

## Larry Anastasia



**L**arry Anastasia, who, pound for pound, was one of Norwalk High's finest athletes, will be among those honored by the Norwalk Old Timers at their annual banquet.

At Norwalk High School, from which he graduated in 1944, Larry starred in football, basketball, and baseball.

He gained his early training on teams at Franklin Junior High and the Junior Aces AC. In high school he was a swift halfback, a high scoring basketball forward, and a hard hitting shortstop on the baseball team. A highlight of his basketball career came when he scored the most points in a game with Bassick High of Bridgeport in a year when Bassick was state champion. Larry helped gain revenge for an earlier 42 point defeat at the hands of the Bassick team.

After a stint in the U.S. Army, he played football with the Norwalk Tigers, Strawberry Hill, and the Laurels. He played with the Senior Aces, Laurels, Bonati Machine Co., and Edwards in football and with the Senior Aces, Laurels, Strawberry Hill and Sterling AC in baseball.

Later, he had an outstanding softball career, playing with such teams as St. Vincent's, Laurels, Castro Eagles, Tokay Restaurant, Terrace Restaurant, and Pote Builders.

Larry was one of the founders of the Cranbury Little League. He has sponsored a team in the league for 32 years and has served as a manager and league official as well. For 20 years he sponsored a bowling team in the weekend league at Rip Van Winkle. Currently, he enjoys golf and he served as a member of the Board of Governors of Oak Hills Golf Course from 1962 to 1968.

Larry has operated a grocery business on Newtown Avenue for the past 32 years and is involved in commercial real estate. He has been successful in the political arena as a member of the Common Council for eight years and as a state representative for five terms. He served five years as chairman of the Parks and Recreation Commission in Norwalk.

He lives with his wife Geri on Newtown Avenue. They have two daughters, Susan and Rosemarie, and three sons, Larry, Gerald, and Jim.