



Steve Austin is a legend in the world of local youth baseball. He was a mentor to many umpires and was a friend to even more. He was loved by all including coaches and players.

Steve found his true calling when he began to umpire youth baseball and softball in 1999. The next few years, he became involved in several sports' official associations, working hard to improve his skills and become a top-notch official. He umpired all levels of play from youth to college ball, sometimes traveling across the states to officiate. He then served as a board member on these same associations and became one of the area umpire-trainers.

When he was diagnosed with cancer, Steve rose to the challenge gracefully. Rarely missing a beat, he dealt with his illness with few complaints; he served on the field as long as he could physically, and then off the field until his passing in the fall of 2018. He lived long enough to see the start of this grant program take shape, and to personally award the first Steve Austin Umpire of the Year award, passing on the torch of his passion for excellence to those who respected and admired his service to the legion of sports officials in the area.

This memorial fund, which his family and sports official friends have started in Steve's honor, will help new officials with funds for training and equipment needed to serve the youth programs as an umpire for baseball or softball. By supporting this cause, we'll be following through on Steve's passion to make a difference here in Michigan communities which benefit from these youth programs.

We hope you will join us in supporting the *Steve Austin Memorial Fund*. You can make a donation directly, become a sponsor, or support the fund by coming out to the ballpark and enjoying a great day of baseball. Below is a simple donation form if you would like to mail a check to show your support. You can also go to www.steveaustinmemorial.org and donate online.

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