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BILL O'NEIL

WILLIAM J. (BILL) O'NEIL WAS BORN IN
OLDCASTLE, ONTARIO ON DECEMBER 28
1924.

AS A YOUNGSTER BILL HAD A GREAT LOVE
OF SPORTS AND PLAYED BOTH BASEBALL
AND SOFTBALL.

HE COACHED KIDS BASEBALL FOR A
NUMBER OF YEARS IN THE VILLAGE OF
MACGREGOR NOT FAR FROM HIS HOMETOWN.

BILL STARTED WORK WITH GENERAL
FOODS, IN WINDSOR, ONTARIO AT THE
AGE OF 18 AND MOVED WITH THEM TO
GOBOURG IN 1963

AS THEY SAY, THE REST IS HISTORY.

BILL COACHED THE LOCAL GENERAL FOODS
TEAM IN THE GOBOURG TOWN LEAGUE FROM

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1963-1970.

HE COACHED JUVENILE AND JUNIOR O.A.S.A. TEAMS THAT ALSO PLAYED IN THE TOWN LEAGUE FROM 1971-1990.

HE WAS THE COACH OF 4 CHAMPIONSHIP JUVENILE 'B' O.A.S.A. TEAMS DURING THE 1970's

OVER THE YEARS BILL O'NEIL RECEIVED NUMEROUS HONOURS AND AWARDS FOR HIS OUTSTANDING DEDICATION TO SPORTS IN THE TOWN OF GBOURG.

IN 1976 BILL WAS NAMED GBOURG'S SPORTSMAN OF THE YEAR.

IN 2002 HE WAS SALUTED FOR SERVING 40 YEARS AS TREASURER AND A VOLUNTEER IN THE GBOURG MEN'S SOFTBALL

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LEAGUE.

ON NOVEMBER 17, 2004 THE MAIN BUILDING
AT LEGION FIELDS WAS NAMED THE
BILL O'NEIL AVENUE.

ON NOVEMBER 7, 2007 BILL WAS
RECOGNIZED BY THE ONTARIO AMATEUR
SOFTBALL ASSOCIATION WHEN THEY
PRESENTED HIM WITH THE F.R. (FRANK)
FEATHER TROPHY AS ONTARIO'S 'MR
SOFTBALL'

~~BILL O'NEIL WAS ALWAYS KNOWN~~
DURING HIS COACHING CAREER BILL WAS
ALWAYS THE COOL, CALM, COLLECTED
FIELD MANAGER.

HE NEVER ABUSED AN UMPIRE OR A
PLAYER OVER THE YEARS, NO MATTER

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HOW DESERVING IT MIGHT HAVE BEEN.

HE WOULD DISCUSS AND REASON
A SOLUTION TO HIS CONCLUSION.

HE RESPECTED THE GAME.

BILL O'NEIL WAS A UNIQUE INDIVIDUAL.

HE GAVE BACK FAR MORE TO THE
SPORTING COMMUNITY THAN HE EVER TOOK
AND WAS A TRUE GENTLEMAN.

BILL O'NEIL - A GREAT ROLE MODEL.

COBOURG & DISTRICT SPORTS HALL OF FAME

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HONoured MEMBERSHIP NOMINATION APPLICATION

Date Received
SEP 28/18 *[Signature]*

Nominee: O'Neil William (Bill) J.
 Family Name First Name Middle Initial

Address: N/A

Postal Code: _____ Phone (H) N/A (W) _____

Email Address: N/A

Birth Place: Oldcastle, Ontario Date of Birth: 28/12/1924
 Day Month Year

Place/Date of Death: Cobourg, Ont. Dec. 10, 2015

Year Lived in Cobourg and/or District: 52 years 1963-2015

If nominee is deceased, please provide name, address and phone number of next of kin.

Nomination For: Athlete () Builder (✓)

Sport (s): Softball

SPORT	TEAM	ROLE/CAPACITY	DATE
Softball	General Foods	Coach	1963-70
"	Cobourg Juvenile & Junior	Coach	1971-90
"	McKeen Bros. Chrysler	Coach	1990-91

Championship Teams: (Please provide dates):

Four OASA Juvenile 'B' titles during the 1970's

Individual Awards/Citations: (Please provide dates):

Sportsman of the year 1976

40 Years as a Volunteer CMSL Aug. 2002

F.R. (Frank) Feaver Memorial Trophy Nov. 7, 2007

Bill O'Neil Pavilion Nov. 17, 2004

*Indicate if awards/honours are Local, Provincial, National or International

Associations/Organizations/Clubs with whom nominee is/was associated with (local, provincial, national, international etc.)

Cobourg Men's Softball League (local)

Legion Fields (local)

Ontario Amateur Softball Association (provincial)

Parks and Recreation Advisory Committee (local)

If possible, please provide a summary/description of any other additional information that would describe the nominee's outstanding contribution to sport.

There are scrapbooks full of newspaper clippings that will verify the above mentioned. This will be available to view upon request. There are also numerous plaques and awards as well.

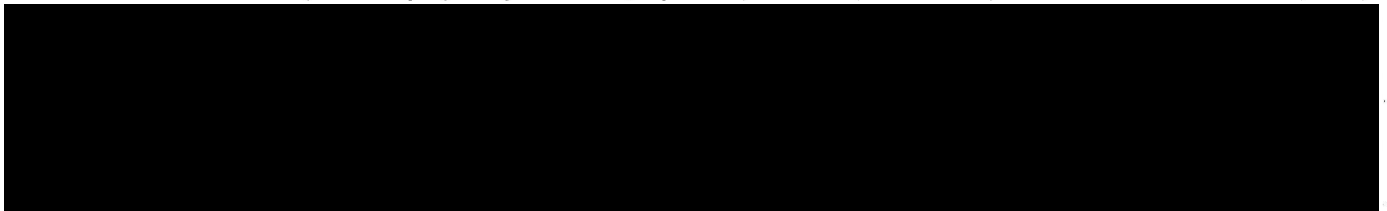
Newspaper clippings, scrapbooks, photos or sort memorabilia will assist in supporting the application.

**SUBMISSIONS WITH INSUFFICIENT INFORMATION WILL RESULT IN A
DELAY IN CONSIDERATION BY THE SELECTION COMMITTEE.**

Additional Information/Comments:

I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT, TO THE BEST OF MY KNOWLEDGE, THE ABOVE FACTS ARE TRUE, AND I ENDORSE THIS APPLICATION FOR INDUCTION INTO THE COBOURG AND DISTRICT SPORTS HALL OF FAME

NOMINATOR: Beth Bouman



Please return completed form to:

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