

The Daniel D. Dolan Family – Aurora, IL



Daniel D. Dolan, born in February 1931, is a life-time citizen of Aurora IL, except for a brief stint in the navy. The year 1965 was pivotal as Daniel and his business partner James A. Murphy formed Dolan & Murphy and have enjoyed success in, and contributed to, the local business community. In 1982, the Creative DJs, a city league team in Aurora was seeking support and Dolan & Murphy, then a commercial real estate company, agreed to sponsor the team and ventured into the fastpitch world. Five years later, Robin Reder, a member of the Aurora IL Home Savings & Loan team that won the 1980 ISC Tournament in Tempe AZ, was managing a local team with aspirations of representing Aurora at the ISC. Dolan & Murphy agreed to serve as the sponsor - a relationship that still exists today. Fastpitch was very competitive in Illinois in the 1980s. It took five years before Dolan & Murphy Shamrocks won the local qualifier in 1992 and travelled to Salt Lake City for their first ISC World Tournament. The team didn't qualify in 1993, but in 1994 re-qualified and has competed in every ISC World Tournament since then. The entire Dolan family, including patriarch Daniel D. and his sons Dan T., Brian and Ryan and daughter Karen have enthusiastically supported the Dolan & Murphy fastpitch team. The team sponsorship is one of numerous civic activities, including food pantries, in which the family is involved.