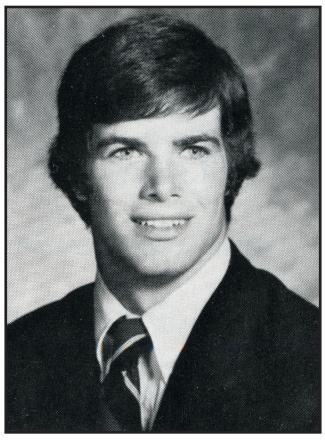
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Billy Ard Class of 1977

Like many Hall of Fame inductees, Billy Ard has his roots in the area, having grown up in Watchung and still calling Watchung home. Bill attended Watchung Hills Regional High from (1973 - 1977). During that time, he was a standout on the varsity football team, earning all-state honors in his senior year.

From WHRHS, Billy moved on to Wake Forest University where he earned honors as an All-ACC Lineman, as well as earning first team All-American awards. His performance as an All-American at Wake Forest gave him the opportunity to play professional football, as he was selected in the 8th round by the NY Giants. This began an impressive pro career that lasted eleven years, something not equaled very often in current times.

The majority of Billy's career was spent with the NY Giants, where he earned All-Pro honors, but most importantly, he earned a Super Bowl ring as a member of the 1986 Super Bowl Champion, the New York Giants. Billy finished his career with another legendary franchise, the Green Bay Packers.

Billy was glad to return to warmer temperatures in New Jersey and make his home in Watchung. Wanting to "give back" to the community, Billy has been a significant contributor, with four years as Coach of the Watchung Hills freshman football team among other community service activities.

We welcome Billy Ard to the freshman class of the WHRHS Hall of Fame.