

# Todd Joerling



Defiance, MO  
Player Category  
Inducted November 2001

In 1989 Todd Joerling broke into the Major ranks of softball with the Steele's Silver Bullets out of Grafton, OH, where he remained until the 1991 season. In 1991 Todd played for Lighthouse/Sunbelt out of Stone Mountain, GA. From 1992-94 Todd played for Woody Bell's Bell Corporation out of Tampa, FL and in 1995 Bell Corp teamed up with Wayne Williams to form the Bell Corp/Sunbelt team. From 1996-1998 Todd remained with Wayne Williams and played for Sunbelt/Dan Smith. In 1999 Todd played with Team Easton and then back to Bell Corp in 2000.

In his career Todd was a part of 11 National Championship team, a 19-time All-World selection and a 2 time National Tournament MVP. Todd is a 5 time National Batting Average Champion, 1 time World Series Batting Champion and a two-time Gold Glove, as well as countless All Tournament teams.

Todd made Supreme Softball's 1<sup>st</sup> team 7 out of 8 years and was selected as a member of the All Century Team and was 1<sup>st</sup> team shortstop on the All Decade team for the 90's. As of Todd's induction into the NSA Sports Hall of Fame; his lifetime batting average is .720.

Todd Joerling's achievements on the field are only superceded by his character both on and off the field. Todd is a genuine ambassador for the sport of softball and because of his gentlemanlike manner in which he carries the ambassador banner has been called the modern day Bruce Meade. Todd Joerling stands as one of softballs all time truly great people, and quite possibly the greatest shortstop this game has ever known.

In November of 2001, Todd Joerling became the fifth player to be inducted into the NSA Hall of Fame.

