

Joy Armstrong

2017 Inductee - Athlete Category



Joy Armstrong began her Senior A softball career at 13 years old, when she was discovered by coach Bobbie Peters. In 1947, she played with the Pacific Meats at Centre Park in Vancouver. Playing shortstop for the Pacific Meats, she quickly established herself as a strong defensive player and a powerful hitter, often batting third or cleanup.

Fast forward to 1951 when the Pacific Meats disbanded and Joy joined the Crowhurst Motors. From 1952-1958, Joy continued with the Crowhurst Motors, competing in many provincials across her career. In 1954, Joy was selected by Erv Lind Florists (Portland) to compete at the World Championship in Fresno, California. She also represented BC at the Western Canadian Championships, winning the title with her team.



In 1964, she returned to play Senior A softball with the Victoria Vicettes. There she transitioned from shortstop to catcher. That same year, she won the BC Provincial Championship and the Western Canadian Championship with the Vicettes. Joy was selected to join the BC All-Star Team, playing in an exhibition game against the world champion Stratford/Raybestos Brakettes. In 1965, she represented Western Canada at the inaugural Canadian Women's Softball Championship in Winnipeg and helped the Vicettes earn a silver medal. There she was recognized as the Top Catcher and Most Valuable Player at the championship.

Joy has left a lasting legacy as one of BC's premier women's softball players, excelling both at shortstop and as catcher.

Career Highlights

- 1956 – Western Canadian Championships Gold Medalist with Crowhurst Motors
- 1964/5 – 2x Senior A Provincial Championship Gold Medalist
- 1964 – Western Canadian Championship Gold Medalist with Victoria Vicettes
- 1964 – Selected for the BC All-Star Team
- 1965 – Canadian Women's Softball Championship Silver Medalist
- 1965 – Canadian Championships Top Catcher and Most Valuable Player Award Recipient
- 2017 – Inducted into the Softball BC Hall of Fame