



Charlene (Cook) Meehl

Year of Induction: **2013**

Year of Graduation: **1994**

It has been said that a dominant pitcher can lead a softball team to greatness. Without question, Charlene (Cook) Meehl, Johnson City Class of 1994, proved that theory correct during her playing days with the Wildcats. Charlene would earn a total of 6 varsity letters at Johnson City: 2 in basketball and 4 in softball.

The former Ms. Cook's softball career with the Wildcats started during her freshman year in the spring of 1991, and she immediately established herself as one of the premier pitchers in all of New York State. With Charlene on the mound and a solid team all around, the Wildcats were crowned New York State Champions during her freshman season. Her accomplishments that year led to her being named All-Conference and 2nd Team All-State. The 1991 season was definitely a sign of good things to come for Charlene and the Wildcats softball program. During her next three seasons on the varsity team, the championships and accolades included:

- 1992 New York State Runner-Up
- 1993 Section IV Champions
- 2nd Team All-State, 1992
- All-Conference, 1992 & 1993

After completing her high school career, Ms. Cook continued her dominance on the mound at SUNY Binghamton. A search of the Binghamton University record books reveals the level of excellence Charlene attained in college. She is the program's all-time leader in wins, ERA, appearances, shutouts, complete games, and innings pitched. She was also a Division III All-American in the 1996, 1997, and 1998 seasons. Her teams won a combined 115 games during her four years at SUNY Binghamton.

When considering the team and individual accomplishments Charlene Meehl earned throughout her playing days in high school and college, it could be argued that she is the most decorated pitcher in the history of the Wildcats' softball program. The Johnson City Athletic Hall of Fame welcomes the pitcher who led her team to unparalleled success in the history of Johnson City softball, Charlene (Cook) Meehl, JCHS Class of 1994.