Terrance Gordon (Terry) Sawchuk

Terry Sawchuk was one of the greatest goaltenders in hockey history. He played more seasons and more games, recording more wins and more shutouts than any other goalie in the history of the NHL.

He played the position like a gymnast, peering out to spot the puck and dropping at lightning speed into a butterfly crouch that closed off the lower corners of the net.

Terry was born on December 28, 1929, in Winnipeg, Manitoba. He played his minor hockey in Winnipeg and at the age of 15 played one season in the MJHL with the Winnipeg Rangers. In 1946, he moved to Windsor, Ontario and played OHA junior hockey under coach Jimmy Skinner.

Sawchuk later became the first player to win the rookie award in three professional leagues, the old U.S. Hockey League in 1947-48, the American Hockey League in 1948-49 and the NHL in 1950-51.

He appeared in 971 regular season games during 21 seasons in the NHL, 734 with Detroit, 102 with Boston, 91 with Toronto, 36 with Los Angeles and eight with the New York Rangers. In regular season action, he played 953 complete games and had 2401 goals against, for an average of 2.53. He recorded his 100th shutout on March 4, 1967 when Toronto blanked the Chicago Black Hawks 3-0 and finished his career with a record 103 shutouts.

Some of his greatest moments came in the 1952 Stanley Cup playoffs when he led Detroit to the Stanley Cup in the minimum eight games, collecting four shutouts and allowing only five goals for a sparkling 0.62 goals against average. He appeared in 106 Stanley Cup games, allowing 267 goals against a 2.54 average while posting 12 shutouts. Terry played on three Stanley Cup champions teams in Detroit (1952, 1954, 1955) and shared the award with Johnny Bower in Toronto in 1964 season. Sawchuk was named to the NHL's First All-Star Team

three times (1951, 1952, 1953) and to the Second Team on four occasions in (1954, 1955, 1959, 1960).

Terry Sawchuk died May 31, 1970 in New York City. He was inducted into the Hockey Hall of Fame in 1982 and the Manitoba Hockey Hall of Fame in 1985.