheerleader for the same recreation team and brought that enthusiasm to the Nyack High School Indianettes.

Mike's service did not end on the coaching sidelines. He served as the unofficial Nyack Football Team photographer for over 25 years, giving out thousands of photos to players and cheerleaders providing them with cherished keepsakes of their high school moments.

He has produced annual journals for both the Valley Cottage Indians and the Nyack Monday Morning Quarterbacks, a task he took on after being invited by the late Bob Burns and Pete Bonomolo in 1994. Mike also held the office of secretary role at MMQB for many years.

Iuzzolino's acts of service extend far beyond his local community. He is a Vietnam War-era veteran and worked at Ground Zero for 21 months following the 9/11 attacks as part of a team that rebuilt the PATH station. Unfortunately, he was subsequently diagnosed with 9/11-related cancer. He battled and persevered through the treatments and has been cancer-free since 2018.

He still lives in Valley Cottage with his beautiful wife Carol.

