

**Yolande Teillet Schick. (1928-2006)**  
**Metis Woman from the All-American Girl's Baseball League**  
**Is Inducted Into the National Baseball Hall of Fame**

Yolande Teillet from St. Vital, Manitoba was one of the first Metis women to play professional baseball in the United States. A catcher, she was a Canadian member of the All-American Girls Baseball League from 1945 to 1947. She played for two years for the Fort Wayne Daisies. Yolande Teillet is the daughter of Camille Teillet and Sarah Riel. Her grandfather was Joseph Riel the younger brother of Louis Riel.

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**All American Girls Professional Baseball League 1945 Fort Wayne Daisies**



Back,L-R: Helen Rauner (Chaperone), Agnes Zurkowski, Lillian Jackson, Vivian Kellogg, Audrey Haine, Faye Dancer, Bill Wambsganss Manager).

Middle,L-R: Arleene Johnson, Irene Ruhnke, Penny O'Brian, Helen Callaghan, **Yolande Teillet**.

Front,L-R: Annabelle Lee, Lavonne Paire, Ruth Lessing, Betty Trezza, Margaret Callaghan.

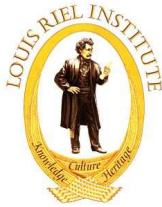
Hall of fame baseball player Yolande Teillet is the daughter of Camille Teillet and Sarah Riel. Her grandfather was Joseph Riel the younger brother of Louis Riel. Joseph Riel married Eléanor Poitras on April 30, 1884 and was subsequently married to Amanda Perrault in 1894. He remained at the family home in St. Vital and farmed. He was always active in Red River Metis associations. Camille, Yolande's father, although not Metis was a very active member of L' Union Nationale Métisse Saint-Joseph du Manitoba. She is the sister of former Manitoba Member of Parliament, Roger Teillet.

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Yolande was inducted into the Canadian Baseball Hall of Fame in June of 1988. Also in 1988, the National Baseball Hall of Fame in Cooperstown, New York honoured the AAGBL with a permanent display and listed the names of each player. Similarly, the Manitoba Baseball Hall of fame inducted Yolande in 1988. Yolande died in Winnipeg on January 26, 2006 at age 78.

(This article is based on interviews with Yolande Schick (née Teillet) and her niece, well-known Metis lawyer Jean Teillet.)



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