

# Doug Smith Receives Alberta Umpire of the Year Award

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**Congratulations to Doug Smith**



Doug Smith of Stettler was presented with Alberta's Umpire of the Year Award at the annual awards presentations.

Pictured with Doug are CASUA executive members Erin Fuller (Secretary / Treasurer) and Malcolm Murray (president)

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# New Level 3 Provincial Umpires

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Congratulations to the following CASUA umpires who were granted their level 3 after being evaluated at the annual qualifying Provincial tournament.

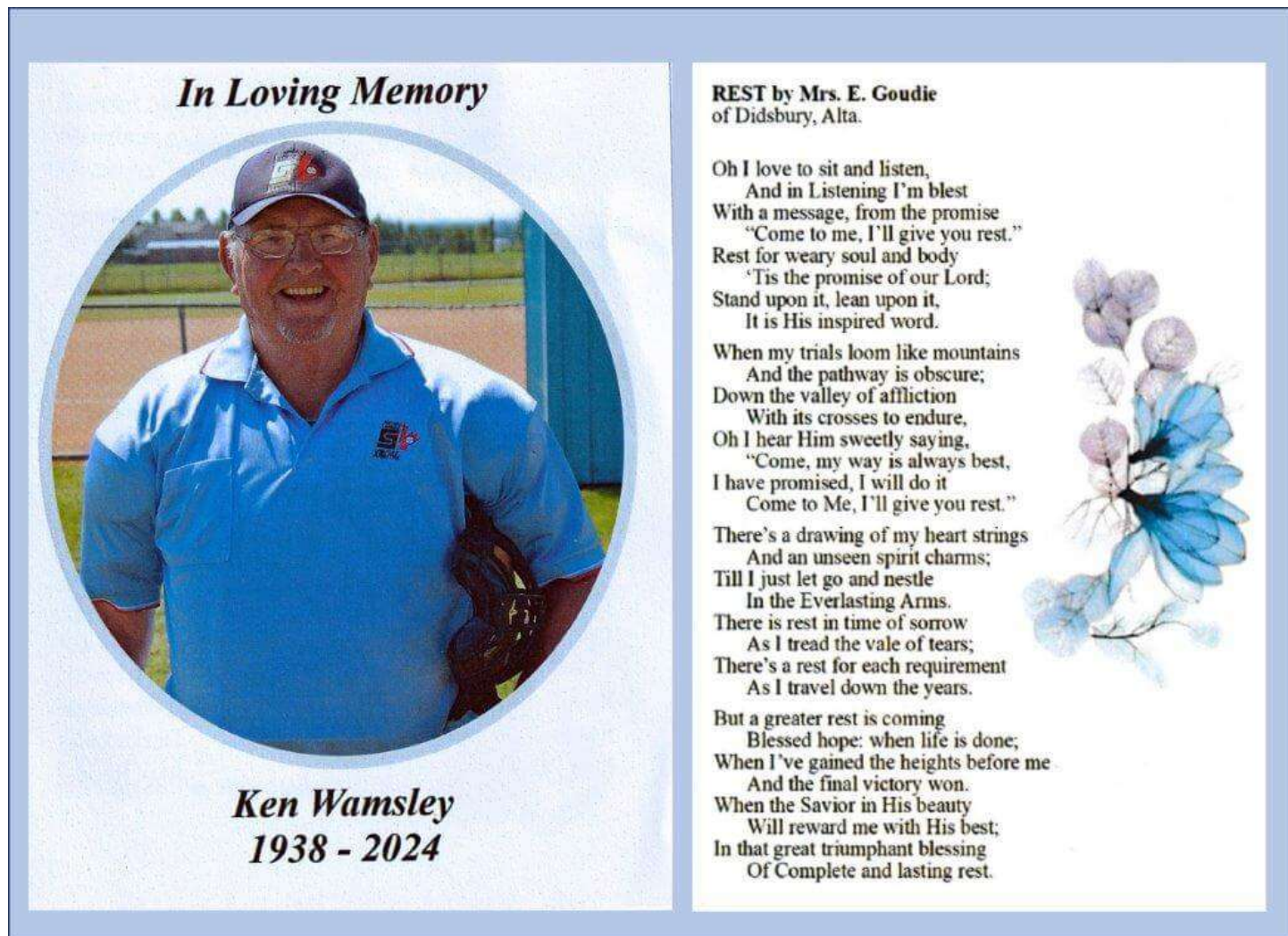
- Jesse Baron
- Cameron Kriel
- Austin Trieber
- Miles Trieber

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## Ken Wamsley – Remembered

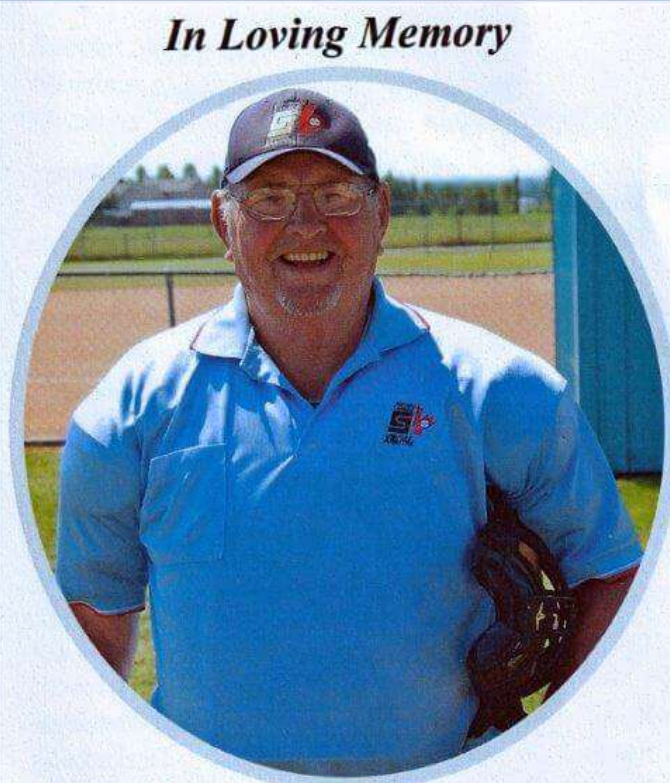
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The funeral service for Ken was held on Saturday, September 7th. the service pamphlet is below.



The pamphlet features a circular portrait of Ken Wamsley on the left, wearing a blue polo shirt and a baseball cap. To the right of the portrait is a vertical column of text containing a poem and a floral illustration. The text is set in a serif font, and the floral illustration consists of several blue and purple flowers with green leaves.

*In Loving Memory*



**Ken Wamsley**  
**1938 - 2024**

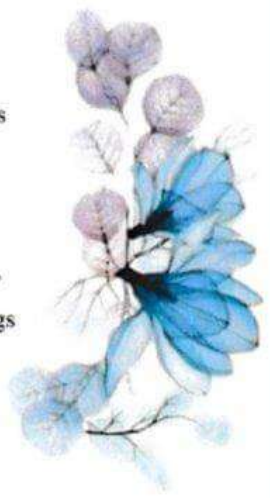
**REST** by Mrs. E. Goudie  
of Didsbury, Alta.

Oh I love to sit and listen,  
And in Listening I'm blest  
With a message, from the promise  
"Come to me, I'll give you rest."  
Rest for weary soul and body  
'Tis the promise of our Lord;  
Stand upon it, lean upon it,  
It is His inspired word.

When my trials loom like mountains  
And the pathway is obscure;  
Down the valley of affliction  
With its crosses to endure,  
Oh I hear Him sweetly saying,  
"Come, my way is always best,  
I have promised, I will do it  
Come to Me, I'll give you rest."

There's a drawing of my heart strings  
And an unseen spirit charms;  
Till I just let go and nestle  
In the Everlasting Arms.  
There is rest in time of sorrow  
As I tread the vale of tears;  
There's a rest for each requirement  
As I travel down the years.

But a greater rest is coming  
Blessed hope: when life is done;  
When I've gained the heights before me  
And the final victory won.  
When the Savior in His beauty  
Will reward me with His best;  
In that great triumphant blessing  
Of Complete and lasting rest.



***IN LOVING MEMORY OF  
Kenneth Lawrence Wamsley***

<b>Born</b> June 24, 1938 Didsbury, Alberta	<b>Passed Away</b> July 3, 2024 Rimbey, Alberta
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***Officiating The Reverend Lyn Lamers***

<b>Scripture</b> Anita Wamsley	<b>Obituary</b> Denise Retzlaff
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<b>Eulogy</b> Kerry Heisler	Sharka Launhardt
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**Poem**  
Dick Wamsley

<b>Special Message</b> Softball Pat O'Callaghan	<b>Special Message</b> Basketball Jack Rudd
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**Special Music**  
Members of Sylvan Sacred Massed Choir  
Come As You Are, Pianist Cheri Kay

**Video Memorial**

**Special Music**  
Sean Neergaard  
Amazing Grace  
Congregation join in on third verse

**Hymns**  
As the Deer, How Great Thou Art

Benediction

Thank you to all who supported Dad and the family these past months. Thank you to the Rimbey Hospital and Care Centre for the excellent and personal care from the nurses and doctors.

Please join us for refreshments in Yoos Hall.



Unfortunately we have lost Ken Wamsley in his 86th year as he passed away at 5:20 a.m. on Wednesday, July 3, 2024.

Ken was an active umpire for 42 years, retiring after a U14 game on the plate at the age of 83.

Read more about Ken below

Ken earned his Level 3 status in 1995. He has been the recipient of five significant awards during his career:

- EDSUA Umpire of the Year, 1993
- Laurie "RAS" Rasmussen Award, 1998, for contributions to the EDSUA
- EDSUA Wall of Fame, 2004
- Softball Alberta Zone Award of Merit, 2018
- Softball Canada Umpires Indicator Club, 2023

Ken was equally active in the upper levels of the provincial basketball community for many years.

We have lost a friend, mentor and renowned story teller.

The association sends it's condolences to Kerry, Gary, Ken's family and friends and his umpiring family.





## CANADIAN INDICATOR CLUB

The objective of this Club is to acknowledge contributions made by individual umpires to the officiating program across Canada.

### Ken Wamsley (Benalto, AB) 2023

42 YEARS OF SERVICE TO THE  
SPORT OF SOFTBALL!

Ken started umpiring in 1980 and worked regular weekly assignments, zone playoffs, Provincial Championships (including a 15 inning Junior Men's game!) and Western Canadian Championships during his time as a member of the Edmonton District Softball Umpires. After earning his Level III status in 1995, Ken was recognized with the Laurie "RAS" Rasmussen Award in 1998, was inducted into the EDSUA Wall of Fame in 2004

After relocating, Ken joined the Red Deer Association in 2002, and received the Softball Alberta Zone Award of Merit in 2018.

In 2021 Ken celebrated his 83rd birthday by working the plate in a U14 game in Red Deer and continued to celebrate his youthful outlook on life through the 2022 season.

Congrats & "thanks again" Ken!

Ken on behalf of all of the  
umpires you have helped over  
the years be better umpires &  
better people -

Happy 85th birthday!





2018 Softball Alberta award for

Outstanding Volunteer Service for the Development and Promotion of Softball in Alberta





Ken received the prestigious Softball Canada Indicator Award in 2023 in recognition of his ability as an umpire, mentor and instructor.

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## Provincial Championship Officials

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CASUA contributed mightily to the officiating pool for provincial championships, the majority of which were held within the zone. We thank all those who worked, especially rookie provincial officials.

If we are missing anyone, please let us know.

**U13C/ U15C – Blackfalds**

Bella Hebert	Pat O’Callaghan
Clark Webster	Randy Jamieson
Deb Schultz	Roland Desjardins
Dorothy Leiman	Ryder Desjardins
Jeremy Organ	Scot Reichert
Josh Christensen	Shane Sroka
Kerri Towers	Sue Butterfield
Madeline Plewis	
<b>UIC Brad Lyon</b>	<b>DUIC Erin Fuller</b>

**U17A – Calgary**

Austin Trieber	Jesse Baron
Cam Kreil	Miles Trieber

**U19A – St. Albert**

Cam Kreil	Jesse Baron
Erin Fuller	Jeremy Organ

**U19C – Castor**

Austin Trieber	James Wheat
Brian Christensen	Malcolm Murray
Cam Kreil	Miles Trieber
Chris Harper	Sheri Morbeck
Jake Tolsma	Vicki Parks

**UIC Doug Smith**

**Intermediate/ Senior Women – Blackfalds**

Brad Lyon	Jeffry Mydland
Brian Christensen	Jesse Baron
Chris Harper	Jordanne Schroh
Clark Wood	Josh Christensen
Danny Baron	Kerri Towers
Dorothy Leiman	Malcolm Murray
Doug Smith	Ron Lemasurier
Erin Fuller	Scot Reichert
Jack Sell	Shane Sroka
Jake Tolsma	Vicki Parks
James Wheat	

**UIC Pat O'Callaghan**

**U15A – Camrose**



Danny Baron	Clark Webster
Jesse Baron	Roland Desjardins
Jordanne Schroh	Ryder Desjardins
Vicki Parks	Sheri Morbeck

**UIC Doug Smith**

**U19B – Irma**

Malcolm Murray	Scot Reichert
Jake Tolsma	

**U17C – Grande Prairie**

Jeffry Mydland

**Intermediate Men**

Chris Harper

# CASUA Umpires at Nationals & Westerns

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Thank you to all those who were selected to work National and Western championships.

<b><u>CASUA National and Western Championship Assignments</u></b>				
Chris Harper	Nationals	Senior Ladies	Aug 7 -11	Blackfalds, AB
Erin Fuller	Nationals	Senior Ladies	Aug 7 -11	Blackfalds, AB
Malcolm Murray	Nationals	Senior Ladies	Aug 7 -11	Blackfalds, AB

Shane Sroka	Nationals	Senior Ladies	Aug 7 -11	Blackfalds, AB
Jeremy Organ	Nationals	U17 A Girls	Jun. 28-30	Calgary, AB
Jesse Baron	Nationals	U17 A Girls	Jun. 28-30	Calgary, AB
Miles Trieber	Nationals	U17 A Girls	Jun. 28-30	Calgary, AB
Jake Tolsma	Nationals	U17 A Girls	Jun. 28-30	Calgary, AB
Danny Baron	Nationals	U19 A Girls	Jul. 31 – Aug. 4	Saskatoon, SK
Jordanne Schroh	Nationals	U19 A Girls	Jul. 31 – Aug. 4	Saskatoon, SK
Shane Sroka	Nationals	U19 A Girls	Jul. 31 – Aug. 4	Saskatoon, SK
Sheri Morbeck	Westerns	U17 A Boys & Girls	Aug. 8-11	Port Alberni, BC
Levi Wagner	Westerns	U19 Ladies	Aug. 8-11	Irma, AB

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## Canadian Ladies Nationals

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The 2024 Women's Canadian Fast Pitch Championship was held in Blackfalds, AB – August 7 – 11.

**Trudy Haroldson** was the driving force behind bringing the tournament to Blackfalds, and she and her organizing committee and volunteers from Ladies League teams **N. Jenson's Bandits and Chaos** are to be congratulated on the successful event.

Compliments were received from the out of province umpires, many of who work internationally, and Softball Canada staff who described it as one of the best run and organized national events they have seen, especially the opening ceremonies and the fact that the province's premier attended (a first for the sport) and passed out individual awards prior to playoff Sunday.

Three members of CASUA were on the officiating crew, those being **Erin Fuller, Chris Harper** and **Shane Sroka**.

In addition other members of CASUA, including president **Malcolm Murray** and **Jeremy Organ** were working in umpire liaison capacities.











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## Lacombe Outstanding Umpire

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Keevah Rellis volunteered to move up an age category when the crew found themselves short an official.



**Keevah Rellis**  
Lacombe Tournament  
**Courage Award**  
Moved up a new age division  
due to an umpire shortage

Keevah is presented her award by Levi Wagner the UIC for the tournament.

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## U19C Provincials in Castor

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Some of the playoff crew, who thank Castor for their hospitality









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## U13C & U15C Provincials in Blackfalds

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Here are some of the crew members













# Stettler Tournament – May 31 – June 2

June 5, 2024 by [admin](#)

Umpire MVP winners in Stettler,

- Kylar, Rookie Award.
- Bella, Performance Award.

Thanks to Doug Smith, UIC for keeping things moving all weekend





# Ponoka Tournament – May 24 – 26

May 27, 2024 by [admin](#)

Some of our rookie umpires and up and coming future star umpires.



**Kayla & MacKenzie**

Gold Medal Game Umpires  
U13 Division



**Myla & Trinity**

Gold Medal Game Umpires  
U11 Division



## Freeze or Fry 2024

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Action photos from Blackfalds.

