



## DICK BARTLETT

A multi-sport athlete, Dick Bartlett owes his successes in soccer and track to being cut from Steinert's freshman baseball team. A member of the Steinert and U.S Naval Academy Athletic Halls of Fame, he can now add the Mercer County Soccer Hall of Fame to his impressive resume and we welcome him into the Hall's Class of 2022.

Dick followed a path that many Hall members have trod, playing for local club sides such as the White Horse Lions, Post 31, and the German-American Kickers. It was at Steinert where he truly blossomed, where he was a three year letter winner in track, setting several records, and a two year starter on the pitch, winning All-City honors in his senior year of 1964. He joined the Steinert Hall in 2009.

His entrance into the U.S. Naval Academy saw him add to his list of accomplishments. A three year starter for the Midshipmen in soccer, he was a part of the '66 and '67 teams that made consecutive appearances in the NCAA Tournament. In 1968, he was named captain and was named to the Coaches All-American team. He continued to participate in track, where he was awarded four varsity letters and set the freshman record for the 600 yard run.

Following graduation, he briefly remained at the Academy where he coached incoming freshmen. During a seven year stint as a submariner, he continued playing recreationally in Hawaii and California while coaching a women's team for several years. Leaving the service of our country, he completed law school and moved to Connecticut, where he stayed involved coaching his triplet boys in both soccer and baseball.

Now retired and living on Long Beach Island, Dick Bartlett represents an ever-growing list of Steinert athletes that have joined the Mercer County Soccer Hall of Fame. We congratulate him on his induction into the Class of 2022.