

GARY SPURGEON
1942—2013



Gary Spurgeon of Bloomfield, Iowa, lost his life on August 25, 2013, after a courageous battle with Mantle Cell Lymphoma. He was 71.

Spurgeon joined the Fox Fiver Babe Ruth League (now known as Davis County) in 1983, becoming League President that same year. He also served as a manager for the league, coaching his son Scott, and grandsons Nathan, Clinton and Alex Forsythe and Ben Spurgeon. During his tenure as League President and as a volunteer, Spurgeon led the league in hosting numerous district and state tournaments. Gary managed many league championship teams and earned three third-place finishes. He retired from the league in 2010.

In 2005, Spurgeon was appointed Iowa District 3 Commissioner, a position he held until the time of his death. For his commitment to the Babe Ruth program, Spurgeon was inducted into the Iowa Babe Ruth Hall of Fame.

Professionally, Gary Spurgeon served as owner and publisher of the Bloomfield Democrat Newspaper and was the recipient of several distinguished publishing awards.

