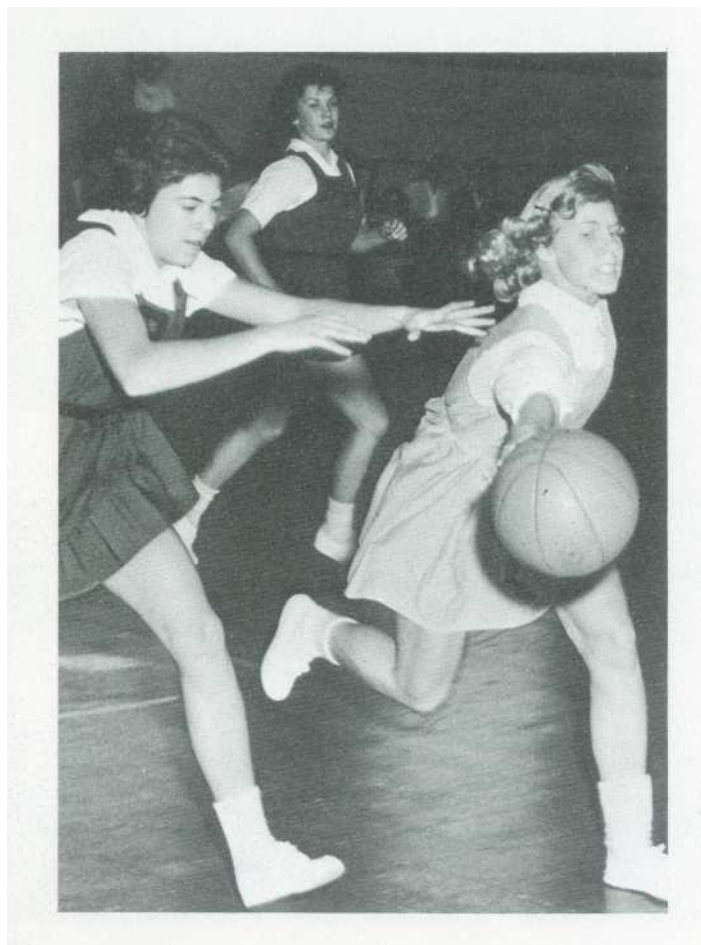


**2010**  
**Hall of Fame Inductee**  
**Barbara Bechtel Holmes -- 1961**

**Barbara Bechtel Holmes** competed in three sports at Central Bucks where she received eight varsity letters: Field Hockey, Basketball and Tennis.



**Field Hockey**

- Varsity letters in Sophomore, Junior and Senior Years at Right Inner.
- Co-Captain, Senior Year
- Senior year, scored 10 goals on undefeated Bux-Mont Championship team (1960) – first hockey title for Central Bucks since 1943

**Basketball**

- Varsity letters in Sophomore, Junior and Senior Years at Guard
- Captain, Senior Year
- Senior Year, 1960-61, most successful season in Central Bucks' history

**Tennis**

- Varsity letters in Sophomore, Junior and Senior Years playing Second Singles
- Co-Captain, Senior Year
- Undefeated at Second Singles, Senior Year where every set was won

### **Additional Central Bucks' Highlights**

- Female Athlete of the Year – Senior Year – 1961
- Sports Homecoming Queen – 1961
- Doylestown Business and Professional Women's Org. – Girl of the Month – 1961
- National Honor Society - Sophomore, Junior, and Senior Years

After graduating from Central Bucks in 1961, Barbara studied at Smith College in Northampton, Massachusetts where she earned a BA in Economics in 1965. While at Smith, Barbara played intercollegiate basketball.

Barbara married David Holmes (Amherst College, 1963) in 1965 and moved to Madison, Wisconsin where she taught fourth grade as her husband earned his PhD in Chemistry at the University of Wisconsin. Following a move to West Virginia in 1968, Barbara volunteered with the League of Women Voters, the Junior League and her Presbyterian church. After moving to Wilmington, Delaware in 1976, she co-founded a children's book business, "The Book Bag," where she sold books helping children cope with difficult issues such as divorce, illness, death, hospitalization, etc.

Barbara is the mother of three grown children, David, Rick, and Jennifer, who all played high school and collegiate sports, and the grandmother of four, Sydney, Jack, Lily, and Drew Holmes.

Now retired, Barbara and Dave are blessed to enjoy a life filled with their grandchildren, traveling and serving as healing prayer lay ministers in their church. She is also writing a book that she hopes to publish later this year. It is an autobiographical, religious book entitled, "*Love Letters From the Lord*".

Barbara is most grateful to the Hall of Fame Committee for choosing her for this wonderful honor. None of it could have happened without the exceptional skills and friendship of her teammates, coaches, and faculty at Central Bucks.