

Sahre was fixture at Arena, stadium

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When word of Kenneth E. "Kenny" Sahre's death reached Tom Mitchell, the Binghamton Senators' executive vice president of operations recalled one of his father's old sayings.

"He'd say, 'Every once in a while, boys, you've got to stop and ask yourselves a question: Am I making the world a little bit better or a little bit worse?'

"Kenny was definitely a guy who made the world a little bit better," Mitchell said of Sahre, a fixture in Triple Cities sports circles who died Sunday at age 73 during a visit to his daughter's Victor home.

Sahre served in a volunteer capacity for 30-plus years as an off-ice official for the Broome Dusters, Binghamton Whalers, Binghamton Rangers, BC Icemen and Binghamton Senators. Since the Binghamton Mets' 1992 inaugural season, his assorted roles with that organization included statistician and scoreboard operator.

B-Mets general manager Scott Brown referred to Sahre as "part of the landscape of NYSEG Stadium."

"He was kind of the calming influence in the press box, and what a workhorse," Brown said. "He never did anything for personal gain; he did it for the love of sports. He never looked for anything other than the pride of his own work.

"So many people have an agenda in life. Kenny's only agenda was that he enjoyed sports. He didn't need praise, didn't need a pat on the back."

Following service in the U.S. Air Force out of high school, Sahre worked as an aerospace engineer at Singer Link Flight Simulation for better than 20 years.

"Kenny was a very quiet and obviously a very decent guy," Mitchell said, "just a genuine, down-to-earth guy. He was there every night and never asked for anything, just showed up and did what he did."

Sahre's family will receive friends from 4-7 p.m. Wednesday at the Barber Memorial Home, 428 Main St., Johnson City. A short service will be held at 7 p.m.