
Harold Fell

FELL, HAROLD "WHITEY" age 77, of Foster, Rhode Island, passed away on Monday, September 26. He was the beloved father of Barbara E. Fell, Joseph P. Fell, Allyson S. Fell and the late A. Brian Fell. He was the longtime companion of Janice Moore. He was the son of the late Albert Fell and Muriel (Eddy) Fell of Coventry. In 1957, Whitey completed an outstanding academic and athletic career at Coventry High School. He had been Class President, Honor Roll Student, and star baseball player. Whitey carried on his academic and athletic success at the University of Rhode Island. He earned both his bachelor's degree and MBA at URI. On the baseball diamond, Whitey was named the All New England third baseman, and upon graduation he played in the Minnesota Twins farm system. He played with future baseball Hall of Famer, Tony Oliva, in the minor league. In the Fall of 1965, Whitey accepted a teaching position in the Business Department at the new Rhode Island Junior College (now the Community College of Rhode Island), where he continued his baseball career. The fledgling college had no athletic facilities, but Whitey started a baseball program with no field and no equipment. He made the program a success and coached the team for 19 years. He relinquished his duties when both his parents died in order to assume control of the family business. His coaching record at CCRI was 250 wins and 105 losses for a .704 winning percentage. His achievements have been recognized by many. Whitey has been inducted into the Coventry High School Hall of Fame, the CCRI Athletic Hall of Fame, the University of Rhode Island Athletic Hall of Fame, and the Rhode Island Baseball Coaches Hall of Fame. He also received the Ben Mondor Award, the Frank Lanning Award, and the Rhode Island Umpire Association's Edward Jansen Memorial Award. As a crowning achievement, the Rhode Island State Legislature named the CCRI Baseball Field as the Harold "Whitey" Fell Field. Along the way, Harold Fell has had a positive effect on the lives of hundreds of students and players. There is no wake or funeral scheduled at this time. A memorial service will held at a later date at the Harold "Whitey" Fell Field located at the CCRI Warwick Campus. Donations may be sent to the Brian Fell Memorial Scholarship Fund at Ponaganset High School.

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