El Paso sports legend Moose Stubing has died

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(Photo: Courtesy Digie El Paso / El Paso Baseball Hall of Fame)

Larry "Moose" Stubing, a former player for the El Paso Sun Kings and manager for the El Paso Diablos, died Friday night in Southern California. He was 79.

Originally from New York, Stubing was a popular and colorful figure on the El Paso sports scene who was inducted into the El Paso Athletic Hall of Fame in 1987. He was given a tribute by long-time UTEP announcer Jon Teicher during the broadcast of the UTEP-UTSA basketball game Saturday night.

Stubing was a big home-run hitter with the El Paso Sun Kings in the early 1960s and managed the El Paso Diablos to the Texas League championship in 1978.

More: El Paso Athletic Hall of Fame referee, Army veteran James Crouch dies at age 90 (http://www.elpasotimes.com/story/news/local/2018/01/16/hall-fame-official-dies-age-90/1037720001/)

A close friend of the late Hall of Fame basketball coach Don Haskins, Stubing was also a long-time college basketball official.

He grew up in New York and was all-New York City in football and basketball. He turned down a football scholarship to Penn State in 1956 to sign a professional baseball contract with the Pittsburgh Pirates. He got five Major League at-bats, all with the California Angels.

More: The resurrection man: Dana Dimel settles in as head football coach at UTEP (http://www.elpasotimes.com/story/sports/2018/01/18/resurrection-man-dana-dimel-settles-head-football-coach-utep/1029984001/)

Stubing also managed Edmonton to the Pacific Coast League championship in 1984 and was the Pacific Coast League Manager of the Year in 1982. He was the third base coach for the Angels from 1985-1990.

Stubing's wife of 59 years, Estelle, died on May 31, 2017.

Funeral arrangements are pending.

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