



Mark Crump

2015 Inductee



Mark Crump grew up as a multi-sport athlete in the talent-rich small community of Elk Grove. He started playing baseball in the EG Boy's Baseball League at age 7, and served as a bat-boy for the Sacramento Smokey's from age 8 to 12, where his father played center field. Babe Ruth League was next where he was a two-year all star. Mark loved all sports, playing baseball, basketball, football and track. He was a star running back and line-backer in youth and high school football, and won ribbons in track for 70 Yard High Hurdles, Half Mile Relay, 440 Yard Relay, and High Jump. In his teen years he played baseball at EG High School, and Christian Brothers, and American Legion Baseball for Elk Grove and Post 61. Mark's adult baseball career began with the 1984 inaugural year of the SMSBL when it was named the Stan Musial Veterans League. He was one of the four 25+ year old catchers that was allowed to play in the new 35 year and over league. He played the first 5 years and then took about a 10 year break. He returned to play on Ken Chavez' SMSBL teams and with Cal West in the Woodland league. He participated in the MSBL World Series with a Father/Son team, and several years with Ken Chavez teams in Phoenix. Mark has always been highly respected and loved for being the consummate friend and teammate. His positive personality is contagious. In the 2008 Series he caught every inning of the tournament, and was named the "iron man" by his teammates after winning his first and only MSBL World Series Ring. He now looks back on that nick name with pride...Lou Gehrig was originally called the "iron man" of baseball, and now, a few years later, Mark says he is proud to carry another moniker of that great man and ball player...ALS...Lou Gehrig's Disease. We are pleased to honor Mark tonight as a great player, a great friend, and a great inspiration!

