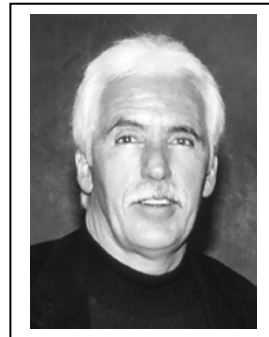


# Softball and Parks & Recreation Community Leader Loses Courageous Battle with ALS

## Tim Doyle

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Timothy J. Doyle, 64, lost his courageous battle with ALS (Lou Gehrig's disease) on Saturday, October 24, 2009 with his family by his side.

Tim served on the Metro Detroit ASA board since 1975 where he started out as an active board member and eventually a Deputy Commissioner. Tim also served as the association's president in 1980 and 1981 before being selected as the MDASA Commissioner in late 1990. He was inducted into the Metro Detroit ASA Hall of Fame in 2004. Tim served as the national ASA/USA Softball Chairman of the Substance Abuse Committee beginning in 1996 for a number of years. Tim also served at the ASA/USA Softball Drug Testing Representative where he was an on-site coordinator for the United States Olympic Committee at 13 national ASA championships.

Tim served the Parks and Recreation industry for more than 32 years. Tim, a former Parks and Recreation Director for Independence Township and a president of MRPA in 1986, was a health, fitness, and nature enthusiast. Tim also received the Michigan Recreation and Park Association Fellowship Award, the highest honor for the association, in 2002. More recently, Tim continued his hard work serving the public sector by providing quality recreation-related equipment as a partner and Vice-President for Engan-Tooley-Doyle. He was a graduate of University of Wisconsin - LaCrosse, and received his Masters degree from Michigan State University.

***Tim Doyle, a dedicated true professional to Metro Detroit ASA . . . and the entire country in promoting the game of softball!***

Tim is survived by his wife Laura, mother Idalia; children Tara, Shane, Ryan, John and Angelina; three grandchildren; and two brothers. Friends may visit Tuesday 2-9 pm at the Pixley Funeral Home Godhardt-Tomlinson Chapel, 2904 Orchard Lake Road, Keego Harbor. Additional Visitation in Wisconsin on Thursday 4-8 pm with Funeral Mass Friday at 11 am at St. John Catholic Church in Spring Green, Wisconsin. Burial follows in Spring Green Catholic Cemetery. Memorials to ALS of Michigan. Visit [www.mem.com](http://www.mem.com) to share a memory.

Condolences to the family can be sent to: 2231 Garland Avenue, Sylvan Lake, MI, 48320.

### **What is ALS?**

Often referred to as Lou Gehrig's disease, amyotrophic lateral sclerosis (ALS) is a progressive, fatal neuromuscular disease that slowly robs the body of its ability to walk, speak, swallow and breathe. People with ALS are generally paralyzed in the later stages of the disease. In most cases, the mind is unaffected. The disease was named for New York Yankees first baseman, Lou Gehrig, who played in a record 2,130 consecutive games before ALS forced a premature retirement in 1939.

- The life expectancy of an ALS patient averages two to five years from the time of diagnosis. In 2002, **Tim Doyle** was diagnosed with ALS. Seven years later, he surpassed the life expectancy of patients with this disease before it took his life.
- Every 90 minutes someone in this country is diagnosed with ALS, and every 90 minutes another person will lose their battle against this disease. ALS occurs throughout the world with no racial, ethnic, or socioeconomic boundaries.
- There are approximately 15 new cases of ALS diagnosed every day.
- ALS can strike anyone. Presently there is no known cause of the disease. Someone you know or love may die from ALS unless a cure is found.
- Caring for a loved one with ALS costs on average of \$200,000 each year.