

Bill Meyer Stadium

Caswell Park and Smithson Stadium preceded Bill Meyer Stadium. Smithson Stadium burned in 1953 and Bill Meyer Stadium was built in 1955. The Knoxville Smokies, the Knoxville Sox, and the Knoxville Blue Jays played in the stadium from 1955-2000. With the exception of a few years, professional baseball was played on the field from 1921-2000. The stadium was demolished due to safety issues in 2001.

The stadium was named for Bill Meyer, a Knoxville native, who went on to play in the major leagues for the White Sox and the A's. He managed the Pittsburgh Pirates from 1949-1952.

Many top stars played or managed at Bill Meyer Stadium, including Todd Helton, Ed Bailey, Phil Garner, Reggie Jackson, Don Mattingly, Trevor Hoffman, Bo Jackson, Harmon Killebrew, Jim Kaat, Mark McGwire, Carlos Delgado, Jesse Barfield, Bill Freehan, Mickey Lolich, Chipper Jones, Tom Seaver, Nolan Ryan, Randy Johnson, Tom Glavine, Jeff Kent, Chris Carpenter, Alex Rodriguez, Frank Thomas, Jose Canseco, Cecil Fielder, Harold Baines, Fred McGriff, Andruw Jones, David Wells, Tony LaRussa, Terry Francona, and Earl Weaver.

Bill Meyer Stadium served as the heart of baseball in Knoxville for nearly five decades.