

## Joseph Cannavino, Jr.

### Sports



Joseph Cannavino Jr. graduated from Collinwood High School in 1953. Involved in three sports, baseball, basketball and football, Joe earned eight varsity letters. In football he played on both the offense and the defense. He was a defensive back and was known for his ability to get good yardage in that position. Joe was a star halfback on the 1951 East Senate football team and in 1952 he was on the Collinwood East Senate Basketball championship team. In 1953. Joe was named All-Scholastic as a member of the baseball team.

Joe went to Ohio State University on a 4-year scholarship and was a member of the 1957-58 Rose Bowl Championship team. It was a great game for Joe Cannavino, with two interceptions and a fumble recovery. According to Woody Hayes, Joe was one of the “heroes of the game.” In his early years at OSU, Joe got to play behind a Heismann Trophy winner, Howard “Hopalong Cassady and did a great job filling Cassady’s big shoes. Joe also played baseball at OSU in 1956 and 1957.

Joe played professionally for the Oakland Raiders for one year and then served as CYO basketball coach for over 31 years.

He is a member of Collinwood Memories, Junior.

Joe married his high-school sweetheart, Irene, and they are the proud parents of three and proud grandparents of nine.