



Reverend Bill “Red” Lumsden A Life of Service, Spirit, and the Ball Field

Known simply as “Red,” he is the steady presence who readies the field hours before the first pitch, welcomes 140 families each season, and makes every child feel seen, valued, and at home.

“He’s the backbone of the league... the director, but also the grandpa.” And Red himself says - of his young players, *“Eighty sweet souls that makes every day brighter.”*

Red’s dedication to the children is not just love of baseball, it is **spiritual service**. Raised attending a **Spiritualist church with his father**, Red learned early that every soul is precious, every child carries light, and every act of service is a form of ministry.

Those teachings stayed with him, shaping the way he coaches, encourages, and protects the little ones entrusted to him.

When the Marne school closed and the community feared the league would end, **Red stepped forward**, guided by that same inner calling. He rebuilt the program, recruited families, and ensured that the children would still have a place to grow, learn, and belong.

To Red, the Ball field is more than a diamond, it is a **circle of Spirit**, a place where kindness, patience, and joy become lessons that last far beyond the eight-week season. His Spiritualist training shows in the way he sees each child as an unfolding soul, offering them the best environment he can “and guiding them so they can flourish.”

In every raked baseline, every encouraging word, every moment spent cheering his “sweet souls,” Red expresses his spirituality not in sermons, but in service.

We are reminded Red is proof that ministry can happen anywhere, including on a Little League Ball Field.

