

# ANGELA L. MALAGISE



## *Outstanding Achievement in Athletics*

**Born in 1953 to Anna and Angelo Malagise, Angela is the youngest of seven children. A 1972 graduate of Freedom Area High School, Angela completed her academic career before women's athletics were a staple in high schools. In fact, the first women's basketball team at Freedom was not formed until the year after she graduated. Despite the lack of formal training and organized women's teams, Angela's love of sports and her athletic prowess led her to achieve many Beaver County Women's "firsts".**

**For nearly twenty-five years Malagise was a WPIAL referee, the first female member of the Beaver County Basketball Chapter of Referees. As a referee she was the first woman from Beaver County to officiate a PIAA high school girls' championship game and the first woman to referee a boys' junior varsity game. Additionally, she officiated volleyball, softball, and little league and pony league baseball contests.**

**In addition to officiating numerous sports, Malagise also participated and garnered distinction in sports performances. In 1976 Malagise was the starting third baseman for the first Women's Class A Championship Adult Softball Team.**

**In 1992 Malagise became the first woman from Beaver County to bowl a 300 game.**

**A self-taught golfer, Malagise is a well-known amateur on the circuit, participating and finishing in the top three of local tournaments for several years running. She has golfed in the Women's Center of Beaver County golf tournament for the past sixteen years.**

**Malagise also has been active in various coaching assignments. She has lent her expertise as both a volunteer and paid coach for a number of women's sports in Beaver County. She served as a diving coach for Freedom Area High School from 1973 through 1974, assistant basketball coach at Aliquippa High School, and head coach for young girls' recreational softball teams for several years.**

**Had organized women's sports been prominent during Malagise's high school career, her resume undoubtedly would be even longer and hallmarked by additional awards and honors.**

**In terms of her career, Malagise has been employed by Westinghouse/Eaton Corporation for the past thirty-eight years. She has been a faithful donor and supporter of the United Way, the Women's Center, and Villa St. Joseph for many years.**

**Malagise still golfs, enjoys spending time with her family and friends, and always will serve as an inspiration to women athletes in Beaver County.**

*Sports do not build character. They reveal it.*

*~Haywood Broun*