

2002 Inductee

MAX LANIER

Max Lanier was born in Denton in 1915. He broke into the Big Leagues with the Cardinals in 1938 and soon became their lefthanded ace. He won eleven or more games in six seasons, winning 13, 15, and 17 for the pennant winners in 1942-44. He won World Series games in 1942 and 1944. He also had the ability to help himself with the bat, belting four hits in nine World Series at bats. He later managed in the Giants farms system, spending several seasons at the helm of the Lexington Giants. There he groomed the talents of future Major Leaguers, including Bobby Bonds.

