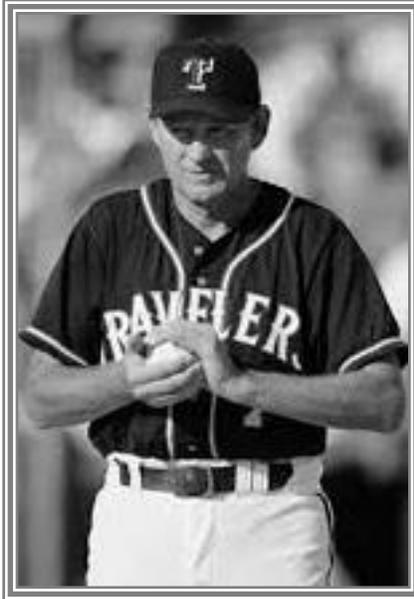


Ron "Doc" Simmons - HoF - 2013



Ron Simmons was born Jan. 27, 1946 to Roy & Avon Simmons. He has one brother, Dan, and 2 children Kyle, age 42 and Kristy, age 39. Ron attended high school in Sumner, NE and finished his career as the #2 scorer in Nebraska high school basketball history scoring 2,476 points.

He attended UNL in 1964 with a full scholarship in basketball and baseball. Ron was an academic all American in 1967 in basketball and was the #1 draft pick in Nebraska of the Detroit Tigers in 1966. He chose dentistry as his career and earned his DDS in 1971 and continues to practice dentistry in Broken Bow, Nebraska.

Ron has been known in fast pitch softball circles as "Doc" Simmons. Ron became obsessed with softball at age 16 and has sponsored or coached for the past 50 years. He has been admitted to the Nebraska high school hall of fame as well as the Nebraska ASA hall of fame.

He was chosen as a player for the ASA Pan Am team in 1986. In 1971 Doc formed his own team in Broken Bow and the Travelers became a reality. The Nebraska ASA commission would not allow Nebraska teams to compete in ISC competition until the early 1980's. In 1995, Doc became determined to field a team with a legitimate chance to win a world tournament. Since 1995, Doc's Travelers have become the most dominate team in fast pitch softball. During that span of time, they won 6 world titles and finished 2nd 5 times. The Travelers have also won 21 state ASA championships and 2 ASA titles.

Without all the great players and coaches I have been associated with, none of this would have been possible. I am very grateful to have had the opportunity to share all the success with them.