

MARK E. HARMON

CLASS OF 1971

FOOTBALL

During his career at Wayland High School, Mark Harmon was an all-star and champion on both the gridiron and the wrestling mat. By the end of his high school career, Mark had earned four varsity letters in football and three varsity letters in wrestling. On the football field, Harmon was a stalwart at offensive tackle and guard for the Warriors, the latter a position for which he was selected a Boston Herald Traveler All-Scholastic. He was a Dual County League All-Star in his junior and senior years, a four-time member of Wayland's DCL football championship teams and a team captain in his senior year.



In 1971, at the end of his senior year, Harmon was chosen to play in the prestigious Harry Agganis North-South All-Star Game, which features many of the top high school football players from Eastern Mass. Harmon would like to thank Peter Sullivan and Joe Lukas "for taking football to the next level for everyone."

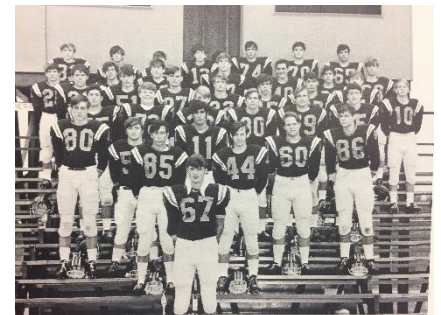
Harmon shined just as bright for the Wayland High wrestling program. He was co-captain of the wrestling team in his junior and senior years and helped lead the Warriors to a state championship. Individually, Harmon was a two-time East/Central sectional champion, a two-time Dual County League champion, and a Lowell Holiday Wrestling Tournament champion in 1970. Harmon praised former longtime Wayland wrestling coach Eric Moyer "as the greatest motivator ever."



Harmon also stood out academically and in the community. He won the 1971 Babe Ruth Foundation Sportsmanship Award, Wayland Best High School Athlete Boosters Award in 1970-71 and the 1971 Jewish War Veterans Good Citizenship Award. In addition, he was a member of the National Honor Society. Harmon went on to Amherst College, where he was a New England freshman wrestling

champion in 1972. He describes Henry Littlefield, his college wrestling coach, "as a model of how brain and brawn work together to reach a goal."

Since his football and wrestling days, Harmon has gone to enjoy a highly successful professional career. He earned a PhD from Oregon State University 1986. He has published more than 135 research papers, some of which have been cited thousands of times in the scientific literature. He serves on the U.S. EPA's scientific advisory board on biogenic carbon. Harmon is currently an emeritus professor continuing to teach and conduct research.



In addition, Harmon received an appointment to the Richardson Endowed Chair in Forest Science in 1999, and won the Dean of Forestry Award for Outstanding Research in 1988, 2004 and 2015.

Harmon is currently living in Corvallis, Oregon with his wife, Janice M. Harmon. He has one son, Russell G. Harmon, who is living in Denver.