Former Pace University Baseball Head Coach Fred Calaicone (1933-2015) passed away at age 81 at his home this weekend in Westchester County, NY. Calaicone guided the Pace Baseball team from 1981 until he stepped down in 2000. He served as the assistant coach for two seasons before retiring following the 2002 season. He remained active in the Pace Athletics community, serving as a member of the Pace Athletics Hall of Fame Committee and worked in the Goldstein Health, Fitness and Recreation Center.

During his time, Calaicone became the first Setters coach to eclipse the 300 win plateau, accomplishing the feat on March 3, 1995 with a 4-3 win over New Hampshire College. Calaicone finished his head coaching career with a record of 397-389 for a winning percentage of .505. Calaicone was inducted in the Pace Athletics Hall of Fame in 2002 and his 1985 Baseball Team was the Team of Distinction recipient at the 2015 Hall of Fame ceremony this past spring.

Coach Calaicone took the program from Division II to the Division I level, which helped lead to the construction of the baseball field on the Pleasantville campus. Many players under Calaicone continued their baseball careers professionally after their stints in Setters uniforms, including current Head Coach Henry Manning (1987-90).

Pace moved to Division I in 1987 and in 1989 was invited to the ECAC Division I Tournament. While on the Division II level, the team won conference titles in 1983, 1984, and 1985. The 1985 season marked the Setters first 30-win season as they advanced to the NCAA Division II East Regional Tournament.

A former professional baseball player, Calaicone played in the New York Yankees and Chicago Cubs minor leagues. He also served in the New York City Fire Department from 1964 until his retirement in 1984, when he became a full-time coach at Pace. Coach Calaicone resided in Ardsley, New York with his wife, Fran. The couple have three children, a son, Fred and two daughters, Christine
and Linda along with their grandchildren.

Funeral Arrangements for Fred Calaicone:

Wake: Thursday, July 23, 2-4pm and 7-9pm and Friday, July 24, 2-4pm and 7-9pm.
Edwards and Dowdle Funeral Home
64 Ashford Ave
Dobbs Ferry, NY 10522

Funeral: Saturday, July 25 at 10am.
Our Lady of Perpetual Help Church
One Cross Road
Ardsley, NY 10502
Phone: (914) 693-0030