



## **Chautauqua Sports Hall of Fame**

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**15 West Third Street - Jamestown, NY 14701**

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**May 2025**

### **Ellis R. Norton**

**January 31, 1925 – April 9, 2025**

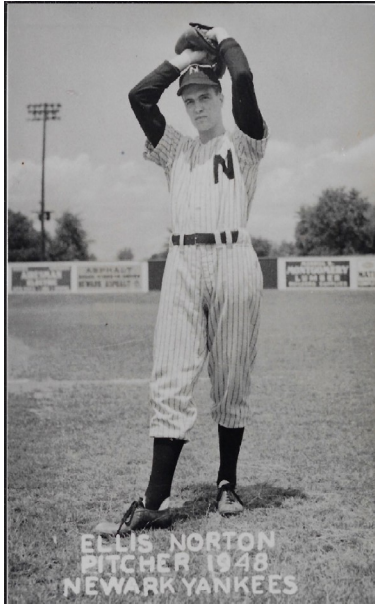
Ellis R. “Elly” Norton, 100, of Ellicott, passed away Wednesday, April 9, 2025, at UPMC Chautauqua.

He was born on Jan. 31, 1925, in Jamestown, NY, the son of the late Raymond and Marion Lord Norton.

A graduate of Bemus Point High School, he was a four-sport athlete playing football, basketball, volleyball, and baseball. He was a county all-star in basketball, considered the “Red Grange” of the three-year undefeated Bemus Point football team and threw consecutive no-hitters for the Bemus Point baseball team.



He was a WWII veteran of the U.S. Air Force serving from 1943 until 1945. Following his honorable discharge from the service he continued his education at Syracuse University earning his master's in education.



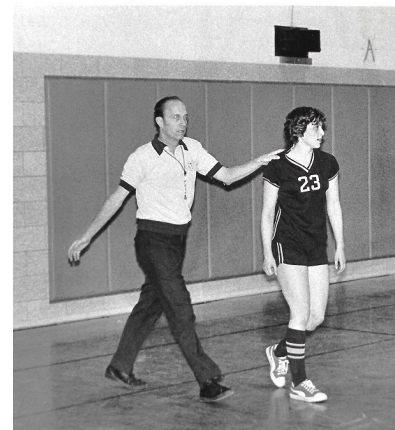
After his successful high school baseball career, he was on several minor league teams as a pitcher for the Newark (Ohio) Yankees, Ohio-Indiana League, Amsterdam Rugmakers and the Canadian American League. In 1947 he won the All-New York State Player of the Year playing for the Steel Partition Bombers and won the New York State semi-pro championship.

Prior to his retirement he worked for Jamestown Public Schools as a guidance counselor for many years. In addition, he coached basketball and golf at Jamestown High School. He was a certified football official for 42 years, basketball official for 38 years and track and field official. He received a lifetime achievement award from the Football Officials Association.

Elly was inducted into the Chautauqua Sports Hall of Fame in 2020.

He greatly loved his family and was a wonderful role model to all who knew him.

Surviving are his three children, Don (Diane) Norton, Mary Joy (Larry) Muntz, and Jeffery Norton; his grandchildren, Kimberly (Damian Taylor) Sisley, Michael (Amy) Sisley, Aaron Norton, and Brian Norton; his great-grandchildren, Jayden Sisley, Kymiah Ryan, Caleb Sisley, Ella Sisley, Ellis Ryan, and Addyson Sisley; his sister Clarice Gates; and numerous nieces, and nephews. He was preceded in death by his wife of 75 years, Mary Lou Carlson Norton whom he married Nov. 11, 1945, and who died Feb. 15, 2021; his son Randall Norton, and his brother Warren Norton. Burial was at Fluvanna Cemetery.



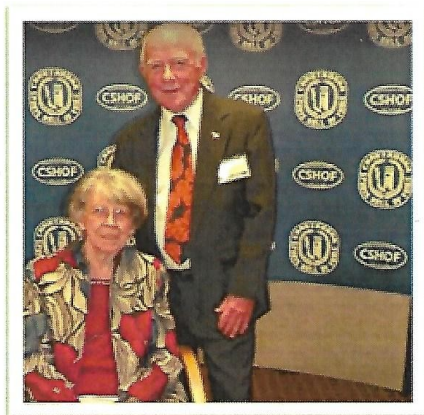
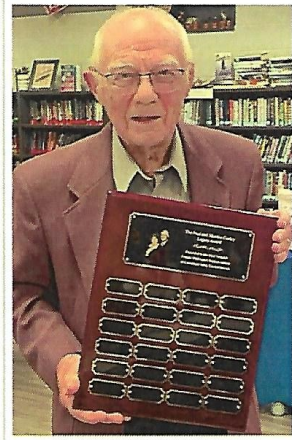


# Paul Cooley Endows CSHOF Legacy Award

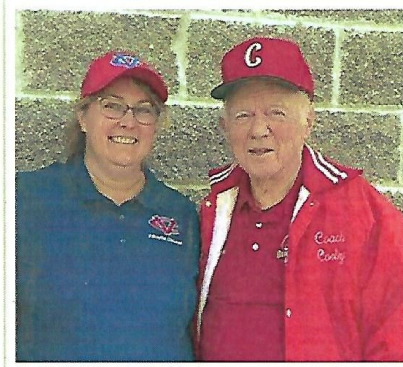
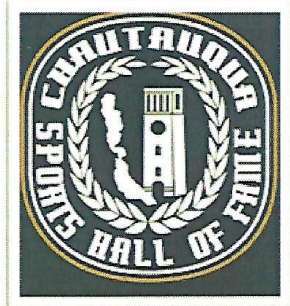
## Chautauqua Sports Hall of Fame

We had the privilege of having Mr. Paul Cooley attend our November Board of Ed meeting to present the Chautauqua County Sports Hall of Fame Legacy Award to Cassadaga Valley. Mr. Cooley taught and coached here for 32 years! The legacy award will annually honor an outstanding female student-athlete here at Cassadaga Valley High School, "as a small token of appreciation for the wonderful things that have happened to us largely because we were given the opportunity to spend a large part of our lives here in the Valley."

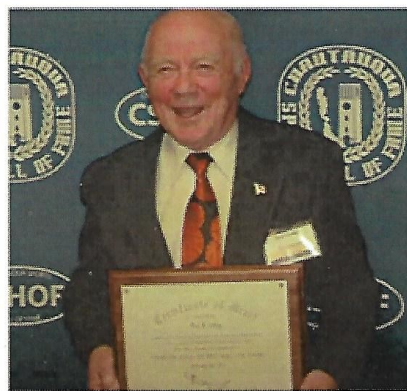
Mr. Cooley went on to say "This award is sponsored by the Chautauqua Sports Hall of Fame as a result of my wife and I making a donation to the Hall of Fame Endowment Fund which will enable a Cassadaga Valley female scholar-athlete to be honored for years into the future. It is named the Paul and Martha Cooley Legacy Award. Her name is included because she was behind everything that I ever accomplished over the 68 years as my wife and best friend and was an avid supporter of Cassadaga Valley athletics."



Thank you, Mr. & Mrs. Cooley, for always supporting The Valley!



We're so honored to receive this award that we can present to female student-athletes in years to come.



The Valley INSIDER

## Asquith Inducted Catt. Co. Sports Hall of Fame

Art Asquith, a 2010 inductee of the Chautauqua Sports Hall of Fame, has added another award to his lengthy athletic resume. The 96-year-old graduate of Little Valley High School was inducted into the Cattaraugus County Sports Hall of Fame in March. He is also a member of the Western New York Baseball Hall of Fame, the Cassadaga Valley Central School Athletic Hall of Fame and the Grape Belt Sports Hall of Fame.

Asquith joins **Chuck Crist** and **Joe Sanfilippo** as inductees of both the Chautauqua and Cattaraugus Sports Halls of Fame.



**Scott Kindberg, Paul Cooley, Art Asquith, Chip Johnson**