

## Nomination for Hall of Fame

I would like to nominate **Steve Nielsen** for the Slow-pitch Hall of Fame. Steve is one of the best outfielders in the state that has played the game of Slow-pitch softball. He has consistently hit .700 or above for many years while batting lead-off or second in the lineup. Today he still has the speed to make some very hard catches that a younger person would have trouble making. It is a lot of fun playing new teams that do not know Steve's arm. Once they see him throw, taking an extra base for the other team usually comes to a halt! Now, playing in the Senior Series, he still makes plays and has the speed that makes one envious. He has displayed that he still has what it takes to play the game as he is still a feared hitter, who is hard to get out! He is still making unbelievable catches up against the fence and making diving catches at 53 years of age. I do not remember a game in the last 20 to 25 years that we have played together that Steve did not give 100% each game. Steve has played the game for 32 years. He lives and breathes the game. He has played on 11 State Championship teams and has been in numerous top 5 finishes. He has played on two National Championship teams and numerous top 5 finishes in National Championship play. Steve has been on seven All-American teams and All-Tournament teams. Steve was an outstanding athlete at DSM East High School where he excelled at Basketball, Baseball & Track. Steve lives in Altoona, Iowa. His wife's name is Terri and he has 3 sons Brian, Beau, and Tyler and he has 2 grandchildren Gavvon & Mia. He has played league in Urbandale, West Des Moines, Altoona and Des Moines during his career.

Sincerely,

Dave Sapp