

**Ed Sparkman**- Class of 1964. Ed earned seven varsity letters in football and baseball. Ed is described as a tough, hard-hitting football player. Ed was known however, for his great contributions in baseball. Ed was converted from a center fielder to a pitcher when coach Jerry Ganzel (MHS Hall of Famer) observed him making an errand throw from center field over the home plate backstop. The next season was a remarkable one. Ed finished the season 14-2 on the mound including a no hitter v Holly. Most impressively, however, was the 1-0 win over Clarkston to win the Conference title. Ed threw all 17 innings of the game while striking out an incredible 23 batters. "Iron Man" Sparkman struck out a total of 170 batters that season. He also batted over .300 his junior and senior years. Ed's professional career was in law enforcement. He is currently retired and living in Ellenton, Florida and is an active Senior softball player.

