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FLOYD CHARLTON REMEMBERS PARK OPENING



MEMBERS OF THE LITTLE LEAGUE PIRATES OF 1965 MEET THE BASEBALL LEGEND -- CASEY STENDEL

## Former Little League coach honored Charlton remembers opening day

Taking part in the R. E. Moore Sportsplex 50-year anniversary activities on Saturday of last week at Omaha gave a father and son some quality time to reminisce and recall some of the memories of the park's grand opening day back in 1965.

Floyd Charlton of Omaha, 87-years old now, was recognized last week at the anniversary celebration as being the only living coach who had a Little League team to play on that opening day at the new park.

Charlton was introduced and recognized by Todd Moore, grandson of the late Randy E. Moore, a former big league baseball player who was instrumental in founding the park for youth of the surrounding Omaha and Naples area.

It was also a fond memory to look back and remember that his son, Danny Charlton, was a member of that team and that all the boys and coaches that day were privileged to meet Casey Stengel, a New York Yankees baseball

legend -- a player, coach and a team manger during his baseball career.

Stengel, a longtime friend and teammate of Mr. Moore, accepted an invitation from his friend to attend the celebration and throw out the first pitch that opened the day's Little League tournament.

The event drew one of the largest crowds ever to the park to see Mr. Stengel as he spoke to those attending and to see him make that first pitch.

Charlton was the coach of the Pirates team, above, that day 50 years ago. Members of the squad, left to right, on the front row were Larry Betts, Alan King or Bubba Perkins, Tim Tenbrook, Randy Johnston, Tony Gibson and Paul Wayne Cook. Making up the back row were the coach, Charlton, Danny Charlton, Ricky Richards, Larry Kirk, Gordon Ray Fulcher, Terris Keene, Joe Mike Cason, Steve Wommack, Ricky Don Jackson and Mark Jackson -- all with Mr. Stengel.



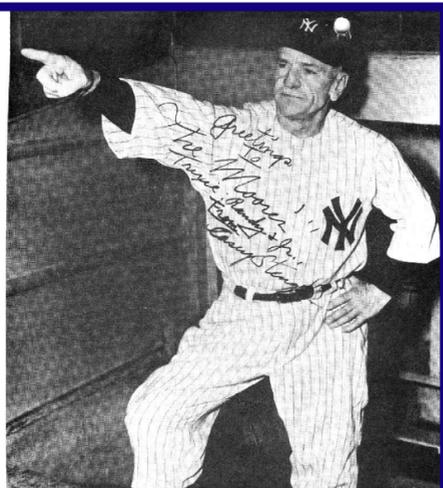
DANNY CHARLTON AND HIS DAD, FLOYD, WITH A TEAM PHOTO FROM 1965



CASEY STENDEL VISITED WITH THE OVERFLOW CROWD AT THE NEW PARK AND TOLD STORIES OF HIS BASEBALL CAREER



RANDY E. MOORE, A NEWSPAPER PHOTOGRAPHER AND CASEY STENDEL DISCUSS GRAND OPENING DAY AT THE NEW OMAHA PARK IN 1965



RANDY E. MOORE, LEFT AND CASEY STENDEL IN THEIR BIG LEAGUE DAYS

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