



**Laurie Graham, daughter of the late Ray Steege, explained how the family donated the funds to build *Ray's Place* gazebo at the Micksburg ball diamond to honour both her dad and mom, Marilyn. Twins' player coach Jamey Mick said Mr. Steege was a longtime player, coach, umpire and fan.**

### ***Gazebo Dedicated to Steege Family***

Prior to the game, a brief ceremony was held to dedicate the new gazebo at the Micksburg field in honour of the Steege family. Laurie Graham, daughter of the late Ray and Marilyn Steege and mother of Twins' pitcher Joran Graham, explained the family wanted to do something to honour the late Mr. Steege after his passing last year.

"When we were deciding what charities to donate to, one of the first places we thought of was the Micksburg ball park," she said. "We thought it was appropriate because dad and mom have spent so much time at the ball park.

"I believe that dad was famous for making calls for the umpire and if the ump didn't agree, dad was promptly told," she added.

An original structure was damaged last year and had to be removed and the new gazebo, located directly behind home plate where Mr. Steege was often found at any Twins' home games, provides seating under cover from sun and rain. Ms. Graham thanked the many volunteers who assisted with the erection of the structure noting it has been named *Ray's Place* in memory of her father.

"Our wish for *Ray's Place* is that every player remember not only dad, but pay tribute to all the players, parents, and fans that support our kids and community."

Jamey Mick, player coach of the Twins, thanked the Steege family for their contribution, noting the late Mr. Steege was very involved with the ball program, having played, coached and umpired over the years.

He also extended his thanks to the volunteers who assisted with the building of the structure, jokingly noting when you offer free pizza and refreshments, it's not hard to get people willing to help out. Mr. Mick also thanked the ongoing support the ball program receives from the fans, noting when teams like the visiting Kars Aces drive from Ottawa or even Brockville area to play there, they appreciate playing before the good crowds in Micksburg.