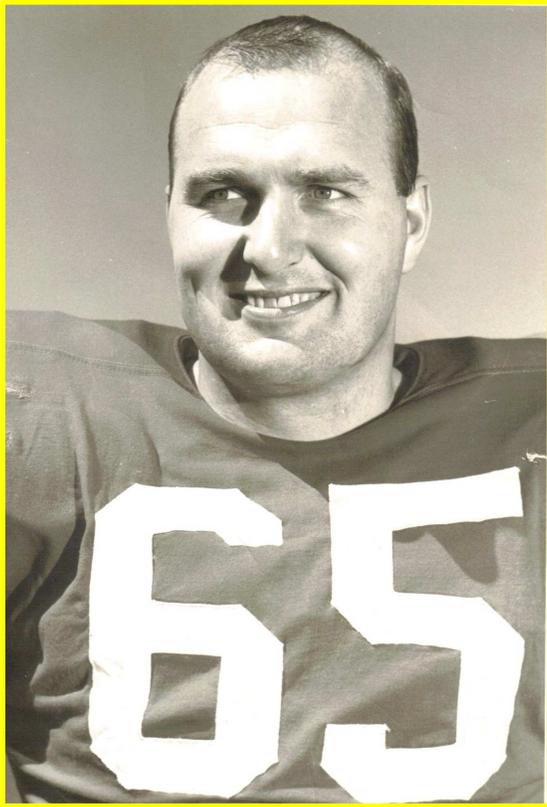


ROGER KRAMER **ATHLETE – CLASS OF 1957**



Roger was Portage's first big time football player. He was an outstanding all-around athlete, lettering in 4 sports during high school. Included among Roger's high school achievements were being named to the All-state football team, while in basketball, he set the single game scoring record. He held the school record in the shot put and played on a championship baseball team. During his senior year, he helped lead Portage High to conference championship in football and basketball. Roger was not only a leader on the field, but also in the class room, as he was senior class president. After high school, Roger earned 11 varsity letters at Kalamazoo College, and got an opportunity to play professional football. As Portage's first professional football player, Roger played 9 years in the Canadian Football league and made the all-star team twice. Biggest thrill in athletics: *"playing in two Grey Cup championship games"*.

PORTAGE HIGH SCHOOL and COLLEGE HONORS

Football

- All-State – 1956
- All –Conference – 1955 and 1956
- All Southwestern Michigan – 1956
- Named to long time Gazette Sports Editor Jack Moss's all-time Southwest Michigan top 24 high school football players

Track

- All-State -- Shot Put – 1957
- Shot Put – Placed 3rd in the state meet in 1957
- Held the school Shot Put record of 45 feet

Other Sports and Distinctions

- Earned 3 letters in basketball
- Held the single game school scoring record of 27 points
- Earned 2 letters in baseball
- Earned a total of 10 Varsity letters
- Junior Class President – 1955-56
- Student Council President – 1956-57

Kalamazoo College Achievements

- Earned a total of 11 letters in Football, Basketball, and Track
- Football All-Conference in 1959 and 1960
- Track – Placed 1st in the MIAA in Shot Put and Discus – 1959 and 1960
- Held the K-College record in the shot put with a putt of 43'11"
- Held the K-College record in the discus with a throw of 135 feet

Professional Career

- Played one year, 1961, with the UFL Grand Rapids Shamrocks. The team won the league championship, and Roger was selected to the All-Star team as a defensive lineman.
- Played 9 years in the Canadian Football League. He played for Montreal in 1962, Ottawa in 1963 and 1964, and Calgary from 1965 to 1970.
- Selected to the CFL All-Star team by both the Sports writers and Coaches in 1963 and 1964. He also played on the Western All-Star team in 1965.
- Played in the Grey Cup Championship game in 1968 and 1970