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James was playing in a church softball league when the team qualified to enter the city tournament. However, since the games were played on Sunday's the church would not let them wear their uniforms. So their first games were played in white T-shirts. Everyone took notice from the start that James a gifted ballplayer.

He played for teams that traveled in Oklahoma to Texas and California for tournaments, along the way he received accolades for outstanding hitter, MVP and All Tournament team as a catcher. Finally ending his career with the best, the ISC Hall of Fame, inducted in 1994.

James was selected to the ISC All World team in 1957, 1958, 1961, 1963 and 1964. Also in '63 he was the Leading Hitter for the World Tournament with a .400 average. James has always spoken well of all his years as a player and of the great men he played with and against. James is still an avid sports fan. It doesn't matter what is on TV, if it has some kind of competition, he is watching it. James retired from softball early so he could instill his love for sports into his two sons, Butch and Mike.

And his love for anything sports has been passed down to his grandchildren and great-grandchildren and will continue for generations to come.

When James isn't watching football, he is fishing or hunting. And if he was as good as a softball player as he is with everything else he decides to tackle, everyone was fortunate to see him play.