Musial made kids' lives brighter

When he was a little boy growing up across the river in Belleville, Stan Musial would go into his town's park to watch the local amateur baseball teams play. This was his first introduction to the game of baseball, one that would change his life.

As a boy, Musial would sit in the stands next to the field and watch the players, dreaming of one day being one of them. And when the opportunity came, he seized it with passion.

Musial never forgot his humble beginnings and the park that inspired his love for the game. In fact, he often returned there to publicly acknowledge the park and the memories it held for him.

Musial's impact on the community can be seen today in the way the park is named after him. The Stan Musial Veterans Memorial Park in Belleville is a testament to his life and legacy.

Musial's name and image are etched on the facade of the park, serving as a reminder of his dedication to the game and his community. It's a place where people can come to pay their respects and remember a true baseball icon.

Musial passed away in 2013, but his legacy lives on through his work and the park that bears his name. It's a fitting tribute to a man who brought joy to so many people through the game he loved for so long.