

James C. Gerhard



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James Gerhard attended Shawano High School from 1967-1971. He was a twelve-sport athlete during his high school athletic career.

James played football all four years. In his sophomore season, he was the starting safety. As a junior, he was the starting cornerback and punter and earned a varsity letter. In his senior season, he was the starting cornerback, punter and defensive captain. He led the team in tackles, interceptions and fumble recoveries. His play earned him a varsity letter and he was named the Savage Award winner and the Most Valuable Defensive Player award.

James was also a four-year basketball player. As a sophomore, he was a starting guard. He earned varsity letters in his junior and senior seasons.

James was a member of the track & field team all four years, earning letters in his sophomore, junior, and senior seasons. As a junior, he led the team with 99 season points. In his senior season, he was named team captain, team MVP, and he led the team with 104 points. That year, he tied the school record in the high jump with a jump of six feet. At the Appleton East 20-team invitational, he won the long jump with a jump of 20' 11.5". He finished second at the conference meet in the 100 yard dash with a time of 10.2 seconds.

James was awarded the John Perrault Memorial Award for dedication and excellence in athletics in 1971. He was also a member of the Student Council and President of the Letterman's Club his senior year.

After high school, James attended college for two and a half years before starting his career in painting. In 1988, James started his own painting business. He successfully ran his business for 34 years until he retired in 2022.

James and his friend, Lori, currently live in Green Bay and enjoy spending time with their family and their two grandchildren. They enjoy golfing, spending time with friends, and caring for their home and lawn.

Congratulations to James Gerhard, Hall of Fame Class of 2022!