

NJSSA LOSES VETERAN PLAYER



Allen Carlson

Al Carlson played on the 2009 Senior Olympic team that won the Gold Medal in San Francisco that year. He played on the team that went to Virginia at the insistence of his wife, who was very sick. He called her several times each day to see how she was holding up. Shortly thereafter she died of cancer.

Al played in Houston last year and took home a Bronze Medal for New Jersey. He was an excellent player. Shortly after returning home from Houston, he was playing tennis and suffered a heart attack and collapsed. He was a beautiful human being and a likeable guy. There was no funeral or memorial service, as he so wished. He wanted to be cremated and his ashes dispersed at the Jersey Shore. He will be surely missed, as he touched many of us.

BILL DUGAN

Grand Marshal & Softball Perfect Together



Grand Marshal Bill Dugan

Being chosen as the Grand Marshal of the Union County St Patrick's Day Parade is one of the greatest honors that a person of Irish heritage can ever receive. This past year that honor was bestowed on Bill Dugan who led thousands of marchers thru downtown Union, NJ on March 10th celebrating the patron saint of Ireland.

An Elizabeth native, Bill is a star player for the defending Champs of the Union County League exhibiting a prolific bat while playing various infield positions for the Roselle American Legion Post 229 team. Bill excelled at various sports in high school at St. Mary's receiving Parochial All State honors similar to his current teammates, Ed Lubas and Pat Mooney. Bill honed his softball skills playing for Halecki's Tavern, the Elizabeth Police team, and the Zen's club in the Elizabeth and Linden Softball leagues in the 1980's and 1990's. During that time, Bill has won several Local, State, and International championships.

Playing competitive softball for that length of time he has cultivated friendships with numerous players, many of whom have remained teammates such as Harry Streep, Bob Colaneri, Ed Mitjans, John Amato, and Ed Kushner (who inducted into the Union County Softball Hall of Fame last year).

Bill has been married 26 years to his wife Carol and has three beautiful children, Ryan, Daniel, and Alison. Watching his children's athletic careers over the last 17 years has been a great source of pleasure and pride for him.

Currently a Elizabeth Police Lieutenant, Bill has received numerous departmental commendations. In this position he has met and worked with several interesting people associated with the New Jersey State Police, United States Secret Service, Union County Prosecutors Office, and Sheriff's Department. Assisting him on some of assignments are current teammates Gene Antonucci and Bill Buteau

On parade day, Bill celebrated his heritage and roots with his wonderful family by his side. Humbly, he dedicated the great honor bestowed on him to his mother, Mary Jane Colgan Dugan – The greatest Irish woman he has ever known.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY OVER 50 LEAGUE

Starting Their 22nd Year

The Middlesex County Over 50 League is starting their 22nd year. In 1990 the league was organized by Jerry Klein and included 6 original teams. One year later 2 more teams were added. Over the years 4 more teams came into the league, and we had 12 teams for many years. Our league is managed by Carmine Baletta, Ron Lesonsky, Bob Lorincz and Jerry Yaros, who share the responsibility of running the league.

In the photo are 2 of the original league managers, Allan Schulman who managed VanMar, and Jerry Yaros of the Metuchen Savings team. Not in the photo is Charlie Dilkes who coordinates the State Tournament, he also played for Sayreville Sanitary Disposal, one of the 6 original teams. *By: Jerry Yaros*



Back Row: Allan Schulman, Paul Henry, Skip Shihar, Jim Lapczynski, Ray Datrio, Ron Johnson, Neil Best, Rich Krebs, Rich Pokorny, Kevin Wertz.
Front Row: Jerry Yaros, George Lord, Phil Alfieri & Bill Colavito.
Missing from Photo: Stan Director, Bob Fertal, Harry Mahoney, Ed Mullen & Charlie Smith.

80 YEARS YOUNG SOFTBALL TOURNAMENT

The Inaugural NJ First Historical Event

MEN AND WOMEN BORN PRIOR TO 1933 ARE INVITED TO PARTICIPATE.

MONDAY, JUNE 25, 2012 RAIN DATE: MONDAY JUNE 28.

All Counties Games to be played at Old Bridge Veterans Park.

- Teams will be set up from a pool of outfielders, infielders, and pitchers.
- Three (3) swings – No Walks.
- The hopes are that if there is enough interest, we can put together a League this fall.
- Play in September and October (8-9) weeks.

CANCELLED



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Safe at Home

This Past Year Senior Softball lost the following members.

- Chas A. Brown, Jr.
 - Al Carlson
 - Joe Capo
- Dennis Chmiel
- Eugene Doyle
- Bill Errickson
- Joe Hepworth

In Memoriam

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

Joe Adelhardt	Dennis Miller
Jim Airey	Al Mills
Nick Angelillo	Patrick Moran
Frank Arbolino	Tony Muccia
Nick Atria	Ken Nixon
Larry Behr	John Offerman
Bill Blitz	Ken Olson
Dick Borman	Armando Passarelli
Tom Burke	Bruce Pelletier
Don Braun	Gerald Perpetua
Bob Canales	Al Perry
John McCarthy	Robert Postel
Flip Chambliss	Tom Price
Ed Chaven	Jim Powell
Joe Connelly	Steve Regec
Mike Champion	Larry Rehak
Dan Cox	John "Duke" Rensing
Fred Daprile	Joe Riggio
Mike DeCeglia	Joel Rosenberg
John Denito	Bob Rowland
Dom Deo	Don Roth
Jerry McDermott	Tony Russo
Eugene Doyle	Frank Scaliiti
Bob Durkin	Sonny Senerchia
Ray Fasteau	Art Shaffner
Tom Fitzmaurice	Barbara Schmidt
Joe Gabel	Jim Schultz
Pete Gergulas	Don Slocum
Ed Ganczewski	Heshy Slotnick
Harold Gelbhaus	Ed Stevens
Frank Giglinto	Frank Sweeney
Jay Horacek	Butch Taras
Russ Howell	Ernie Tasseff
Tony Hyman	Don Trifari
Joe Kelly	Anthony Valeriani
Bob Krause	Clyde Vail Jr.
Norm Lannone	Jim VanBrunt
Jerry Lestardo	John Vereb
John McCarthy	Lou Vespasiano
John McCabe	Joe Viola
Tom Madine	Pee Wee Vogel
Al Manning	John Williams
Ed Manthey	Lenny Yenish
Frank Martinelli	