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Pete's athletic career spanned a number of years, first playing high-school baseball for the Dowling Maroons. Then he played for Grand View Jr. College for two years for coach Dave Sisam. In 1967 Grand View qualified for the National Junior College World Series in Grand Junction, Colorado, where they placed 5th. He then transferred to the University of Iowa where he played for two years, lettering in 1967 and 1968.

In 1970 Pete moved back to Des Moines and joined the J. & B. Tap Team in Des Moines, where he played with Ron Fillman and several other friends who he knew. J. & B. Tap was a quality team at the time and his introduction to the fast-pitch game at this level is a compliment to Pete's abilities.

A year or so later Pete joined John McDuffy's team which was the Des Moines Merchants. The Merchants were always one of the top four or five teams in the Greater Des Moines area. During the 1960's and 70's Des Moines had over fifty teams that played quality ball. Pete played all outfield positions as well as third base and other infield positions and he occasionally caught. At this point in his career he was a very respected hitter each time he appeared at the plate.

After his career with the Merchants, he moved to the LaPizza House team in Des Moines. This team won many games, many tournaments and awards consistently. They were always contenders in any game or tournament which they appeared.

In 1976 He moved to the Des Moines Bombers. The Des Moines Bombers were ASA State Champions during several years in the 70's and 80's. The Des Moines Bombers consistently had strong pitching, hitting and provided many quality players with the ability to compete and win at a consistent level. Pete played with Wendell Blankenburg, Tom Stokesbary and Dean Olson just to name a few.

Pete retired from the game in 1978 as his spouse, family of 3 children became his focal point of attention he was unable to travel extensively at this time.

He is always remembered as a competitive and quality player and quality person representing the game in the Des Moines area.

The contributions he made assisted in making the game an exciting sport for many years during the 1970's for many players and fans alike.