

CHUCK QUINN MEMORIAL AWARD

The words of all that knew him, "Great communicator, great educator, great coach!! This was Chuck Quinn, Glencoe High School softball coach and teacher. Chuck taught sociology and did marriage and family counseling during his short tenure as a teacher and coach at Glencoe High School in Hillsboro, Oregon.

Chuck Quinn coached the varsity softball team at Glencoe during the mid through late 1980's. He put together the Glencoe Sox summer ASA softball program to help develop his players for the high school season. He coached the Senior Sox program while his friend and confidant, Mike Springer, coached the Junior Sox.

Mike Springer said of his friend, "Chuck was the most caring man I have ever known. He coached the right way. He encourage fair play, sacrifice, and honor above everything else. His coaching was about learning team work and working together over winning."

On July 2, 1990, Chuck Quinn, his assistant coach, and five players were on their way home in the assistant coach's van. They were returning from a summer double header ASA softball game in St. Helen's, Oregon. At 10:30PM, a drunk driver crossed the highway and hit them head on. The assistant coach and his daughter were thrown clear from the van. The other three girls were trapped in the van. Chuck, who was riding in the passenger's seat, was pinned from the waist down between the dash and the seat. Paramedics said that he was in one of those positions where if they cut him out he would immediately bleed to death, but if they didn't there was no other way to get him out. Chuck was conscious the entire time and knowing his situation told the paramedics to take care of the girls first which they did. Upon saving the girls, they cut Chuck out of the van only to lose him on the way to the hospital. Chuck was only 46 years old.

Every two years, Oregon ASA Softball, recognizes the youth softball coach of the year that best exemplifies the caring and concern for his or her players that so epitomizes Chuck Quinn's short life.