

Ralph Caruso



Ralph Caruso, who retired from the Norwalk Fire Department in 1974 after 32 years of service, was a three-letter athlete at Norwalk High School, graduating in 1926.

A native of Norwalk, Ralph started his athletic career at Franklin Junior High by taking part in baseball and track under the direction of Coach John Kane.

He concluded his playing days with the Laurel AC and with the Fire Department. He played baseball and football with the Laurels from 1926 through 1933 and was also captain of the Laurel track team. Ralph played softball with the Fire Department team.

As one of the organizers of the Laurels in 1919 he has been an active worker with the club and is currently an honorary member.

At Norwalk High, Ralph played under coaches Ferrol Green, William Plunkett, and James O'Boyle.

In the Fire Department, he is a past president of Norwalk Firefighters Local 830. He is also past president of the Connecticut Firefighters Association.

He is married to Nettie Tavella and they reside at 3 Glendenning Street. They have three children. The two daughters are Mrs. John T. (Sandra) Nailen of Missouri; and Mrs. Marcel (Rita) Faucher of Norwalk. Their son, Ralph, Jr., a former all-star athlete at Central Catholic High School, is now on the teaching staff of Barrington (RI) High and is the assistant track coach.

Mr. & Mrs. Caruso have seven grandchildren, four of which are boys, all of whom are active in sports which include baseball, soccer, basketball, and track.

Fraternally, he is an honorary member of South Norwalk Council, No. 1253, of the Knights of Columbus. He is also a member of the Norwalk Retired Men's Club of the YMCA, the Norwalk Chapter of the AARP, and the Fairfield County Retired Persons.

His hobby is playing bocci.