

# Bob Turnbull

Red Wing

1974 MVP



**His Story:** Bob Turnbull grew up in Red Wing and was a prolific three-sport athlete playing football, basketball and baseball. A 1970 graduate of Red Wing High School, Bob attended the University of Minnesota on a baseball scholarship. He played on the same team as Tim Grice, Steve Comer, Jon Walseth and Dave Winfield. They finished third in the 1973 College World Series, losing 8-7 to four-time champion USC.

In the 1974 Minnesota State Amateur Baseball Tournament, Bob, or Bull as he was called by his friends and teammates, and Perry Bauer pitched every game of the tournament and were outstanding, with three shutouts. In the final game against West St. Paul the score was tied 5-5 after nine innings.

Here is the account of the rest of the game as written by Brent Schacherer of the Red Wing Republican Eagle:

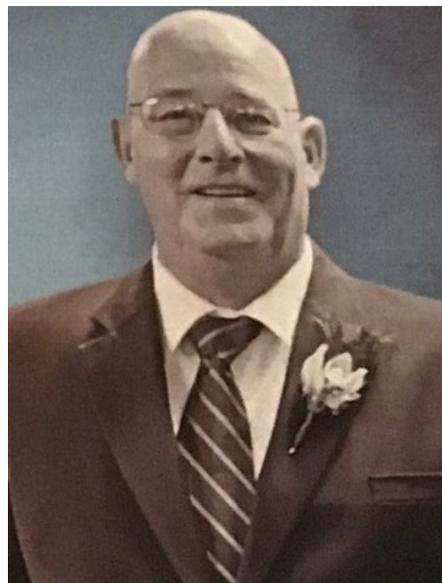
After nine innings, the score was knotted at 5-5. Turnbull, who threw 125 pitches in beating Cyrus in the semi-finals earlier in the day, relieved Bauer to start the 10th. Bauer finished the game with 11 strikeouts and one walk. Turnbull threw 11 pitches in the 10th inning, getting three straight outs. That sparked the Red Wing offense. Tom Ditty, a draftee from Miesville, hit a one-out triple in the Aces' half of the 10th. Second-baseman Kelly Bohmbach then drove a 1-1 pitch through a five-man infield to score Ditty with the winning run.

"Turnbull was really amazing. I thought it was just a shame that he didn't get picked up by somebody, Bombach said." Bob never played professional baseball, however, he made his mark in the world. He left Minnesota and spent most of his adult life in Omaha, Nebraska. He had two wonderful daughters, Kimberly and Amy. He is also survived by two sisters, Sandy Hauff and Jackie Schiemann. He was inducted into the Red Wing Baseball Hall of Fame in 2010.

## *In Memorium*

Born: October 10, 1951

Died: August 13, 2017



- Bob Turnbull, Red Wing, 1974
- Pitcher
- Won two games
- Pitched 18 innings allowing just two earned runs
- Had a tournament ERA of 1.00
- Struck out 24
- Went 7 for 20 at the plate for a .350 batting average



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