

Ron Buckler-Personal Biography

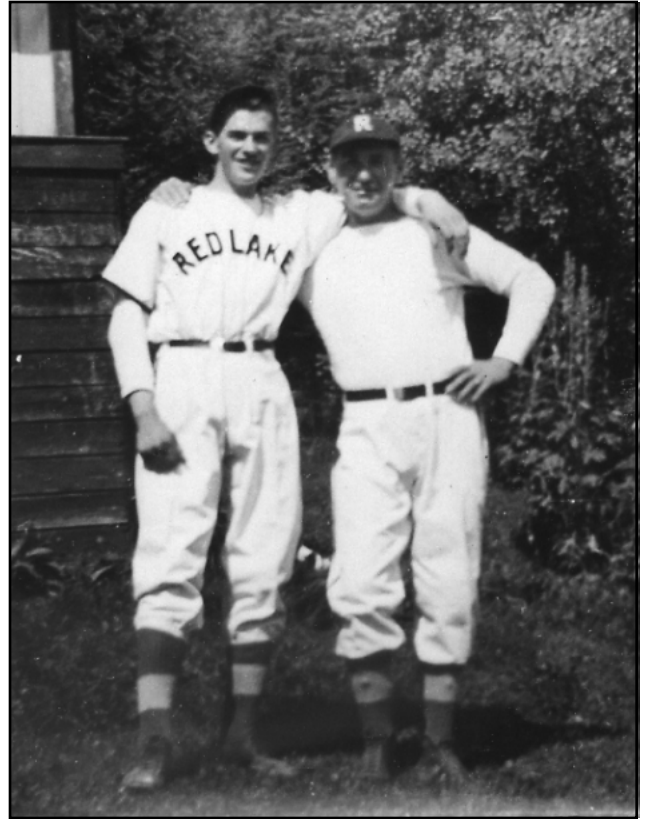
A farmer from Manitoba, Ron's father, Ralph, originally came to Red Lake in the mid 1930s to work as a seasonal worker for the Howey Mine, returning to the family farm for the summers. Eventually he moved to Red Lake with his wife, Myrtle, where he became a permanent employee of the Howey Mine, and later of the Dickenson Mine, until his retirement.

Ron was born on December 14, 1938. Since there was no hospital in Red Lake at the time, his mother was flown to Winnipeg to give birth. His only sibling, Lorne, was born in 1947.

Most of Ron's working life was spent at Campbell Mine in Balmertown, where he held a variety of jobs, including heavy equipment mechanic and operator, welder, and supervisor. He retired in 1999.

Ron is married to Diane and has one daughter from his first marriage (Eileen), two step-children from his second marriage (Dean and Michelle), and one daughter with his current wife Diane (Lisa). The family has lived in Balmertown for nearly 50 years.

In 2002, Ron was nominated to the Northwestern Ontario Sports Hall of Fame for his outstanding athletic achievements and for providing inspiration and support to hundreds of young local athletes.



Gus Wersh and Ralph Buckler (Ron and Lorne's father), playing for the Red Lake Fastball Team, 1947-49.