

in memory
**How can we
 say good-by?**

Another banner year in the history of Abbot Pennings High School.

But amid the roaring successes and accomplishments, four tragic events shocked us, the Pennings community. Three graduates and one student — Steve Ronk, Jack Teteak, Dick Byrne, and Jon Martell — died.

Amidst achievements which were never acknowledged, amidst compliments which were never spoken, amidst words which were sought but never found, we wonder how can we say good-by.

How can we say good-by to that curly-headed kid who just earned his diploma, who loved to have fun, who beamed from the back of the classroom — how can we say good-by, Steve . . .

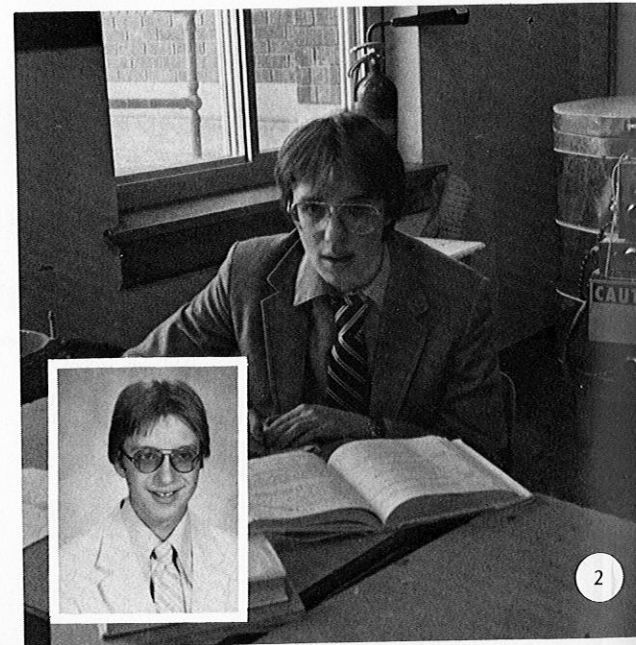
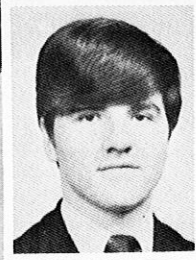
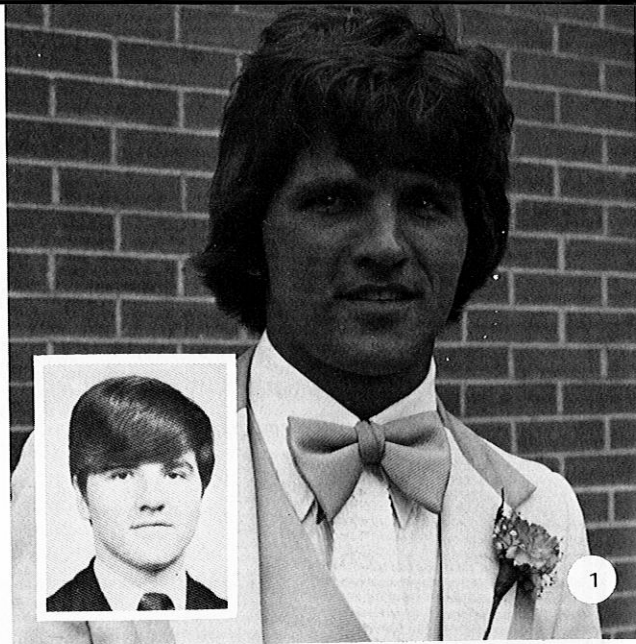
How can we say good-by to that "wild and crazy guy" who just turned twenty-one that day, who had given so much in everything, from "My Fair Lady" to the football team — how can we say good-by, Jack . . .

How can we say good-by to that determined kid who, even in his freshman year football, tried so hard to be perfect that it hurt just to watch him play — how can we say good-by, Dick . . .

How can we say good-by to that quiet kid whose pencil never stopped, whether drawing posters for the plays or writing programs for those new computers he loved so much — how can we say good-by, Jon . . .

How can we say good-by? By thanking you for being part of us. By thinking about your dreams. By learning that sometimes there isn't even time to say good-by. By knowing that even though the words won't come out right, we want you to know we're thinking and thanking and learning and still not knowing — how we can say good-by.

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- 1) Dick Byrne - '71
- 2) Jon Martell - sophomore
- 3) Jack Teteak - '80
- 4) Steve Ronk - '81

