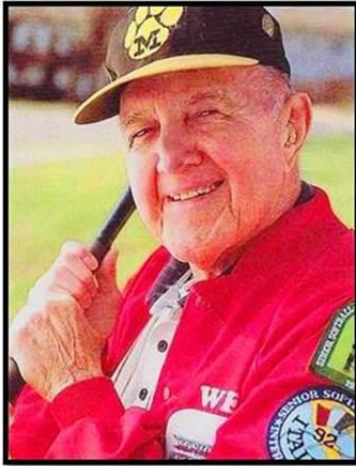


Wes Weddle



Without Wes Weddle, our organization would not exist. He founded the Kansas City Metro 50+ Senior Softball League in 1989, launched the first season with three teams in 1990, continually recruited new members, and repeatedly obtained television, radio and newspaper coverage to help the KCMSSL grow into what now is the largest senior softball league in the country.

Wes served as our president for 17 years and then as president emeritus until his death from cancer in 2013. A true gentleman, he treated everyone with respect, and in turn, he expected all players to be civil on the field. Sportsmanship mattered.

Wes also was known for his love of MU athletics and his mentorship of many youngsters during a 38-year career as a teacher and school principal in Kansas City. A Navy veteran of World War II, he often leaned on his wife, Ethel, to help with KCMSSL league activities and even to fill in playing on short-handed men's teams in the league's early years.

It was his love of the game that allows all of us to keep playing today.