

Ex-Boston and Pawtucket Red Sox player Allen Ripley of North Attleboro dies at age 62

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NORTH ATTLEBORO — Allen Ripley, a colorful professional baseball player in the 1970s and 1980s, has died.

A former Boston and Pawtucket Red Sox, Ripley was part of an informal group of counterculture Red Sox players known as The Buffalo Heads who clashed with team management.

The group included pitcher Bill “Spaceman” Lee and outfielder Bernie Carbo.

Ripley, 62, was a graduate of North Attleboro High School and was drafted by the Boston Red Sox in 1972.

His best year as a pro came in 1977 with the Red Sox minor league affiliate in Pawtucket when he had a record of 15 wins and four losses.

The next year he was promoted to Boston and went 2-5. He also played for the San Francisco Giants and Chicago Cubs. Upon retirement in 1982 he had a career record of 23-27.

Allen was the son of the late Walter “Walt” Ripley and Mary (Sullivan) Ripley. His father played one year for the Red Sox.

Allen is survived by his wife, Amelia Ripley and children, Erin Ripley, Eric Ripley and Lindsey Messier.



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