

# **Marly Glines-Elk River**

**Nominated by John Dietz**

Marly Glines was a pitcher for several fast-pitch softball teams in a career that spanned 21 years (1971-1992). During that time Glines pitched for 18 teams. Several of those teams were based in Elk River (RCPA, Weatherlys, Dayton, Elk River Legion, First National Bank, Bamboo Bar, Thiesen Athletic) while others were from around the state (Brookk Park Realty, Bo Ditleys, Milaca Bank, Holtz Construction, Choppers, Gaylord, Murphy City, Waverly Stingers, Byerlys, Mankato Spinners). He played in six different leagues (Elk River, Hamel, ISC, Harris/Pease, Hutchinson and Waverly).

Over the course of his career he pitched in 16 state fast-pitch tournaments, three U.S. Northern Regionals, getting first in one regional and third in another.

One season he recorded 39 wins and he has tossed eight no-hitters. He once won six games in one day, throwing 46 innings. He won more than 20 games in several seasons. He also was a respectable hitter, batting over .300 many times while batting second or third in the lineup.

Glines is probably best known for his time with the Elk River Legion team, a group combined mostly of former Elk River High School athletes, many of whom graduated with him. While that team never won a state title there were many invitational tournament championships including a title that produced wins over Winsted Sterners, Lake Lillian/Hanson Silo and the Howard Lake Tappers, teams that had finished 1-2-3 in the previous year's state tournament.

Glines also served six years at the President of the Elk River Softball Association, an organization that encompassed mens' fast-pitch, mens' slow-pitch, and womens' slow-pitch leagues and also a Knights of Columbus team. He worked hard to sell advertising to pay for a new outfield fence and lights at a city softball park. He also started a second fast-pitch team in Elk River to younger players involved in the game and develop them for his main team (Elk River Legion). He was a player/manager for three years.

Glines was devoted to the fast-pitch game. He even set up a pitching rubber and home plate in his backyard and often threw to his teammates. He was always promoting the sport and trying to get more younger players to take up pitching, realizing that for fast-pitch softball to stay alive, more young pitchers needed to be involved in the game. He also worked with the pitchers on the Elk River girls' fast-pitch softball team for three years.