

## GOLDEN SENIORS AWARD OF MERIT: 1982-2019

For 38 years, annually until the pandemic canceled the 2020 season, the Golden Seniors Softball Club honored members whose efforts and achievements enhanced the club. The first “Man of the Year” was recognized in 1982 (club pioneer Ted Larson). It evolved to become the Award of Merit in 2007.

Sixty-two members have received the honor.

The apparent oldest living recipient, Bill Turner, was honored in 1991. He turned 100 on April 23, 2000, and last known to be residing at a Sacramento-area assisted living facility. The facility would not confirm whether he is still a resident and the club does not have a family telephone contact.

About 30 recipients have passed away, and are noted below with the + sign. An “R” means the person has relocated or could not be located. A committee of former honorees considers nominees and selects recipients, who are usually recognized at season-ending events. Here is an updated list:

1982 Ted Larson +	2000 Gean Rockwell +	2012 Trudy Smartt
1982 Charlie Lee +	2000 Ernie Kidwell	2012 Ron Roach
1982 Deni Treaster +	2001 Joe Mucciaccio +	2013 John Mizerak
1983 Jim Knoble +	2001 Gil Mashburn +	2013 Arnie Wilkerson
1984 Bill Clark +	2002 Ken Wollenberg R	2014 Don Shank
1985 Frank Bzik +	2002 Clyde Kennedy +	2014 Pete Ward
1986 Al Bianchi +	2003 Jim Lortz	2015 Freddie Miller
1987 Leroy Leonard +	2004 Foster Maxwell +	2015 Cloicec Wade
1988 Fred Rainey +	2005 Ed Campini +	2016 Bill Hill
1989 Hi Witt +	2005 Doug McCreary R	2016 Ernie Shaffer
1990 Wreston Leslie +	2006 Henry Fontes	2017 Bob Smartt
1991 Bill Turner	2007 Susan Tucker	2017 Dave Tanner
1992 Bud White +	2007 James Powell Sr. +	2018 Bob Nielsen
1992 Mel White +	2008 Dick Seward	2018 Deanna Sesso
1993 Ken Dumont +	2009 Dave Vargo	2018 Don Wall
1993 Jack Presley +	2010 Bob Havrilla +	2019 Rocky Wilkerson
1994 Ralph Congdon	2010 Jim McNamara +	2019 Bob Ellison
1995 Dante Ciardella	2011 Henry Low R	
1995 Bill Sullivan +	2011 Tom Sansone	
1996 Babe Thomas +		
1996 C.B. Brady +		
1997 Benny Benson		
1998 George Hodsdon		
1998 Lou Coppola +		
1999 Jim Mulholland +		
1999 Earl Strom +		

