

IN MEMORY OF BRIAN "WOODY" PEOPLES



Brian "Woody" Peoples began his football career at Marple Newtown as a member of our ninth grade team in 1987. Woody was the type of athlete who was always willing to play anywhere the team needed him. The team needed offensive linemen that year, so Woody became an offensive lineman. Woody's hard work, positive attitude, love of the game, and drive to achieve make him successful on the gridiron.

As a sophomore, Woody's hard work and determination earned him a starting position on all special teams and by mid-season, he was playing offensive line, a position he never relinquished for his final two years. During that three-year period, the Tigers were 21-11-3. At the end of his senior year, Woody was selected and played in the Delaware County Hero Bowl Classic. After graduation, Brian continued his football career at Widener University, where he lettered as an offensive lineman for two years under Coach Bill Cubit.

When Brian decided to give up his playing career, he returned to the Marple football family as a volunteer coach. He was responsible for special team and helped coach the offensive line. In 1994, Woody left briefly to become the Head Coach for the eighth grade team at Northly Junior High School. In 1995, he chose to return to our high school program to assume his duties as Junior Varsity and special teams coach.

During his years as a player and coach, Woody was a role model. His work ethic, both on and off the field, inspired young men to grow and develop into the student-athletes we proudly cheer today.

Brian's parents, Andy and Linda Peoples, who both graduated from Marple Newtown High School in 1965, have established a scholarship fund in Woody's honor. This Award will be given to a member of the Marple Newtown Tigers who best displays the work ethic and characteristics that made Woody that special person we still miss today.

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