

Dorene Thoms

1995 Inductee - Special Recognition Category



Dorene was involved with softball at all levels. She umpired for many years and most people will tell you she took no guff. She coached Minor and Senior softball. Her Junior team, the Kirby MisfiG from Burnaby, were one of the better Junior teams in the late seventies.

During the late seventies, Dorene served as a member of the Softball B.C. Board of Directors. She was not afraid to speak up and spent countless hours defending and backing the officials program within the province.

Dorene's company sponsored a Major Women's Softball team during the early eighties through her business Hiker's Auto Transport. The team was one of the strongest teams in the country, but usually finished second to the Alpha Sports dynasty.

Since 1982, she nurtured and administered the Gordie McDonald Scholarship fund, which offers scholarships to young umpires toward their post secondary education.

Dorene received the Softball BC Special Recognition award at the 1995 AGM. Shortly after that, Dorene was admitted to the hospital, where she died November 15, 1995, after a lengthy battle with cancer.