

***John E. Farley***  
***Jan. 13, 1919 – Feb. 26, 2006***



**It's difficult to sum up John Farley's life except to say that everything he did, he did for others. He worked hard to provide for his family as a mechanic and handyman, but always found time to be a part of the softball world.**

**John umpired until his knees and legs couldn't handle it any longer. He loved being an ASA commissioner and held the position of Ohio District I ASA Commissioner for 52 years retiring Jan. 1, 2006. He was also a member of the Ohio ASA Hall of Honors and the JO Softball Commissioner for 10 years.**

**The month before John passed away he had his son, John, take him to a couple of softball meetings so he could introduce the new guy "Martin Drain" and say goodbye to something he loved so much.**

**John lived on his scooter during his final years and did business at the parks from his scooter. His strong will and determination to do his job well came to an end when he made the decision to retire so the sport wouldn't suffer because of his lack of ability to do the job correctly in his frail condition.**

**In addition to his many contributions to the softball world John was also a World War II Veteran earning the Bronze Star, Purple Heart and more. John Farley is survived by his wife Ellen and 5 children, John, Linda, Tom, Barb and Robert.**