Joseph P. Sheehan



League in the late '70s.

**Joe Sheehan** was an outstanding athlete who played football and basketball with several local clubs in the 1930s. Later on he concentrated on softball.

Joe was born in Norwalk in 1917 and grew up in the South Norwalk neighborhood. He attended local schools and then went on to a great athletic career playing football for the East Norwalk Pastimes and the New Canaan Rams. He also starred in basketball for the Shamrocks, St. Thomas Aquinas, C.O. Miller, and the East Norwalk Pastimes. His Pastimes teams won the city championship in basketball in 1943–'45. Joe played on softball teams sponsored by Yankee Metal Co., Dan's Tire, and the Norwalk Police Department in the 1940s and early 1950s.

Joe turned to coaching junior baseball for the YMCA Jr. Baseball League in the late 1950s and the Rec Cap

Joe, who served in the U.S. Navy during World War II, was in the Norwalk Police Department for 37 years, retiring with the rank of sergeant in 1975. During his time with the NPD he taught safety programs and bicycle programs in all local schools for thousands of elementary school children. He is now director of security for 50 Washington Street.

Joe lives with his wife, Mary Ann, on Lubrano Place in South Norwalk. They have two sons, Daniel and John.