

# JOSEPH R. STURDIVANT

## CLASS OF 1948

An all-around athlete, Joe Sturdivant earned eight varsity letters in three sports during his athletic career at Saint Thomas Military Academy. He served as the team captain for each of the three teams during his senior year. After graduation, he attended the College of St. Thomas for one year before he signed to play with the Chicago White Sox. He then served two and a half years in the Army during the Korean War. The White Sox offered another contract after his discharge but he chose to pursue a career away from baseball.

In 1970, he purchased his father's business – Sweeney Cleaners in Saint Paul – a company now run by his son. Joe passed away in 1987, and is survived by wife Patricia Sturdivant Abbott and children Joe '77, Chris, Kim, Lisa and Molly.

### JOE STURDIVANT STATISTICS -

#### *Saint Thomas Academy Athletics, total of eight Letters –*

- STMA baseball: '46, '47, '48 (captain)
- STMA basketball: '46, '47, '48 (captain)
- STMA football: '46, '47 (captain)
  
- All-State basketball: '47, '48
- All-State football: '47, '48
  
- Central Catholic Conference Championship - Basketball: '48
  
- Named the “Best Athlete in Saint Paul” in 1948

#### *Professional Experience –*

- Played with the Chicago White Sox

#### *Other athletic-related activities, awards and accomplishments –*

- Inducted into the Mancini's St. Paul Sports Hall of Fame in 1998 (baseball)