

# **The Wisconsin Fastpitch Softball**



## **Coaches Association Inducts**

**GENE VAN DYCK**

**Dodgeville High School**

**into the WFSCA Hall of Fame**

Gene Van Dyck, a prominent figure in Wisconsin fastpitch softball, transitioned from playing fastpitch himself to assistant coach at Dodgeville High School in 1989. Taking the helm as head coach in 1992, Gene boasts an impressive record of around 500 wins. He has led the Dodgers to two state runner-up finishes, a state championship, three Sectional championships, and over a dozen regional and conference titles each.

Beyond high school, Gene guided his summer travel team to victory in the 18U open ASA state championship and secured two Badger State game runner-up titles. Despite starting coaching in his late 40s, Gene's impact extends over 30 years. During which, he coached his daughter who was the starting pitcher on the State runner up team, and his granddaughter who was the starting pitcher on the State championship team.

Off the field, Gene enjoys fishing, hunting, and working with and watching his four granddaughters excel as softball pitchers, and his five grandsons kick, hit, or shoot some type of ball. He can be found many days of the week at Wilson Park in Dodgeville, working with any young athletes interested in becoming better softball players. Lastly, Gene also celebrated 50 years of marriage this past year and refers to his amazing wife Rita...as a "saint"!