

Butler County Softball Hall of Fame  
Class of 2016

**Wayne Simpson**

Wayne Simpson started his career playing fastpitch softball from 1954 through 1965 with the Immanuel Baptist Church Team. His first 7 seasons he was the catcher (which in all the years he played softball was his favorite position) and then outfield. In 1964 and 1965, Wayne helped his team win the league championship along with his two brothers Vernon and Harold Simpson. In 1966, Wayne switched to slowpitch and became a shortstop sensation while playing for Ohio Casualty Insurance (OCASCO) from 1966 to 1974. During that time, his team won the Business Men's League Championship 8 out of 9 years he played. In 1967, OCASCO was the Butler County ASA Industrial Tournament Champions and Runner-ups in 1971, 1972 and 1973. In 1968, Wayne had a spectacular year, leading the team in batting average, hits, runs scored, homeruns and RBI's, earning him the MVP award. Wayne continued playing for the Immanuel Baptist Church Team from 1975 to 1986. In 1976, he was honored with the team's "Best Christian Attitude" award. This award was the most important to him throughout all of his playing days. He was part of the Immanuel Baptist Church team (being honored here today) that won the City Church Championships in 1980 and 1985. Wayne played an amazing 33 years, spanning 4 decades from 1954 through 1986. Other players that played with him or against him will tell you that he was one of the best hitters they ever saw, whether it was fastpitch or slowpitch.

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