

## ROBERT DUANE "SPECIAL K" KRAHLING

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Except for very early years and 1944-46 U.S. Navy Air Corps years, Bob Krahlung has been at home in Stark County, Ohio, where he's a living legend as the "Special K." The son of Ernest and Pearl Krahlung, he prepped on the Goat Hill playing field and was an Alliance H.S. three-sport star, winning the 1944 Joe Perry Scholar-Athlete Award and setting an example for brother Ed who won it in 1945. An *Alliance Review* football All-County lineman on offense and defense, Krahlung ran track on the school-record 880 relay team. A spay-hitting, fine-fielding Aviators second baseman, he was the same for Johnson's Bar in two summers of Hot Stove League ball—1944 being his last in organized athletics before volunteering for WWII duty.

Krahlung caught his college degree at Mount Union on the GI Bill, starting his 40-year journalism career at WFAH, Alliance, while a student. He made the bigs in Canton as WHBC's premiere personality (many years a dynamic double-play with Bill Karrenbauer) and program director, Walsh College instructor, and Broadcasting Hall of Fame inductee. Krahlung married Mary Ellen Guenther in 1951 and they have a baseball nine in daughters/husbands Janet/Mike and Nancy/Jeff along with grandchildren Aaron, Angie, Christy, Missy and Rob. Retiring in 1991, he has always been open-hearted, as evidenced by his full lineup of church and civic activities, many community awards and recognitions, and a legion of family, friends, and fans (some fit all three categories). Bob Krahlung is a bona fide double-card, major league ALL-STARK County IMMORTAL!

### STARK COUNTY IMMORTAL



#### BOB KRAHLING

Alliance H.S. & Johnson's Bar  
Born: 9/21/26 in Alliance, Ohio  
Ht. 5'8" Wt. 140 Bats: R Throws: R