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**BEAVER COUNTY SPORTS  
HALL OF FAME**  
Inducted May 17, 2025

## **JOE PALUMBO**

Greenbrier Military Academy, Lewisburg, WV, 1941-47  
University of Virginia, 1948-51

### **Football Career**

University of Virginia, Freshman Ball 1948, Varsity 1949-51  
Drafted, San Francisco 49ers, 1952  
Assistant Coach, University of Virginia Football Team, 1956-57

### **Recognition**

All-State Football Team, 1949, 1950, 1951  
Blue-Gray Football Classic, 1951  
Associated Press All-America First Team, 1951  
Newspaper Enterprise Association All-America First Team, 1951  
DC Touchdown Club Outstanding Defensive Lineman, 1951  
U.S. Army All-Army and All-Service Football Teams, 1952-53  
Virginia Sports Hall of Fame, 1973  
College Football Hall of Fame, 1999  
Rotary Club of Charlottesville Paul Harris Fellow, 2003  
All-Time ACC Football Legends Class of 2007  
National Multiple Sclerosis Society Silver Hope Award, 2010  
Greenbrier Military Academy Hall of Fame, 2011  
Number 48 Retired by the University of Virginia

Virginia House Joint Resolution 280  
HJ280ER "Celebrating the Life of Joseph Charles Palumbo", 2014

**Born August 1, 1929, Beaver, PA**  
**Died December 5, 2013, Charlottesville, VA**