

Michael Cannavino

Sports



Michael Cannavino was a 1945 graduate of Collinwood High School. Mike was a member of the basketball, track and football teams and was named All Scholastic in football in 1941 and 1942. He was a very quick sprinter in track and was one of three top scorers in rushing for high-school football. His high-school career was interrupted by the draft, but he returned to finish high school in January 1945.

He received a football scholarship to The Ohio State University and excelled in football there as well. He graduated with a degree in Industrial Arts in 1949.

After college, he was drafted by the Cleveland Browns and was the last to be cut from the team that season. Michael went on to an exciting career in teaching. He began as a substitute in the Cleveland Schools and then moved on to Wickliffe High School, where he taught in the Industrial Arts and Physical Education. He was the head of both departments in addition to serving as head football coach. Mike was also the coach for Wickliffe's track team. After five years he moved on to Kenston High School and taught Industrial Arts for seven years. He finished his teaching career at Brush High School, where he worked for 25 years as an Industrial Arts teacher.

Mike married his high-school sweetheart, Dorothy, in 1949. Mike and Dorothy are the parents of four children and four grandchildren.