Robert Weber

SJ grad 1983, St. Olaf grad 1987

Parents – Marv and Viola Weber

Sister – Sharon Weber (Vollmer)

Family – wife Ann – Children Mitchell and Johanna. Grandaughter – Coryn

Grateful, Thankful and Blessed to have been born and raised in Jeffers. Small town Americana at its finest. At an early age I fell in love playing sports. Entertained by a ball – baseball, football, basketball, whiffle ball, softball, tennis, soccer, badminton etc.… Simple lifestyle. Go outside and play. No reason to stay inside – no air conditioning, not too many tv channels to watch.

Early memories from sports – breaking my ankle playing neighborhood ball at age 5, hitting rocks with a whiffle ball bat and breaking neighbors windows, throwing thousands of baseballs into a blanket that was attached to our clothes line in the back yard, sneaking into Jeffers school to shoot extra hoops, playing hoops with the older kids at Carter's or Duroe's house (they had a real hoop with paved courts), 5th and 6th grade basketball tournament at Storden, junior high sports and then all the fun with HS sports. Getting to play varsity baseball as an 8th grader, being part of the SJ 81 state basketball team as a sophomore, all the great memories from our baseball, basketball and football teams. I even enjoyed running one cross country meet at Jackson (today I am still a runner with a few marathons and half marathons completed). Great teammates and awesome dedicated coaches (Turner, Gillis, Stalls, Shaner, Stenzel, Carlson and many others).

Favorite sports memories – so many but will try to name a few. Winning baseball district championship in 81 and beating Windom 1 – 0, then beating Blue Earth in regionals 2 – 0. 81 basketball team winning conference, district and regions to go to the state hoops tourney. Lost our first game and then won 23 straight before coming up short in the state tournament. Go Big Blue will live in my memory forever. The first time any team from SJ went to state and the whole community and area showed their love. Very special times! 82 and 83 years are very fun as well. Mike Lohre scoring 46 points when we were senior hoopers sticks out in my mind. No three pointers. The kid was on fire! Plenty of assists for me that night. Throwing bombs to Keith Wiebe on the football field, handing off to Todd Rhubee and watching him gain thousands of yards! Pitching to my favorite catcher of all time – Jim Meyer!

After HS – played 4 years of baseball at St. Olaf for legendary coach Jim Dimick. Won two conference championships. Played one year of college basketball. Played townball baseball with many different teams for many years – Lamberton Brewers, Milroy

Yankees, Dundas Dukes, Green Bay Blue Ribbons, Lonsdale Aces. Won 2 state championships with Dundas. Great memories from all teams.

Coaching – Assistant HS baseball coach for Burnsville HS for 20 years. Won state championship in 2011 and state runner ups in 2010. In our state championship win we were down 5 – 0 going into the bottom of 7th at Target Field and miraculously scored 6 runs to win the game. One more reminder to “Never, ever give up!”

Referee/Umpire – currently officiate HS basketball games mainly at the 9th, 10th and JV levels. Also help with youth tournaments. Enjoy the exercise along with watching the kids play. Try to keep calm among the chaos. It was very enjoyable. Good exercise and fun to still be on the court involved in the game. Currently no longer umpiring baseball games but stay involved by assigning umpires for legion baseball and tournaments during the summer.

Burnsville legion baseball – currently oversee our program as volunteer director along with cousin Jim Meyer. Trying to give back to the game and provide a great experience for all players, fans and parents.

Thank you SJ community for always showing me and our teams so much love! It was a true pleasure to be part of the sports teams, the school system! Very proud to say I am from Jeffers and enjoyed every moment growing up, hanging out with friends and competing in HS sports. Thank you to the various people that nominated me for the RRC HS HOF. I can think of many more deserving athletes that should be included and will do my part to help make that happen.