



MINNESOTA SOFTBALL HALL OF FAME  
NOMINATION FORM



2025

Nominee Donald S. Detmar Birth date 7/21/1939  
Address 575 Sterling St S City/State Maplewood, MN. Zip 55119

Softball Community where major accomplishments were achieved \_\_\_\_\_

Is that softball community's program currently affiliated with the MSF, the MN Softball Hall of Fame Administrator/Custodian?  Yes  No

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- Check the Nomination Category:
- Superior Performance
  - Meritorious Service
  - Pioneers of Yesterday

- Check all that apply:
- Player  Manager/Coach
  - Promoter  Administrator
  - Umpire  Sponsor

- Check all that apply:
- Fastpitch
  - Modified Pitch
  - Slowpitch

Nominated by Dennis Pulanco Date of Nomination 5/22/2025  
(If a relative, must have a seconding nomination by non-relative)

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Seconding Nomination Name Richard Gnetz and Troy Detmar

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Nominee's Personal Stats Don played ball for several teams starting in 1962 through 1997.

Teams included were Romanchucks Liquor, Nipps DX, Gnetz's, Maplewood Plumbing and Heating,

Halls flooring and the Buccaneer Bar and Bowling. He played in over 50 leagues. Don played in Wheaton ND. Regional with

Maplewood Plumbing and the National Championship in Jacksonville Florida with the same team.

Nominee's Personal Accomplishments Don had a lifetime batting average of 500, too many towering home runs to count.

Being 6'4" 245lbs in his prime, at a tournament in Stacy, MN. Don hit a homer over the center field light pole and the ball got thrown

back in and was lopsided and the pitcher on the mound rolled the ball as it hobbled back to the umpire. You could understand that

today the scorebooks have all landed in a landfill some many years ago, but his legend and stories continue today.

When Don was in the on deck circle, all the kids would start running to get behind the fence to get his home run ball.

His nickname was "Big D" or just "Dets" later kept the name of "Earthquake".

Nominee's Team Accomplishments Don played tournaments almost every weekend in his career.

Don loved the game and unfortunately a lot of his teammates are not still alive today. He lives today in Maplewood MN. and

when he goes out for breakfast from time to time, he runs across some friends and they sit and reminisce about days of the past.

Although Dons accomplishments are in score books that no longer exist, his close friends and family still remember the man that we

all thought should be nominated to the Softball Hall of Fame.

**- ATTACH ADDITIONAL SHEET IF NECESSARY -**

Attach a one or two page narrative, **as you would want their bio read at the nominee's potential induction ceremony.** Provide pertinent accomplishments of nominee in city, district, state, regional or national competition. **(See reverse side for sample bio).** Also, attach newspaper clippings, letters of reference or other forms of documentation. **Include statistical information in the bio.**

Send to: Minnesota Softball Hall of Fame Committee • 118 12th Ave. N. • South St. Paul, MN 55075  
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**DEADLINE FOR SENDING THIS NOMINATION IS JUNE 1**