

# GERALD E. THOMAS

## CLASS OF 1953

Jerry Thomas earned letters in three sports at Saint Thomas Military Academy, but specialized in baseball in college, a decision that took him to the majors. As a pitcher for the University of Minnesota baseball team, he helped the team claim the 1956 College World Series by pitching during two of the six games, including all nine innings during the game-six championship game. After playing professional baseball, he went into banking and has worked at American Bank for more than 40 years. Jerry and wife Muriel have four children, Jeanne, Karen, Greg and David. They live in St. Louis Park, MN.

### JERRY THOMAS STATISTICS -

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

- STMA baseball:  
'50, '51, '52 (captain), '53 (captain)
- STMA basketball:  
'51, '52, '53
- STMA football:  
'50, '51, '52 (captain)
  
- All-State basketball: '53
- Central Catholic Conference Championships -  
Baseball: '52  
Basketball: '51, '53  
Football: '50
- State Catholic Championships -  
Baseball: '52  
Basketball: '51, '53  
Football: '50, '51

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

- Inducted into the University of Minnesota Hall of Fame in 1995 (baseball)

#### *Post-Secondary Athletics, total of three Letters –*

- University of Minnesota baseball:  
'55, '56, '57 (captain)
- All-Big Ten baseball: '56 (first team),  
'57 (second team)
- All-American baseball: '56
  
- Won the NCAA Championship with the University of Minnesota in 1956
- Named outstanding player in the 1956 College Baseball World Series

#### *Professional Experience –*

- Signed with the Baltimore Orioles in 1957
- Played with Detroit for four years,  
A and AA Leagues