

JÁN BEGAN



He was born on December 27, 1934 in Krušetnica on the Orava region. When he was seven years old, he lost his hearing due to a serious brain inflammation. He attended the Elementary School for the Deaf in Kremnica, where he was one of the best students.

After completing the Apprentice School for the Deaf in Bratislava, where he trained as a tailor in 1952, he began working at the Clothing Factory in Trenčín. He was first a presser and then worked as an independent inspector for 17 years, and from 1974 - a total of 20 years - he was the deputy head of technical control.

He was active in the deaf community. For many years, many deaf people worked at the Clothing Factory in Trenčín and he helped them as an interpreter in communicating with their superiors. He was an active functionary in the former Slovak Association of the Hearing Impaired, where he worked in the Basic Organization of the Deaf in Trenčín. However, he was better known in the field of sports, where he actively played football in the Sports Club of the Deaf in Trenčín. After retiring from active play, he became a functionary and gradually rose to the position of President of the Slovak Association of Deaf Athletes. Based on this, he was also known abroad, where he represented Slovakia in the International Committee for Sports for the Deaf (ICSD), which includes 108 member states around the world, and the European Deaf Sports Organization (EDSO), which includes 43 member countries in Europe.

He died tragically in an accident on Friday, January 27, 1995 at the age of 60.

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