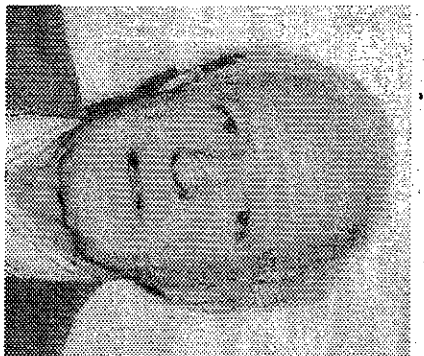




## Mike Engan Meritorious Service

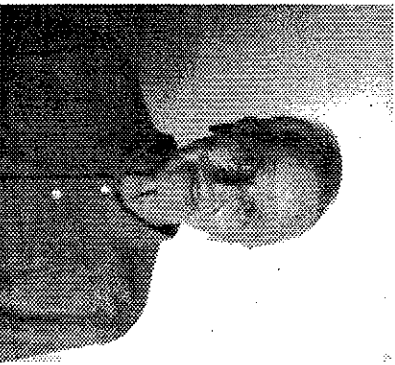
The name of Mike Engan is synonymous with the growth of softball in the state of Michigan. Engan administered both MIDASA and Michigan ASA programs from 1978-1985. He saw MIDASA expand from 327 teams to more than 4000 during that time. Engan initiated the softball workshop in metro Detroit which is now in its 16th year. He also inaugurated the softball tournament booklet which is still published each year for all teams.

His involvement with softball goes beyond metro Detroit as he established a state ASA Tournament of Champions, served 15 years as a Michigan Player Representative on the ASA national council (1979-1994), served as Great Lakes region vice-president for two years, served on national ASA Board of Directors for two years, served on many committees on the national level, volunteer at national tournaments, organized the MASA 50th anniversary in 1982 consisting of 23 different tournaments and organized the inaugural class of inductees into the MASA Hall of Fame and Honor. Engan also was a player, sponsor and manager of softball teams since 1975 in both metro Detroit and out-state Michigan. Mike Engan has demonstrated a tremendous amount of effort and time into the game of softball, which has always been close to his heart!



## Jim "Torch" Scullen Sponsor

Jim Scullen, or as most people know him as "Torch", has sponsored teams in the metro Detroit area for more than 40 years. Scullen is a graduate of the University of Detroit where he played football and participated on the track team. He taught physical education and health education for 18 years. During that time, Torch owned Cal's (Bar) Pizza and began playing softball. He was the founder of the Pingree Park league in 1956 and has been playing softball ever since that time. Torch's name as well as his business - Cal's Pizza (Bar) - is well known in the sponsorship ranks of softball in metro Detroit.

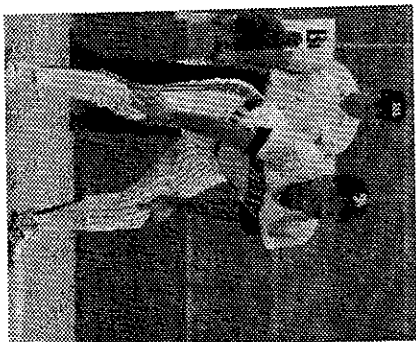


## Paul Gatto Fast Pitch Player

Paul Gatto's fast pitch softball career began at the young age of 10 years old when he played with the Catholic Youth Organization. Gatto continued his career playing on some of the areas finest teams such as Mike's Bar, General Motors, Hucks Manufacturing, St. Pats, Flame Show Bar, Club 500 and Northdurf Tool and Die. Paul was the youngest player to ever

pitch for Mike's Bar. Gatto was nicknamed "Iron Man Gatto" after his outstanding performance at the 1955 regional tournament in Toledo (Ohio) where he pitched seven games in two days. Gatto's career spanned more than 35 years as he felt fortunate to play with some of the most talented fast pitch players ever - Bonnie Jones, John Spring, Sammy Gee and others. Although his softball playing days are over, Gatto now enjoys watching his sons play... "The Dream Lives On!"

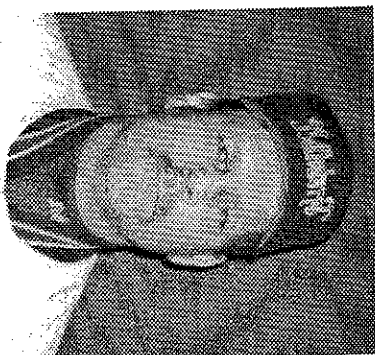
## **Ed Shankin** Slow Pitch Player



Ed Shankin began his softball playing days in 1968, the same year the Detroit Tigers won the World Series. Shankin played for some of the finest teams in the metro Detroit area such as East Side Sporting Goods, Strohs, Little Caesars, Burkes Sport Haven, Budweiser and most recently Nothdurft. He was a member of three Major Metro championship teams in the 1970s. In 1986, Shankin was selected Most Valuable Player in a 35 & over regional tournament, the only regional that Nothdurft ever had to participate in.

The national scene was not new to Shankin as he has participated in 13 national tournaments. He was a member of eight national championship teams and also selected to five national tournament all-american teams. Ed Shankin and softball make a nice combination!

## **Mike Turk** Slow Pitch Player



The selection of Mike Turk into the MDASA Hall of Fame and Honor brings a player with the offensive ferocity of a hurricane and the defensive finesse of a master craftsman. Turk's career began in 1971 playing for local teams in Clarkston. In 1975, Mike joined the Colonel's of Union Lake where the team two years later made it to the 1977 national tournament. He was named an all-american that year and also captured the home run title.

Turk also played for such teams as the professional Detroit Auto Kings, Softball City, Primos of Pontiac before at the age of 35 (in 1988) he joined the Nothdurft team. In his first year with Nothdurft, Turk captured MVP honors at the national tournament en route to their fifth consecutive national title. Turk also captured MVP honors in 1989 and 1990 at the national tournament. Turk hit .633 with 33 homers in leading Nothdurft to eight national championships where he was named either MVP or to the all-american team each year.

"Mike has been, without a doubt, the finest player we've ever had," said MDASA Hall of Famer Leon Grunait, Nothdurft's manager. Turk continues his hitting prowess as he has been named The Oakland Press home run champion in recent years. The name of Mike Turk will long be remembered in the softball circuit!