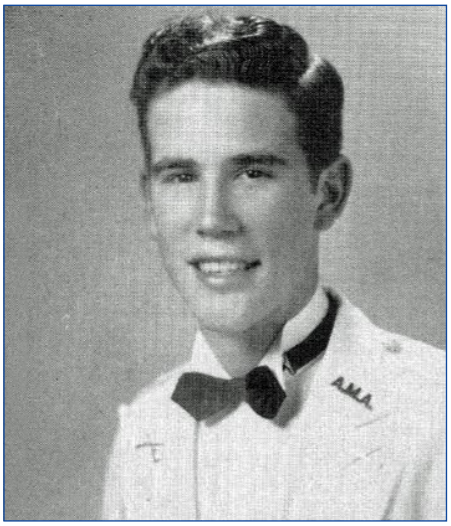
William Lane, ‘42

Inducted into the 2023 AMA Sports Hall of Fame

Basketball and Baseball



Bill Lane excelled in both of his sports.

In Varsity Basketball he lettered, was named First Team All-State as a guard, and was second in team scoring. He helped lead the team to 2nd Place in the Military Prep School Championship that year.

His Baseball career was just as impressive as he once again lettered. He was the starting pitcher and led the team in batting (hits). The team finished in second place for Military Prep School Championship.

After graduating, he enlisted and was a gunner/crewmember on an Army Air Corps Bomber in the European Theater during World War II.

After World War II, he attended Waynesburg College participating in sports. He played football, basketball and baseball!

The Portsmouth Star, April 2, 1942, had this to say about "Wonder Boy" Bill Lane. "*Lane, former Craddock star, stepped into fast company In the tough military league, but after a few games shifted into high scoring gear. Lane tossed in a respectable 239 points in 19 contests ... In one scoring streak Lane hit the bucket for 27 points in Augusta’s 61-49 loss to Hargrave’s champions, 26 against Fork Union in winning 63-49, and 21 in the 59-63 loss to S. M. A. ... Lane and [teammate] Bob Cremins together formed the most feared combination in Virginia.”*

Congratulations, William!