

**JOHN C. BANDIMERE, JR.**  
*Businessman – Community Leader*



*John Charles Bandimere, Jr., was born in 1938 in Denver, Colorado, to John and Frances Bandimere. In 1940 his family moved to Jefferson County. John attended Columbia Heights Elementary School and Wheat Ridge Junior and Senior High Schools. Throughout his school days he was involved in school-sponsored clubs and played baseball, basketball, and football. He began doing part-time work within his family's automotive business, which unknowingly prepared him for a life focused around the automobile. In 1961 he married Lorraine Webber, and they had three children: Tami, Johnna, and John III. John was a member of the Air National Guard and in 1962 was activated during the Cuban Crisis. He coached little league football, basketball, and softball, and was involved with his church, teaching Sunday School and serving as a Deacon, choir member, and finance board chairman.*

*In 1970 John became President and General Manager of the Bandimere Speedway and led it to its National Hot Rod Association membership in 1978. Under John's leadership the facility is now host to the largest annual motorsports events in Colorado. The speedway's high school drag-racing program has grown to be a nationally recognized program, providing a safe facility and supervised environment for adults and kids to take out their "need for speed." John's community involvement is extensive: he has served on the Guaranty Bank West Advisory Board, the West Chamber, the National Hot Rod Association, the Fellowship of Christian Athletes, Colorado Motorsports Hall of Fame Board, Colorado Christian University Foundation Board, Red Rocks Community College Foundation, and Rooney Valley Association.*

*John Bandimere, Jr. was elected to the Jefferson County Historical Commission Hall of Fame in October 2012.*