

## Gordon Breen (aka Mr. Baseball) Biography

- Born March 2, 1928 in St. John's, NL
- Holy Cross was his alma mater
- Passed away August 21, 2020 at the age of 92
- Wife was Margaret (nee Keiley). She passed away in 1992 at the age of 61
- They had 7 children, 14 grandchildren and 3 great grandchildren (and counting...)
- Career spanned 32+ years with CN (CN Railway and CN Marine). Retired at age 55 in 1983
- Athlete (Baseball, hockey, soccer, bowling, golfing, basketball and softball)

<b>Player</b>	<b>Coach</b>	<b>Builder</b>	<b>Volunteer</b>
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- Inducted into the Newfoundland & Labrador Basketball Assoc Hall of Fame (Builder) in 1999
- Inducted into the St. John's Amateur Baseball Assoc Hall of Fame (Player) in 1983
- Inducted into the Baseball Newfoundland & Labrador Hall of Fame (Player) in 1984
- Inducted into the Newfoundland Sports Hall of Fame (Player) in 1985
- Inducted into Newfoundland & Labrador 5-Pin Bowling Assoc Hall of Fame (Player) in 2006

- 1987 Recognized by Government of Canada as Volunteer

(The Government of Canada proudly salutes Gordon Breen in grateful recognition of your contribution to your community.)

- 2002 Recognized by Government of Newfoundland & Labrador as Volunteer

(For Outstanding Efforts and Valuable Contribution to the Development of Recreation and Leisure Services that contribute to Improving the Quality of Life for the Citizens of your Community.)

### **Baseball Related Information from the NL Sports Hall of Fame page:**

Gordon earned the title Mr. Baseball as he wall a member of 14 St. John's all star baseball teams, 12 of which won the provincial championships. He played with Holy Cross in the Senior League for 17 years, being on 5 championship teams. He was elected MVP three times in provincial competition and three times in the St. John's league. In addition, he was the home run champion twice, RBI leader four times and hits leader three times in the St. John's league. In 12 seasons, he had a batting average of over .300. He coached the Newfoundland Terra Novas, who won the Canadian Junior Baseball Championships in 1966. He has served in a variety of executive capacities within St. John's, provincial and national baseball.