Stanley W. Konesky Jr.

Stan grew up in the Hill section of New Haven playing baseball at the Amvets Little League, Sacred Heart in the parochial league and Berra / Rizzuto league. He graduated Notre Dame High School then graduated from Southern Connecticut State University with a Bachelors’ Degree in Education and a Masters in Psychological Counseling; then continued his education at the University of New Haven earning a Masters in Criminal Justice. Stan was employed at Branford Police, retiring as a lieutenant after 29 years and then became a lead instructor at the State of Connecticut Police Academy POST, retiring after 13 years.

He has been a member of the New Haven Board of Umpires, later renamed the Greater New Haven Baseball Umpires Association for 51 years. Stan has umpired Little League and founded the first LL umpire school for Branford. During his career he umpired high school, American Legion, Twilight, semi pro and Shoreline Babe Ruth baseball.

His start in umpiring was with the Andy Papero Little League at Davis Street Park. His dad, the late Stan Konesky Sr., later became the umpire in chief. The Konesky family has sponsored the Stan Konesky Sr. Sportsmanship Award for over 25 years at the Papero Little League.

During his umpiring career he organized the “Tournament For A Cure” in 2011 & 2012, which was a baseball tournament at the Connecticut Sportsplex and raised over $17,000 for the New Haven Chapter for Diabetes. He was extremely proud of the umpires from GNHBUA for volunteering their time every year for the 3 day tournament. This was the first ever involvement of the GNHBUA in such a worthwhile community venture.

Stan organized, designed and had built the first ever Branford Little League two story clubhouse/concession in 1993 raising over $42,000 with the first year profits exceeding $17,000.

He has been a member of the Yale Football chain crew for 17 years and presently is their Crew Chief. During his free time he volunteered coaching for numerous youth baseball, basketball and football teams for over 30 years

Some of his other accomplishments:

- Wrote “UMPS – How Police and Umpires mutually deal with Conflict Resolution” for Referee Magazine 2010

- was President of the Walter Camp Football Foundation from 1999-2000 & a member since 1987

- Served as parliamentarian, umpire evaluator and recording secretary of the GNHBUA

-Played for numerous adult softball teams winning the City of New Haven, Branford and other league championships

-Adjunct professor at the Henry C Lee College of Criminal Justice at University of New Haven

-President of the SWKonesky Consulting Firm for police civil liability and law enforcement science

Among the awards he has received are the “Outstanding Executive Award” from the American Football Foundation; “Good Guy of the Year Award” Farnam Neighborhood House; Branford Board of Education Hall of Fame; Connecticut American Legion Law Enforcement Officer of the Year; Branford Little League Outstanding Service Award; and the Branford Chamber of Commerce Humanitarian Award.

Stan lives in Branford with his wife of 41 years, Sandy, and has two married sons, Stosh ( Kyle) and Dru (Krisy) ,two grandchildren , Jaeden and Chase and expecting twin grandchildren in October, 2017.

He wishes to thank the Southern Connecticut Diamond Club for this prestigious honor of being inducted in their Hall of Fame and receiving the Andy Gassira Umpire Award.