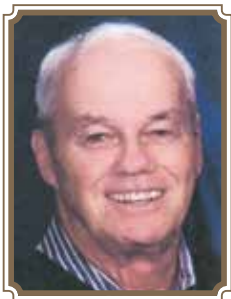


## SAD YEAR OF NJSSA

### Long Time Veteran Players Pass Away



Jim Hudson

Jim Hudson attended St. Paul's Grammar School in Highland Park and St. Peter's High School in New Brunswick where he excelled in football and basketball. He earned a football scholarship to Arkansas Tech in Russellville, Arkansas and also attended Upsala College.

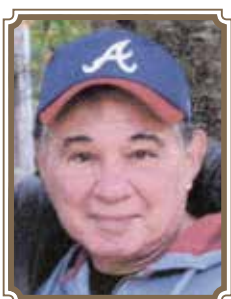
Jim served in the New Jersey National Guard 53rd Armor Tank Division, in Fort Knox, Kentucky. Sports were a huge part of life. He loved watching his children play soccer, basketball and tennis. He also played recreational basketball and softball in New Brunswick, North Brunswick and Middlesex County leagues well into his 70's. He played for a senior softball team, traveling around the country, winning several national champions. He was an avid tennis player until the end.

Jim was known for being a great ballplayer who had boundless energy and enthusiasm for life. He was a loyal friend to all and was the patriarch of the Hudson family. He had a great sense of humor and a larger than life personality. He loved to laugh, loved life, and loved his family.



Oscar Harrison

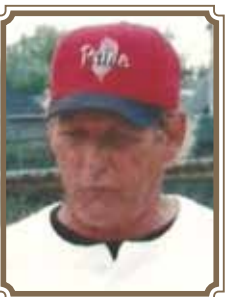
From First Base to Home Plate, Oscar was a remarkable man. Throughout his childhood years, to those of an adult, Oscar never gave his parents any problems or trouble. Oscar was soft spoken, quiet, but a fun filled gentleman who loved his family, friends, co-workers, and beloved softball teammates. Oscar entertained with friendly conversations. His co-workers gave him the nickname of the "Mayor". He possessed deep knowledge on multiple topics and loved using his computer to continue furthering his knowledge. Oscar loved baseball!!! He played on three different teams. Being with his teammates gave him great joy. If you ever wanted to talk about baseball, Oscar was the person to go to. Baseball was his favorite sport and hobby. Oscar's foot prints had covered first, second, third and home bases. Throughout Oscar's life, he never forgot that God was his strength in all situations. On November 18, 2013 our beloved Oscar hit his final Heavenly home run.



Sal DiBendito

Sal DiBendito accomplishments on the softball field were quite astounding. He was the manager of five different Amigos teams during the season. Tuesday Morning team, Saturday Morning team, the 50's night team, the 60's nights team, and the Saturday fall team. Besides managing these teams he was a member of the Board of Directors of the Tuesday Morning League, The Commissioner of the Saturday League and Saturday Fall League, and a member of the Board of Directors of the North Jersey Senior Softball Association. While he was a player/manager, he was constantly scouting for ball players to play on his teams. I know of other times when players were seriously ill in the hospital or were injured when playing. Sam/Sal was one of the first persons there to visit or even take them to the hospital. He always kept us informed of the condition of these fellow colleagues either by e-mail or announcements before the games. No matter what he did on the field, he was a very compassionate and caring individual and many ball players respected him for that.

On Tuesday, August 6, 2013 Sam/Sal was given the "Extra Base Hit Award" for his contributions to senior softball at the M.E.T.S.S League Annual BBQ. He was so emotionally overcome with this honor he hardly was able to speak. Little did we know at the time, his health was disintegrating at a faster pace than we had realized. Now, Sam/Sal is playing and managing in the BIG BALL PARK up THERE with other former colleagues, including Don Roth, Brian Leslie, Jay Horacek, John Healy, Mike Kane, and Don Slocum, to name a few. Now you have it!! The mystery is solved!! His formal name is Sam. Regardless how you remember him as either Sam or Sal, he was a true advocate for senior softball, an organizer of teams, and a caring individual. We are going to miss him.



Dave Meads

Dave Meads, another long time veteran of senior softball passed away last September. He was an Army veteran, serving during the Korean War. Dave played senior softball for many years throughout New Jersey. He played for the Jersey Jaguars and the Jersey Pride tournaments teams, as well as teams in Mercer, Middlesex and Union Counties. The tall left hander was a standout pitcher and first baseman, helping the Jaguars and the Pride to capture local, state and national championships. He loved the game and was known for his competitive spirit and aggressiveness on the diamond.

## Safe at Home

This Past Year  
Senior Softball lost the  
following members.

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| • Dominick Carbonari | • Jim Hudson     |
| • Dave Meads         | • Giuseppe Amuso |
| • Sal DiBendito      | • Ed Piller      |
| • Bob Cruz           | • Lester Rear    |
| • Oscar Harrison     | • Joe Benanti    |
| • Tony Menafra       | • Jack Rosal     |
| • Al Lombardo        | • Al Porcello    |

## In Memoriam

The following is a list of  
members of the New Jersey  
Senior Softball Association  
that have passed away.

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| Joe Adelhardt      | John McCabe         |
| Jim Airey          | Tom Madine          |
| Ace Ancett         | Al Manning          |
| Nick Angelillo     | Ed Manthey          |
| Frank Arbolino     | Frank Martinelli    |
| Nick Atria         | Dennis Miller       |
| Jerry Baron        | Al Mills            |
| Larry Behr         | Patrick Moran       |
| Bill Blitz         | Tony Muccia         |
| Dick Borman        | Ken Nixon           |
| Tom Burke          | John Offerman       |
| Don Braun          | Ken Olson           |
| Dick Bromberg      | Tony Padovano       |
| Chas A. Brown, Jr. | Armando Passarelli  |
| Bob Canales        | Bruce Pelletier     |
| Joe Capo           | Gerald Perpetua     |
| John McCarthy      | Al Perry            |
| Al Carlson         | Robert Postel       |
| Flip Chambliss     | Tom Price           |
| Ed Chaven          | Jim Powell          |
| Dennis Chmiel      | Steve Regec         |
| Joe Connelly       | Larry Rehak         |
| Mike Champion      | John "Duke" Rensing |
| Dan Cox            | Joe Riggio          |
| Fred Daprile       | Joel Rosenberg      |
| Mike DeCeglia      | Bob Rowland         |
| John Denito        | Don Roth            |
| Dom Deo            | Tony Russo          |
| Jerry McDermott    | Frank Scaliti       |
| Eugene Doyle       | Sonny Senerchia     |
| Bob Durkin         | Art Shaffner        |
| Bill Errickson     | Barbara Schmidt     |
| Ray Fasteau        | Jim Schultz         |
| Tom Fitzmaurice    | Don Slocum          |
| Joe Gabel          | Heshy Slotnick      |
| Pete Gergulas      | Ed Stevens          |
| Ed Ganczewski      | Frank Sweeney       |
| Harold Gelbhous    | Butch Taras         |
| Frank Giglinto     | Ernie Tasseff       |
| Joe Hepworth       | Don Trifari         |
| Jay Horacek        | Anthony Valeriani   |
| Russ Howell        | Mike Vaganek        |
| Tony Hyman         | Clyde Vail Jr.      |
| Mike Kane          | Jim VanBrunt        |
| Jack Kelly         | John Vereb          |
| Joe Kelly          | Lou Vespasiano      |
| Chet Kinal         | Joe Viola           |
| Bob Krause         | John Vitello        |
| Norm Lannone       | Pee Wee Vogel       |
| Tom Lapczynski     | John Williams       |
| Brian Leslie       | Lenny Yenish        |
| Jerry Lestardo     | Lenny Youngron      |
| Joe Iorio          |                     |
| John McCarthy      |                     |