



COLORADO SPRINGS

Charlie Manuel

World Series Champion Manager

Inducted November 10, 2009

Charles Fuqua Manuel took the Philadelphia Phillies to the National League pennant and World Series Championships in 2008, the pinnacle of a 46-year baseball career that began when he signed with the Minnesota Twins in 1963 as an outfielder right out of high school in Buena Vista, Virginia for \$20,000. He played for the Twins, Dodgers and in Japan for the next 18 years before turning to coaching. He managed in the minors and was the skipper for the Indians (2000-2002) before landing the job with the Phillies in 2005. For three seasons, 1990-1992, he was the lovable skipper of the Colorado Springs Sky Sox, guiding the 1992 Cleveland Indians farm club to the Pacific Coast League Championship with a three-game sweep of the Vancouver Canadians and the moniker of "Charlie Ball", featuring a lineup that featured notables like first baseman Jim Thome, outfielders Wayne Kirby, Alan Cockrell and Reggie Jefferson, and hurlers Jeff Shaw, Dennis Boucher, Ron Nichols, Jeff Mutis and Mike Christopher.