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Tim spent his whole life devoted to baseball from the time he was able to swing a bat, into Little League, Babe Ruth, high school ball and on through college. After college it was difficult for him to leave the sport he loved so much.

In the summer of 1984 Tim was introduced to fastpitch softball by a high school friend whose team needed a catcher. He agreed to give it a try because he wanted to play ball. In 1986 he was asked to try out for Pay 'N Pak of Seattle where with only two years of fastpitch experience, was catching 85-mile-per-hour pitches from Jimmy Moore one of the best fastpitchers in the world. From there Tim spent the next 17 years of his life devoted to the game of fastpitch softball. He played for Pay 'N Pak, Seafirst, Penn Corp., NHCD, The Farm Tavern, Tampa Bay Smokers, Decatur Pride, and Victoria Traveller's Inn. For many years Tim would finish his season here in the states just in time to come home and help the family harvest cranberries. When harvest was done he would be off to New Zealand to play during the winter to help improve his skills to be a top notch player.

Tim was quoted in a local newspaper article saying "Softball has been very, very good to me," he said "I've been all over the world, playing softball meeting beautiful people and enjoying myself. All because I can throw and hit a softball."

I asked Tim to share one of his fondest memories from his years of playing and he said "It was 1990 in Victoria, Canada playing for Seafirst with Jimmy Moore and winning the ISC Championship. We came into the tournament the underdogs and won."

Over the years Tim received many honors, trophy's, and medals for his efforts on the field.

Tim is back home in Grayland, Washington with his son Jon, growing cranberries on the family farm. He is also coaching high school baseball, Babe Ruth baseball and high school wrestling.

Brief Summary of Accomplishments

Tim was an 8-time ISC All World catcher between 1987 and 2000, playing for various top teams like Pay N Pak, Seafirst, Penn Corp, NHCD, The Farm Tavern, Decatur Pride and Victoria Traveller's Inn.

In addition, he played on 3 USA national teams in ISF World Championship competition, received 3 ASA All America designations, 2 ISF All World selections, earned ISC Most Valuable Player honors twice and Leading Hitter once. He was the consensus *best catcher in North America* during a span from 1986 until his retirement in 2002.