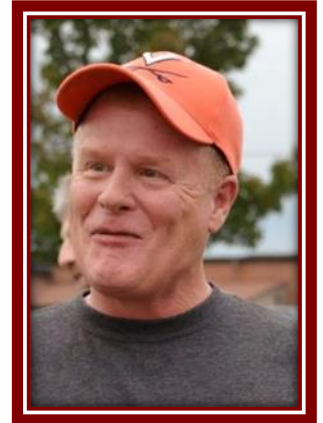




Carlton “CT” Wingfield



Amherst County Sports Hall of Fame was founded to recognize athletes, coaches, contributors and administrators who have contributed to the betterment of all sports in Amherst County. Carlton Timothy Wingfield known to all as CT fits in most all categories in one way or the other. Born and raised in Madison Heights, sports was always a part of CT's life. From playing neighborhood ball with his brother Steve, friends, Wayne Robertson, Tony Floyd and many others, he grew to love all sports.

CT played his first organized sport on the fields of Madison Heights Baseball Association. He played on several All-Star teams. His All-Star teams twice won the District and one team finished runner-up in the State tournament. From the youth league fields in Madison Heights he began playing baseball at Amherst County High School. He started on the JV team both his freshman and sophomore years. His sophomore year he was pulled up from the JV team to the Varsity team at tournament time. He played on the Varsity team his junior and senior years. In 1978, he played on the State Championship team. A highlight of his high school baseball career was when, “unfortunately” Allen Herman broke his ankle. Coach Procopio looked down the bench and hollered Wingfield get your glove and go to second base. He said I looked around to make sure I was the only Wingfield on the team. He found himself standing at second base with Linnie Irvin playing shortstop. He asks Linnie how much of the middle do you want me to try to cover. Linnie told him, just stay out of my way and let me take everything up the middle. CT said that's exactly what I did and the rest of the season Linnie and I worked very well together. CT always bragged about having the opportunity to play for Amherst County Sports Hall of Famer, Jim Procopio. He said to play for Coach Procopio you had to have discipline and a passion for the game.

His passion for sports was also instilled in him by his dad, Carlton Sr. His dad was quite an athlete himself. After high school CT joined the family business, Wingfield Real Estate. This is where he meets the criteria of a contributor. They were financial supporters of county sports whether it be youth sports or something the high school needed. They never missed an opportunity to support the sports programs in Amherst County.

Financially was not the only way CT supported sports. He gave his time to volunteer. He was a Charter Member of the Amherst County Sports Hall of Fame. He and all the Board Members started at the same time in 2012 and have remained together since that first meeting. He had a passion for what the Hall of Fame was accomplishing and was adamant about the growth of the organizations future. To explain his passion, at the very last board meeting he attended, we discussed that we had received a donation for a building fund for the possibility of building a permanent site for the Hall of Fame and he immediately spoke up and said I'm all in, I will help anyway I can. That was CT. He was sincere in every way.

CT was an avid golfer. He always said a bad day on the golf course was a lot better than a good day at work. If you really wanted to see him light up all you had to do was mention watching his granddaughter play softball. He was always there at every game cheering her on and instilling the passion for the game in her that was instilled in him at a very early age.