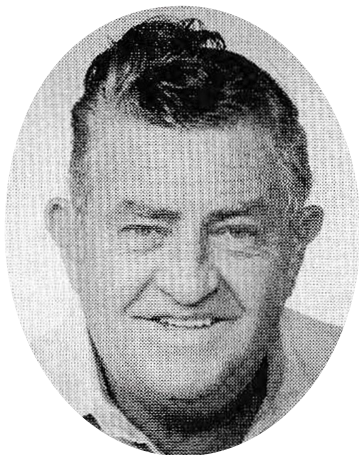


## Frank Troy



**F**rancis “Frank” Troy, who founded the Norwalk Sr. Babe Ruth Baseball League in 1973, is still active in the league, acting as commissioner. An outstanding athlete in his own right in his youth, he realized back in 1973 when boys graduated from the Norwalk Jr. Babe Ruth League, there was only the American Legion team where boys 16 to 18 years of age could play baseball. And the Legion could accommodate only 18 players!

So Troy persuaded Katz Realty, Russell’s Garage, *The Hour*, and Cutrone Construction to serve as charter sponsors. For the next 10 years, he served as president, commissioner, and everything else to keep the league going. He raised funds, attended state meetings, did grounds keeping, sought out managers, and anything else necessary. The league, which expanded to eight teams at one time, helped up to 120 boys play baseball.

The Norwalk Athletic Association has incorporated the league into its program, but Troy continues as commissioner.

Earlier, Troy played baseball with the Columbian Squires, football at St. Basil’s Prep, and later with the 1948 Norwalk High state championship team, where he played defensive end. He finished his football career with the Spring Hill Tigers as a defensive end. Some of his teammates included Ed Connery, Chuck Buding, George Week, and Mimi Lawrence.

In 1948, Troy kicked the crucial extra point against Bridgeport Central High School, enabling Norwalk High to tie and remain undefeated.

As a member of the NHS 1948 track team, Troy won the Fairfield County Conference track meet javelin competition. Competing in the New England championships, he finished fifth.

Troy is married to the former Mary Daly. They have five children and one grandchild. He is a construction superintendent with Deep Valley Associates after working with William Lyons Construction.