



Marlin 'Mandy' Helget Stark / Essig

Marlin 'Mandy' Helget's roots in baseball run deep. Long before he would go on to play for the well-known Stark teams that featured a starting lineup of mostly Helgets, he played baseball at home with his brothers on the farm. His first organized baseball didn't come until 1961 with Stark's Bi-County team, and he played only his senior year of high school baseball at Sleepy Eye St. Mary's in 1963. Mandy's amateur playing career began the following year at Stark and spanned 24 seasons.

His teammates and opponents knew Mandy as a very tough competitor. He played every position except catcher throughout his career and was an outstanding right-handed pitcher and solid hitter. He was a playoff draftee several times before Stark finally made it back to the state tournament in 1971 after a 28-year absence. After that, Stark had a seventeen-year run of prominence where they appeared in nine state tournaments and were consistently one of the best teams in the state. Mandy was a player/manager for six of those years and was a major contributor where his leadership helped put Stark on the map. Perhaps no one exemplified the grit and heart of those Stark teams more than Mandy.

When his playing career at Stark concluded after the 1987 season, Mandy took over as manager of the Essig Bluejays from 1988-1994 where he had coached his sons' Bi-County team the previous year. He brought instant credibility and success to a team that had been struggling for many years. He also involved himself in the Essig baseball and softball programs as a board member for 15 years. On Essig's board, Mandy was a key contributor in significant upgrades to fencing, grandstand, scoreboard, dugouts and construction of a new youth field to help make Essig Ballpark one of the best complexes in the area. He was also a member of the committee that brought lights to Essig in 2015.

Mandy served in the U.S. National Guard from 1967-1973 and has been a member of Holy Trinity Cathedral in New Ulm since 1968. He is a member of the Knights of Columbus and a member of New Ulm American Legion Post 132 where he has been their gambling manager since 2007. He was Tomahawk League Secretary for over 15 years and Region 2C Commissioner for two more. For nearly 20 years after his playing and coaching days, he umpired softball and baseball at the high school and amateur levels with many section and state tournament assignments.

Through it all, Mandy was supported by his wife, Carol, eight children and 14 grandchildren.

For More Information:



Dallas Jelmborg East Bethel / Forest Lake

Dallas was born in 1960 and grew up playing youth baseball in Forest Lake through his elementary years. He later played for the Forest Lake Lakers for a few years in the early 1980s as a pitcher/2nd baseman but spent most of his amateur career as a manager. Dallas founded the East Bethel Bandits in 2005 and managed them for 21 seasons. In addition to countless hours dedicated to field maintenance and various ballpark improvements in the area, he emphasized the importance of becoming better citizens, community members and people to those who played for him. He led by example through how he carried himself with umpires, opposing teams and fans. In 2024, the East Bethel Bandits recognized Dallas with the team's Legacy Award.

For over 10 years, Dallas held a leadership position in the Soderville Athletic Association organizing youth baseball and softball programs. He held various roles including Travel Director, Director of Operations and President. At its height, the association organized league activities and schedules for more than 2,400 youth per year.

Dallas served as league president for both the Metro Minny and the Eastern Minnesota Leagues and is currently President and Secretary-Treasurer of the Eastern Minnesota League. Dallas also served as Region 1C Commissioner in 2012.

Outside of baseball, Dallas has invested great amounts of time in the East Bethel community. He has been a long-time member of the East Bethel Seniors and the East Bethel Lions Club, currently serving as President for both organizations. Dallas was a two-time recipient of the Lion of the Year Award and earned their highest honor, the Melvin Jones Fellowship Award, in 2015. He was chosen as the Grand Marshal for the East Bethel Booster Day Parade that same year and still assists the Lions Club with vision testing at local schools. For over 15 years, Dallas served as an usher, elder, Sunday School teacher and youth program director for Lord of the Lakes Lutheran Church in Chicago City. He also volunteers at North Anoka County Emergency Food Shelf (NACE) packaging food bags for those in need and has volunteered his time seven days a week at the East Bethel Recycle Center for the past 20 years.

Born to Harlan and Nancy Jelmborg, Dallas was the oldest of three with two sisters, Tori and Amber (Jay) Poffenberger. Dallas is married to Patty, has three children, Greg (Katie), Steve (Nicole) and Tracey (Mike), two stepchildren, Alex and Amanda Muhich, and six grandchildren, Evan, Norah, Claia, Eli, Henry, and Orietta.



Dale 'Lumber' Lindmeier Springfield

Dale's love for baseball began in Springfield at the age of six while playing catch in the backyard with his brother, Wayne. He played his first organized baseball in 5th grade for Springfield Little League and later played Jr. Bi-County, Bi-County, high school, and legion baseball. He played all positions except catcher but was primarily known as a tough right-handed pitcher who also hit .324 for his high school career.

After graduating high school in 1974, Dale went on to play amateur baseball for the Springfield Tigers for nine seasons from 1974-1982. In 1994, he became the assistant coach for the Tigers and took over as manager the following year. He managed the Tigers for six seasons with his daughters splitting time as bat girls. During this time, he led the Tigers to four consecutive state tournament appearances, including a third-place finish in 1998. Later, he coached his youngest daughter's summer softball teams for five years.

Dale was a member of the Springfield Baseball Association for 29 years where he put in countless hours on various ballpark projects. He served as president for more than a dozen of those years where he was instrumental in the Renew Riverside Park Project. This endeavor helped land the 2020 state amateur tournament for the first time in 52 years. The project included a new scoreboard, refurbished dugouts, press box, bullpens, fencing and fresh paint on the grandstand. It also included new netting and a new concession stand built as part of a beautiful plaza above the first base dugout. He oversaw the concession stand for years and thoroughly enjoyed the banter with other baseball fans while always extending a friendly handshake and a kind word.

Dale was a member of the Springfield Public School Board for eight years. He won the Spirit of Springfield Award for community involvement and promotion of the city in 2020. He has been a radio broadcaster of high school sports for over 28 years and been the exclusive voice of Springfield sports for the last 15. He is a life-long member of St. Raphael Catholic Church in Springfield where he has been an usher for over 40 years while serving on various church boards.

Dale's wife, Barb, has been his biggest supporter through the years along with his three daughters, Lindsey, Amber, and Courtney. They have always been there to cheer him on and will now help Dale pass on his love of baseball to six beautiful grandchildren.



Kyle Messner Hutchinson

Kyle grew up in Hutchinson, playing his first Little League baseball game in 1975. Kyle eventually played football, basketball and baseball at Hutchinson High School where he was All-Conference two years in football and two years in baseball. He played legion baseball from 1982-1986 and led Hutchinson to a second-place finish at the Minnesota State Legion Tournament in 1985 and a berth in the Great Lakes Regional Tournament hosted by New Ulm that year.

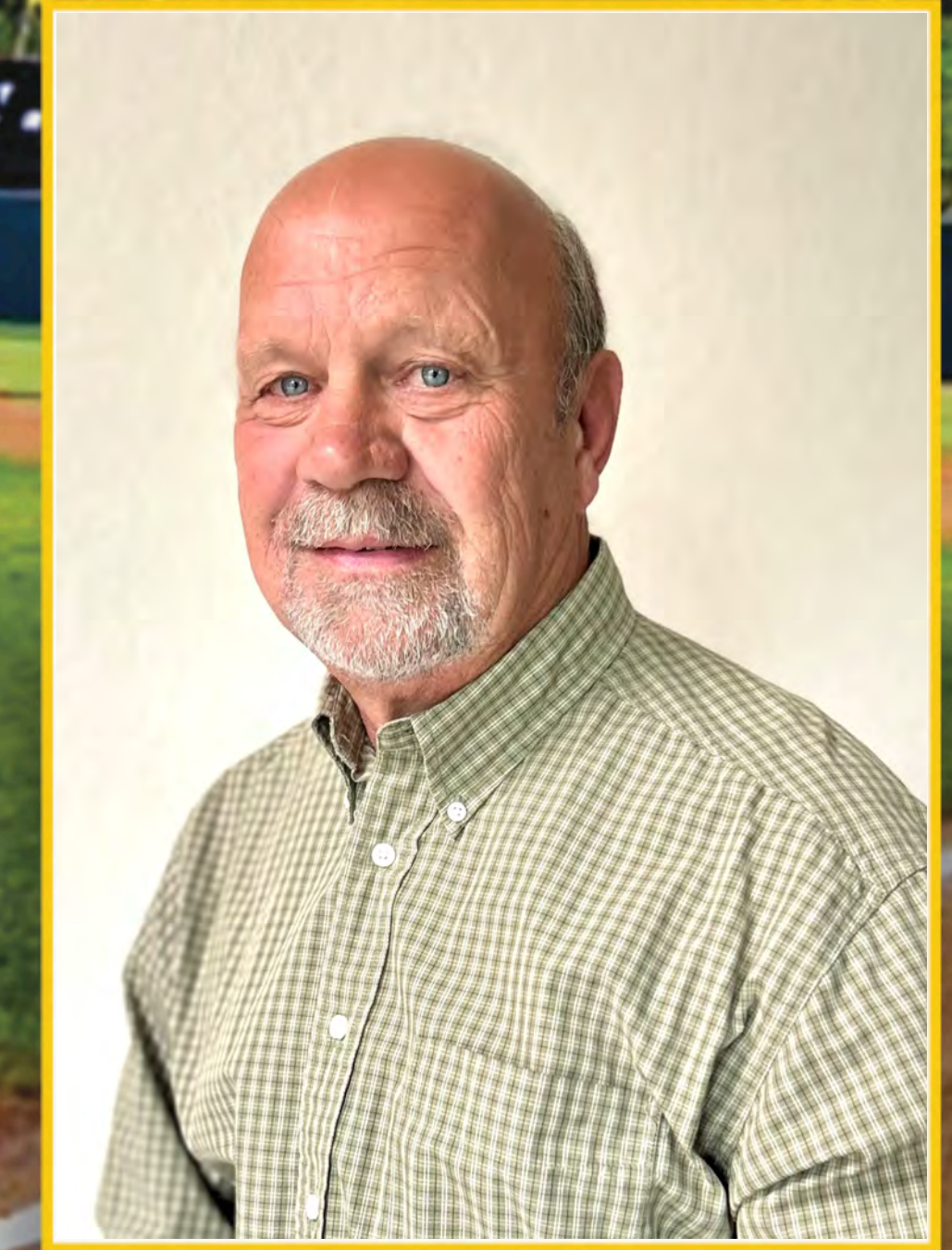
After graduating from high school in 1986, Kyle played baseball at St. Cloud State University. He was a hard-throwing right-handed pitcher, being named captain his senior year. Kyle threw a no-hitter against UND his junior year and was a three-time All North Central Conference selection.

Kyle played his entire amateur baseball career for Hutchinson from 1985-2023. In 1987, he threw the second no-hitter of his career against Arlington during their heyday. Another career highlight was being named the starting pitcher for the Huskies in the championship game of the 2019 state amateur tournament at age 51. All told, Kyle played in 32 state amateur tournaments either with the Huskies or as a draftee and was an All-Tournament Team selection in 1994. Kyle was inducted into the KOUZKARP Sports Hall of Fame in 2010 and inducted into the North Star League Hall of Fame in 2024.

Kyle has coached youth and high school softball in Hutchinson along with high school and legion baseball. He also managed the Huskies for three years, continues to mentor young pitchers when asked and helps with youth tryouts and camps.

Kyle served as President for four years on the Huskies Baseball Board and more than fifteen years overall in various roles with the intent of providing quality baseball at all levels in Hutchinson. He implemented new ways of making the game more entertaining for fans - Pick a Base, food trucks, dairy princesses and Ice Cream Night to name a few. He is a trustee for Hutchinson Church of God and worked closely with the United Way to start the annual Books and Baseball Night. Kyle has been a chairman for three state amateur tournaments hosted by Hutchinson in 2005, 2016 and 2025 and was instrumental in the building of a new grandstand at Veterans Memorial Field in 2025. Most nights you will find him working at the ballpark in some capacity.

Kyle attributes much of his success to his parents, Boots and Margaret, along with wife, Anita, daughters Maddison (Mitchell), Amber (Jayden), Rebecca (Troy), Emily (Gavin) and a growing list of grandchildren.



Tom Niehaus Richmond

Tom was born in Richmond in 1954 and developed a love for baseball playing countless pickup games in his neighborhood while growing up. He played two years of VFW baseball and three years of legion baseball in Cold Spring and Richmond. Tom played football and baseball at Cold Spring Roori High School where he was an All-Conference pitcher.

He began his amateur baseball career for the Richmond Royals as an eighth grader in 1968 and participated in his first state amateur tournament as a draftee for Lake Henry two years later. In all, Tom played 15 seasons for Richmond as a right-handed pitcher and outfielder. He won over 100 games on the mound and was a reliable hitter for his career, participating in three state tournaments as a player. In 1991, he became a coach for the Royals and continued in that role for 23 seasons, helping to lead them to six more state tournament appearances including a second-place finish in 1998.

Tom served on the Richmond Baseball Board from 2008-2024 where he was instrumental in many projects including new fencing, concession stand, press box, grass infield, sprinkler system and scoreboard. He planted numerous trees around the park and assisted in field maintenance for years. Tom was also heavily involved in the construction of two Little League fields in Richmond. He was Richmond's legion coach for five years and a Little League coach for another five in the 1980s. Tom oversaw the ordering of supplies for the youth softball, baseball and legion teams for many years and was active in organizing baseball day camps for kids. He and his wife have collected Richmond memorabilia for over 45 years and, in 2025, opened a museum called the Richmond Historical Collective.

Tom served on the City of Richmond Planning Commission from 2003-2013 and was Vice Chairman the final four of those years. He has been a volunteer for River Lake Days since 1990 and helped with the gun and meat raffle for the Royals from 2006-2013. He was a parent volunteer for Saints Peter and Paul Catholic School in the 1980s and 90s and a Cub/Boy Scout volunteer in the 1980s. He has been a life-long member of Saints Peter and Paul Catholic Church in Richmond and is a member of the Catholic Order of Foresters. He and his wife sponsored an international godchild for 30 years.

Tom has been married to his wife, Terry, since 1975 and have three children and seven grandchildren.

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