

## Members of the Jim Golden family

This photograph from 1961 shows Topekan Jim Golden and his family preparing to leave for Vero Beach, Florida, where Golden was to report for spring training as a member of the Los Angeles Dodgers. The photo was published in the Topeka State Journal on February 16, 1961. With Golden are his wife Madalene, their four-year-old son Mark (in the foreground), and their two-year old son Robin. Golden, a right-handed pitcher, had a professional baseball career that spanned the period 1954-1964. During that time, he played for two major league and eight minor league teams. He pitched for both the Dodgers (1960-1961) and the Houston Colt .45s (1962-1963), achieving a 9-13 major league record, with an ERA of 4.54 in 69 game appearances. He is one of only nine major league pitchers to have hit two triples in a game. His minor league record stands at 88-91 and a 3.82 ERA. His best year in the minors was in 1960, when he went 20-9 with the Class AAA St. Paul Saints. Before playing professionally, Golden was a standout pitcher for Silver Lake High School and the Mosby-Macks American Legion team. At Silver Lake, his pitching led the Eagles to state baseball championships in both 1953 and 1954. He set and still holds four state high school strikeout records. The Mosby-Macks, which represented Topeka's Capitol Post 1, also won state titles in 1952 and 1953.

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