

JERRY GALUSHA

Class of 1981



Jerry Galusha was a Seneca Falls native and the son of Dominick and Maria (Manzari) Galusha. Jerry had one brother, Dominick III. Jerry married Nancy Midey on February 15, 1991 and was blessed with two sons, Daniel (24) and Phillip (21).

As a high school athlete, Jerry played football for 4 years, lacrosse for 4 years, and wrestled for two years. Jerry's true claim to fame came years after he graduated from Mynderse Academy. After the birth of his first son, Jerry was inspired to start a youth lacrosse program

in Seneca Falls as he recognized the need for a feeder program that would prepare future Mynderse Academy student athletes to play the sport competitively. With the help of many others and in conjunction with the Seneca Falls Recreation Center Jerry put together teams of youth players to teach them the fundamentals of the game of lacrosse. Some of Jerry's first teams had both male and female players. As the years went by the girls' and boys' teams were separated and the youth lacrosse program has thrived ever since. Jerry ran countless lacrosse camps during the off season to keep the players motivated and to strengthen their skills.

Jerry not only focused on lacrosse but as his nephews, nieces and sons began to play sports he found a love for the games of soccer and baseball. Whatever sport Jerry's sons or family members were involved in you'd find Jerry jumping in to help coach, build press boxes and dugouts, run fund raising programs and line fields. Jerry's enthusiasm for youth sports was continuous throughout his adult life. In all, Jerry was involved in youth sports from 1991-2009.

Jerry's life was cut short at age 46 from malignant melanoma on November 5, 2010.