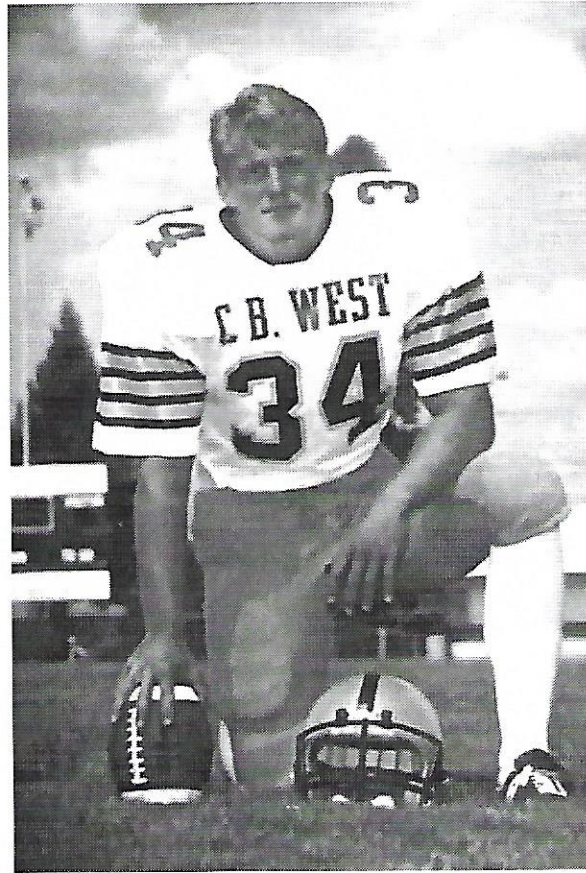


2015  
Hall of Fame Inductee



**William J. Kilkenny III (deceased)**  
**Central Bucks West -- 1986**

(The Committee extends appreciation to Betsy Kilkenny for putting together this overview of her late son's football career.)

Bill Kilkenny earned 3 varsity letters for his participation in Football at CB West. He was a member of the 1984 and 1985 Undefeated Bux-Mont Champion Football teams, acting as Co-Captain in his Senior Year. Bill played both ways; as a Fullback on offense and as a Linebacker on defense. In his Senior year he played in the Bux-Mont All Star Game, wearing a special helmet/shoulder pad rig that was designed especially for him by the Sports Medicine Team at Temple University. Bill had been severely hampered by recurring neck 'burners' during his Senior year, and the Temple rig enabled him to complete his year as Captain. Unfortunately, the neck injury recurred early in his Princeton career and forced his retirement from the sport.

## Football

Bill never forgot that his was the team that began **THE STREAK**. He was most proud of West's defensive record set in his Junior year: Only 21 total points scored against the team the entire season; 7 consecutive shutouts in an 8 game season. His most memorable games: the 1984 first game against William Tennent: with his first 100+ rushing game where he scored three touchdowns; and the last game of his high school career when CBW edged CBE in the rain and mud to clinch the Bux-Mont title and earn recognition as the #1 team in PA and the #10 team in the US.

- 2 Defensive Stars in Sophomore year when the team went 9-2.

In Bill's Junior year the team became Bux-Mont Champions after their 11-0 with 8 shut-outs

- Recorded his 1<sup>st</sup> 100 yard game at Fullback
- Moose Award recipient, Junior Year
- Big 'O' Award , Junior Year
- 3 Axe Master Awards, Junior Year
- 1<sup>st</sup> Team All Intelligencer, Junior Year
- 1<sup>st</sup> Team All Bux-Mont, Junior Year
- 1<sup>st</sup> Team All Area
- 19 Stars—Offense and Defense

In his Senior year the team recorded 7 shutouts after an 11-0 season. The Philadelphia Inquirer named the team #1 in S.E Pennsylvania; the Pittsburg Post- Gazette named it #1 in Pennsylvania; USA Today named it #10 Team in America.

- Honored as a 'Whiz Kid' by Tug McGraw on KYW-TV
- 17 Stars awarded
- Moose Award
- Axe Master and Big 'O' Awards
- Maxwell Football Club Award
- 1<sup>st</sup> Team All-Intelligencer
- 1<sup>st</sup> Team All Bux-Mont
- Football Foundation Hall of Fame Scholar-Athlete Award

Bill received a full Army ROTC scholarship to Princeton University, focusing his competitive nature through the University's ROTC Ranger Challenge Team. In his Junior year as Team Captain, he led the Ranger Team to an Interscholastic 1st Place finish. He was the ranking ROTC Cadet, being chosen in his Senior year as Cadet Commander, Princeton ROTC.

After Bill graduated in 1990 with an undergraduate degree in Economics he was commissioned as a U.S. Army Officer and completed his Officer Basic Training at Ft. Knox, Kentucky. He received orders to the 24th Infantry Division, 69th Armor Battalion at Ft. Stewart, Georgia, which was then deployed to Iraq as part of Operation Desert Storm. Bill then served with distinction in the 1st Gulf War-Desert Storm as a Tank Platoon Leader. A Decorated Veteran of Desert Storm, he returned to Ft. Stewart at the conclusion of hostilities. Bill was designated Scout Platoon Leader of his Company, later being assigned Aide de Camp to General Fred McFerron, Commander of the 24th Infantry Division.

He returned to civilian life in July 1994 and moved to Philadelphia, with his new wife Becky Martin Kilkeny to begin his MBA Program at the Wharton School of the University of

Pennsylvania. After receiving his MBA in Finance from the Wharton School-University of Pennsylvania in 1996 he worked as a Senior Consultant with Deloitte Consulting Group in Parsippany New Jersey and Atlanta Georgia. After leaving Deloitte, he joined I. E. Du Pont de Nemours and Company in Wilmington DE in their Internal Consulting Group.

Bill died suddenly in 2006. He is survived by his wife Becky, a daughter Ali and a son Jack. Besides his brother Rob, Bill is the son of Betsy and the late Bill Kilkenny, Jr. He was an avid fly fisherman and a member of the Mink Pond Club in Bushkill PA. He was a golfer, snowboarder, SCUBA diver and serious biker.

Bill's family sent special memories of him to the HOF Board:

Bill's widow, Becky M. Smith wrote that she cried when hearing the news. "I think those three glory years playing at CB West for Coach Pettine were his happiest."

His daughter Ali commented, "Oh wow, I had heard he was good but this proves he was legendary! He would have been honored."

Son Jack was 5 when Bill died. "I remember playing tackle with my dad when I was little and somehow I realized how much he loved the game."