

## **Joseph Presko Sr.**

**Class of 1946**



## **Northtown Hall of Fame**

**Induction 2018**

**Baseball standout Joseph Presko Sr. first played for the Hornets his senior year since there were no teams during World War II. At 17 and 18, he participated in the Ban Johnson League for college players and was MVP both years. This earned him a spot on the league's 75th Anniversary Team.**

**Joseph signed with the St. Louis Cardinals in 1946 and played for the major league team from 1950-1954. He was runner-up to Willie Mays for Rookie of the Year. His pro career also included two years with the Detroit Tigers in 1956 and 1957. Later, he coached college-age players, and his teams won many league and four state championships. His players included former Major League pitcher David Cone.**

**In addition to his work on the diamond, Joseph gives time and support to the Bishop Sullivan and St. Charles Food Pantries, the American Heart Association and the American Cancer Society.**

