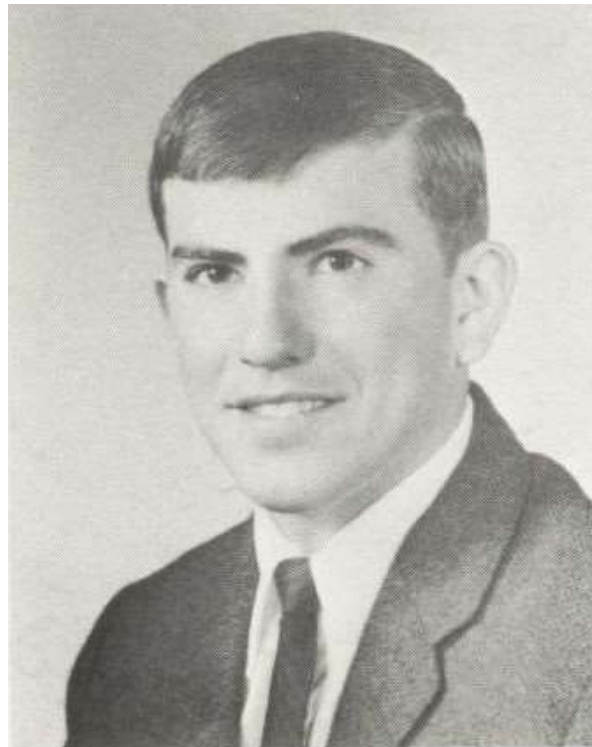


**NOTRE DAME HIGH SCHOOL**  
*Athletic Hall of Fame Induction - Class of 2020*

**Ron Francis '67**

Ron Francis was a key member and varsity letter recipient as a member of Fighting Irish Varsity Football, Basketball and Baseball teams during his 4 years [1964-1967] at ND.

He quarterbacked the 1965 and 1966 ND Varsity Football team leading ND to its 1st Bishop Smith League Football Championship in the Fall of '65, as well as the Smith League runner-up in his senior year. He was selected to the Bishop Smith League All-Catholic 1st team as a quarterback in 1965 and 2nd team in 1966 compiling a 12 - 4 overall win-lose record as QB.



He received the prestigious Nick Salvador MVP Award during his senior football season.

Upon graduating from ND in 1967, Ron entered the University of Buffalo where he earned a BS degree in Business Administration while also “walking on” as a member of the University of Buffalo Bulls NCAA collegiate football team.

He was a solid member of ND’s Basketball and Baseball teams during ND’s participation in the ever-challenging Diocesan Smith League competition. He was a member of a record setting 16 win basketball season as a senior and helped compile an overall 2 year varsity basketball team record of 28 -10.

Ron’s work career included serving as an IRS agent [1974 - 1979], a tax accountant for Coopers and Lybraud CPA firm [1979-1990], the Corporate Treasurer of Sears Oil Company in Rome, NY [1990 - 2019] and as a private practice CPA [1990 until his retirement in 2020].

Ron now joins his brothers John '66 [HOF'18], Mark '75 [HOF '96], and Mike '80 [HOF '17] as prior Hall of Fame recipients. The Francis brothers will now become the 2nd group of 4 brothers to be Hall of Fame inductees joining the the Darien Center O'Connor brothers: Dick '64 [HOF '19], Dan '69 [HOF'16 and Dennis '72 [HOF '9 and Dave '67 {HOF '17}!

Ron and his wife Sheila [Callahan '67] currently reside in Cicero, NY and are the proud parents of 3 sons - Mike, Greg and Kevin - and 4 grandchildren!