

## A Special Tribute...

### DOCTOR DON SLOCUM

Doctor Don Slocum was truly a pioneer in promoting and sponsoring Senior Softball and baseball in the Essex and Morris County leagues. Regrettably, Don passed away on February 29, 2008. Don organized a softball and baseball team that played in New Jersey's first National Senior Olympic Games in Tucson, Arizona in 1997. Four New Jersey players won the gold medal in baseball when Don drove in Paul Oliver in the 10th inning, to win the game and the gold medal. The New Jersey Embers Senior Softball team, with Don as Manager, won four silver medals and two gold medals. He was responsible for providing sponsors that assisted with funds for uniforms and entrance fees. Don played Senior Softball with the Padres, on Tuesdays and Saturdays and he organized a baseball team that played on Thursdays. Don also organized and played in the National Senior Baseball tournaments in Ft. Myers, Florida, Orlando, Florida and Phoenix, Arizona.

Don Slocum lived a storied life and was a winner in every phase of life: character, sports, family man, armed forces, success as an inventor. He invented Corian, the quality countertop surface and many other products. The name Corian was selected by Don from his daughter's name, Corrie Ann. Don served in the Army as an engineer and retired from the Army as a Lieutenant Colonel and was honored by being buried in Arlington Cemetery with a 21 gun salute.

Having graduated cum laude from Davis and Elkins College in 1951, Dr. Slocum went on to earn a master's degree in physical bio-chemistry at the University of Vermont and a doctorate in professional studies from Pace University. Along his remarkable journey, he worked as a chemical engineer for giants of the industry: DuPont, Proctor & Gamble, Hoffman LaRoche Pharmaceuticals, International Paper and Curtis Wright Aerospace Technology. Don was a writer, a lecturer and teacher during his highly active career. *A man turns towards genius due to his vision and what makes a man a genius is his ability to see the obvious...* Don Slocum was truly one of those few geniuses, as well as being a man of tremendous humility. All who knew him miss him very much and many of us still keep Don in our thoughts and prayers.

—Written by Paul Oliver.



### 20th Season of UCSSL Commences with Tribute to Dom Deo

The Union County senior Softball League opened its twentieth season on April 27th with a ceremony honoring Dom Deo prior to the TLC/Creative industries game. Dom, one of the men who formed the UCSSL two decades ago, passed away in August of 2008. He had been a player, a team manager and a league officer since the league's inception.

The evening began with team jerseys presented by Deo's Creative Industries team to his wife Judy and his son Derek. Teammate BOB Failla spoke to the players and fans in attendance about Dom's contribution to the UCSSL as a Charter Member and of his progression to the position of the League Commissioner, after which Derek Deo threw out the ceremonial first pitch of the league's 2009 season.

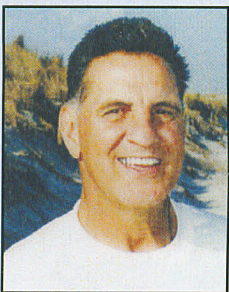
In a well played match of 60+ Division powers, TLC edged Creative by a score of 13-12. Creative has won either the League Championship or League Playoff for the past 8 years. Dom Deo was manager or co-manager since 2004, when Creative won the State Championship. TLC has won the State Championship for the past two seasons.

### AGE: 58 • Little Silver

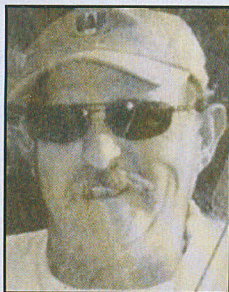
He graduated from Red Bank High School, class of '69. He was team co-captain and an outstanding line backer for the Bucs in which he was the recipient of the "Dorn Trophy". He also played on their baseball team.

Kevin was a member of the Little Silver Volunteer Fire Department and played 1st base on their softball team. He also played for and later coached the Middlesex/Monmouth County 50 and Over League. His team was The Globe Hotel.

### DOM DEO



### KEVIN J. COSTELLO



## In Memoriam

The following is a list of members of the New Jersey Senior Softball Association that have passed away

Jim Airey  
 Nick Angelillo  
 Nick Atria  
 Larry Behr  
 Dick Borman  
 Tom Burke  
 Bob Canales  
 Flip Chambliss  
 Ed Chaven  
 Joe Connelly  
 Dan Cox  
 Fred Daprile  
 Mike DeCeglia  
 John Denito  
 Ray Fasteau  
 Tom Fitzmaurice  
 Joe Gabel  
 Harold Gelbhaus  
 Frank Giglino  
 Jay Horacek  
 Russ Howell  
 Tony Hyman  
 Joe Kelly  
 Jerry Lestardo  
 Tom Madine  
 Al Manning  
 Frank Martinelli  
 John McCabe  
 Jerry McDermott  
 Dennis Miller  
 Patrick Moran  
 Tony Muccia  
 Ken Nixon  
 John Offerman  
 Jen Olson  
 Armando Passarelli  
 Bruce Pelletier  
 Al Perry  
 Robert Postel  
 Jim Powell  
 Tom Price  
 Joe Riggio  
 Joel Rosenberg  
 Frank Scaliti  
 Barbara Schmidt  
 Jim Schultz  
 Sonny Senerchia  
 Art Shaffner  
 Don Slocum  
 Ed Stevens  
 Frank Sweeney  
 Ernie Tasseff  
 Don Trifari  
 Anthony Valeriani  
 John Veréb  
 Lou Vespasiano  
 Pee Wee Vogel  
 John Williams