



MARTY SPRINGSTEAD
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Marty Springstead, at the age of 36, became the youngest umpire crew chief in World Series history. A native of Rockland County, New York, Springstead was an American League umpire from 1966 to 1985. He umpired in three World Series, three All-Star games and five AL championship series.

After retiring from the field, Marty became the American League's Executive Director of Umpires, and then worked as an umpire supervisor for MBL after the umpire staffs from the leagues merged. He retired from his management position before the 2010 season.

Marty got his start umpiring in Babe Ruth League games. It was Springstead's friendship with another Rockland County native that peaked his interest in the Babe Ruth program—the late BRL President/CEO Ron Tellefsen. Besides umpiring many Babe Ruth games, Springstead served as a member of the BRL Advisory Board and spoke at numerous Babe Ruth World Series. He also played a major role in the establishment of the Babe Ruth League National Umpires Association and contributed hundreds of articles over the years on umpiring tips that were featured in the BRL BULLPEN Newspaper.

Marty was an avid teacher, a great story teller and a friend to countless people around the game. His colorful officiating performances behind the plate and on the field will never be forgotten.

