

STEVEN NEILS -- Steve Neils graduated from St. Peter High School in 1969 after earning All-South Central Conference honors in football and basketball.

From there, he attended Deerfield Academy in Deerfield, Massachusetts, for one year before getting a scholarship to play college football at linebacker at the University of Minnesota where he earned All-Big 10 honors and the team's Bronko Nagurski (MVP) Award in 1973. He graduated from the University of Minnesota with a degree in business in 1974 and went on to play football professionally with the NFL's St. Louis Cardinals from 1974 to 1980 after being drafted in fifth round in 1974.

Steve, a retired financial investment consultant who resides in Woodbury, Minn., has been very involved with his church, serving as president as well as volunteering his time. Involved with Woodbury youth sports programs including helping out with the varsity football team for one year.

He has remained loyal to his family and to his St. Peter roots and has also been very involved with the "M Club" at the University of Minnesota.