

## Angelo "Suff" Suffredini



Angelo "Suff" Suffredini was born on May 1, 1924 in Seneca Falls, NY and continues to live in and contribute to Seneca Falls to this day. Someone once said that "if you were an athlete in Seneca Falls, you were either coached by Suff, had your games refereed or umpired by Suff or had ziti dinners

served to you by Suff."

Suff's involvement with sports and the youth of Seneca Falls goes back to approximately 1950 when he coached the Kiwanis Grasshopper League team (a predecessor to Little League) to the State Championship game in New York City, where the team played in the old Ebbet's Field. Suff went on to coach, manage and be involved in Little League, Babe Ruth, Hooks-Wilstie League (16-19 year olds) and Senior League Baseball, as well as helping to organize and be involved in the St. Patrick's School sports program.

Mr. Suffredini managed the Water-Falls Cardinals state semi-pro baseball team for fourteen years and compiled a seventy-five percent winning percentage. He also was an organizer of the Seneca Falls Jets Semi-Pro basketball team, coached the Water-Falls Red Tops basketball team (high school boys) as well as Moose Club basketball. Angelo Suffredini was a member of the IAABO Basketball Officials of Rochester and volunteered his time as umpire and referee at all levels of baseball and basketball.

For twenty-four years, Suff served as Chairman of both the Mynderse Academy and St. Patrick's Sports banquets. In addition, he was instrumental in perpetuating the Mynderse Academy Sports Booster Club, was the Supervisor of the high school skating rink, and was an original member of the Seneca Falls Recreation Board.

Angelo Suffredini has been honored for his volunteer service, dedication, and commitment to sports and the youth of Seneca Falls by the Seneca Falls Parent-Teacher Association (lifetime membership), the Veteran's Administration in Bath,

N.Y., Little League and Hooks-Wiltsie Baseball, the Rotary Club of Seneca Falls (Citizen of the Year), the Seneca Falls School District, Mynderse Academy (Athletic Director's award), the SMS, St. Patrick's Parish, St. Anthony's Festival Committee (the Father Beatini Award) and the Village of Seneca Falls (Angelo Suffredini Day, April 29, 1979).

When asked about his many years of volunteer service and commitment, Suff merely said "I did it because I loved it." When asked how his wife Gena put up with his being gone so many days and weekends, Suff responded, "She said I could go where I wanted as long as I left the car home."

Suff listed being inducted into the Mynderse Academy Sports Hall of Fame, having the high school baseball field named in his honor, the Father Beatini Award, a lifetime membership in the P.T.A., and coaching the Water-Falls Cardinals as his most memorable experiences.

Currently, and for the past twelve years, Suff has headed the annual SMS Diabetes Association Chicken B.B.Q. with much help from local businesses. All proceeds for the past several years have gone to the Geneva General Hospital Dialysis Unit. This charity is close to the hearts of Angelo and Gena Suffredini since they lost their son, Mark, to diabetes on May 23, 2005.

Angelo and Gena Suffredini were married on April 24, 1948 in Seneca Falls, NY and are the parents of two sons, Mark and Phillip, and four grandchildren, Timothy, Brian, Kevin and Andrea.