



**Robert S. Hoag – Class of 1943  
(1924 – 2012)**

Robert Hoag dedicated his life to the Maumee community and his legacy is seen in many ways across the city. Grandpa Hoag, as he was called by most who knew him, volunteered in a number of ways. He served as a Commissioner on the city's Parks and Recreation Committee for more than 10 years. However, he is best known for the 58 years he served with Maumee Little League. Along with 11 others, he helped form the city's Little League in 1953, and over the years wore nearly every hat and held nearly every office. He coached, managed, and umpired, working with generations of ballplayers across six decades. He lived his values of citizenship, discipline, teamwork and sportsmanship, passing on these traits to countless players. Many young people and adults alike learned Hoag's favorite words: "Be gracious in victory and have dignity in defeat." Bob spearheaded much of the planning, construction, and installation of Maumee's baseball fields and in 1994 the ballpark on Ford Street was officially named Robert S. Hoag Field in his honor. In 1995 the Chamber of Commerce recognized Bob's years of public service, naming him Citizen of the Year. The Exchange Club conferred on him their Golden Deeds award in 1973. Grandpa Hoag remained continuously active in the Maumee Little League until his death in 2012 at the age of 88. His legacy of volunteerism lives on through his family and the countless Maumee Little Leaguers whose lives he changed for the better.