



CITY OF KNOXVILLE PARKS AND RECREATION

WHO IS ED BAILEY?

Lonas Edgar “Ed” Bailey, Jr.
(April 15, 1931 – March 23, 2007)

In May 2011, the City of Knoxville renamed its adult recreational baseball league after former professional baseball player and former city councilman Ed Bailey. Currently, the Ed Bailey League hosts a dozen teams comprised of many current and former high school and college baseball players who compete in a 14 game regular season and double-elimination tournament at Ridley-Helton Field (old Bill Meyer Stadium) and West High School.

Ed Bailey grew up a baseball prodigy out of Strawberry Plains and spent many days hitting homeruns at Bill Meyer Stadium. He briefly attended the University of Tennessee before signing with the Reds in 1950. Due to military service, Bailey missed all of the 1951 and 1952 seasons. Bailey’s MLB career lasted 14 seasons including stints with five different teams: Cincinnati Reds, San Francisco Giants, Milwaukee Braves, Chicago Cubs, and the California Angels. His best statistical season was in 1956 with the Reds when he hit 28 homeruns, had 75 RBIs, and a .300 batting average. Bailey retired from professional baseball in 1966 as a member of the California Angels.

Career Highlights

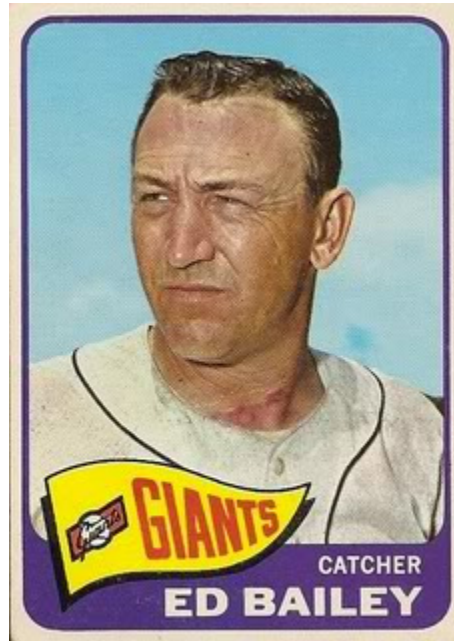
- National League All-Star in 1956, 1957, 1960, 1961, and 1963
- Hit 3 homeruns in one game in 1956
- On September 10, 1959, Ed faced his brother, Jim (a pitcher for the Reds)
- Hit a two-run homerun in Game 3 of the 1962 World Series
- Catcher during Juan Marichal’s no-hitter on June 15, 1963
- Made two unassisted double plays in 1963 & 1965

Years	Games	At Bats	Runs	Hits	Homeruns	RBIs	Stolen Bases	Batting Average	On Base %	Fielding %
14	1,212	3,581	432	915	155	540	17	.256	.355	.986

Bailey committed the next stage of his life to service. He worked under Congressman John Duncan for 12 years before serving on the Knoxville City Council for an additional 12 years (1983-1995).

Ed Bailey passed away on March 23, 2007 following a battle with throat cancer.

The City of Knoxville honored Ed Bailey for his outstanding achievements on May 31, 2011. Bailey’s four sons threw out the ceremonial first pitch of the 2011 season of the newly renamed Ed Bailey League. Former Mayor and Councilman Daniel Brown said, “Naming this league after him as a small gesture of our respect and gratitude for Ed Bailey but I think having a baseball league named for him is something he would have really liked”.



TOPPS 559
ED BAILEY
ED SLAMMED 3 HOMERS IN A GAME IN 1956 WITH CINCINNATI

HT: 6'1" WT: 205 BATS: LEFT THROWS: RIGHT
BORN: APRIL 15, 1931 HOME: KNOXVILLE, TENN.

COMPLETE MAJOR LEAGUE BATTING RECORD

YEAR	TEAM	LEA.	G	AB	R	H	2B	3B	HR	RBI	AVG.
1953	Cincinnati	N. L.	2	8	1	3	1	0	0	1	.375
1954	Cincinnati	N. L.	73	183	21	36	2	3	9	20	.197
1955	Cincinnati	N. L.	21	39	3	8	1	1	1	4	.205
1956	Cincinnati	N. L.	118	383	59	115	8	2	28	75	.300
1957	Cincinnati	N. L.	122	391	54	102	15	2	20	48	.261
1958	Cincinnati	N. L.	112	360	39	90	23	1	11	59	.250
1959	Cincinnati	N. L.	121	379	43	100	13	0	12	40	.264
1960	Cincinnati	N. L.	133	441	52	115	19	3	13	67	.261
1961	Cin.-S. F.	N. L.	119	383	43	94	13	1	13	53	.245
1962	San Francisco	N. L.	96	254	32	59	9	1	17	45	.232
1963	San Francisco	N. L.	105	308	41	81	8	0	21	68	.263
1964	Milwaukee	N. L.	95	271	30	71	10	1	5	34	.262
Major League Totals 12 Yrs.			1117	3400	418	874	122	15	150	514	.257

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