## RICH TESTA 1980, wrestling



A three-time sectional champion while at Wayland, Testa captained the Warriors his senior year. And what a year it was for Testa in the 128-pound weight class.

A Division 2 Central champion, Testa won the Most Pins/Least Time award at that sectional. He

won the state title at 128 and was named Outstanding Wrestler at Division 2 states. He placed third at the New England Meet later that year. Testa went on to wrestle at Worcester Polytechnic Institute where he captained the team as a senior and compiled a career record of 44-9, including an 18-1 record with 11 pins his senior year.

The latter mark tied a WPI mark for pins in a season. Testa won the New England Division III title as a junior at WPI. He was a finalist at that weight as a sophomore and senior. He returned to his alma mater as an assistant wrestling coach in 1986 and remained in that capacity until 1997. He was named the Division 2 Assistant Coach of the Year in 1992.

Rich and Donna Testa have been married 30 years and are the parents of three children: Jaymie (27), Michael (24) and Samantha (22). Testa, who works as a financial advisor, ran the Boston Marathon in 2002, clocking a time of 3:56.

"I would like to thank Rick Moyer for helping me find my way," said Testa. "My father was considering sending me to private school and Rick convinced him that with a little help I could be straightened out. I would like to think they both succeeded."

