## **KURT KLEINHANS**

## **Distinguished Service**

Kurt Kleinhans was a leader and member of the Slinger School Board for nearly 20 years, serving as president for 13 years (1991-2004). He led the development and passage of four district building referendums that provided for two new schools and the substantial remodeling and expansion of the district's other schools. He was an active champion supporting the development of top level academic, athletic, and music programs, as well as other extra-curricular activities in the district.

In athletics, Kurt advocated for providing teams with up-to-date facilities, equipment, and uniforms. He stressed the importance of good sportsmanship and representing the Slinger School District with pride. Kurt also actively supported the growth of the girls' sports programs, and he pushed for them to receive equal respect.

As an avid sports fan, Kurt, with his wife Linda, volunteered in many school and community sports activities. They helped develop and run the Slinger Little League Program for 15 years. Over a 20 year period, Kurt spent time coaching teams in softball, baseball, basketball, and track. He also helped organize basketball, baseball, and softball camps and tournaments for young players.

Kurt was a strong and committed advocate for Slinger athletics, and his positive, energetic, "can-do" attitude helped to create many opportunities for young people to participate. He was extremely proud of the Slinger School District, its staff and students, and felt fortunate to play a part in its continuing growth.