

## 2008 Hall of Fame Inductees

Dan Coleman: Dan worked for the City of Anderson Recreation Department for more than 25 years. During his tenure as the Recreation Director, he served under five different mayors. He was responsible for expanding the park area from 50 acres to approximately 110 acres, including such parks as Darwin Wright Park, Cater's Lake, East Market Street, and Toxaway Ball Field. Dan also helped develop the play area at St. Mary's Church.

Brown Williams: Mr. Williams was a dedicated assistant to Dan Coleman from 1968 through 1972. As a testament to his dedication to the youth of Anderson, he was designated by the City Council as Citizen of the Year during his time with the department. He spent his time and energy making sure that all the children in the City had an opportunity to participate in sports. He was involved in a baseball league for the black youth. After leaving the recreation department, he also spent a lot of years working with the youth in basketball and football.

Ernest Martin: Mr. Ernest was a fixture at the Anderson Rec Center for many, many years. He was employed with the City of Anderson for over 40 years. In the early years, Ernest worked in the maintenance department and helped build the ballfields at Linley and what became Martin Field. After his retirement, he continued to work part-time as building supervisor at night and during any event that was held at the Center – from family reunions to concerts and telethons and much more. You always knew that you would see the smiling face of Mr. Ernest when you went to the Rec Center.

Frankie Nance: For 23 years, Frankie was employed as the swim coach at Hudgens Swim Center. To the community, he was so much more than just an employee. He also volunteered for 18 years as a basketball coach for the community and the church. This was a man who was an inspiration to all who knew him and spent his time motivating young people whether on the job or off. Frankie's contributions to the area were recognized by the numerous awards that he received from such organizations as Anderson School District 5, the Red Cross, Area 14 Special Olympics and many others. Frankie had true leadership ability and put it to use as he guided the youth and community at Hudgens Swim Center.

William "Sarg" Sanchez: After serving over 20 years in the US Military, Sarg moved his family to Anderson in 1969. Beginning in 1970, he was involved in officiating baseball, basketball, softball, and volleyball for over 30 years. Sarg is known and loved by many who came in contact with him on the playing areas of the Anderson Recreation Department. While calling games, he always took time to encourage the kids and even to instruct them in proper technique. Sarg could always be counted on – you never had to wonder whether he would show up. He was an official that possessed good knowledge of the rules and applied them fairly to all.

Joe Hanks: Joe began coaching one of his sons in 1980 and continued to coach until 1998 and at that time was coaching his third grandson in the recreation program. AS with many of our coaches, Joe saw to it that all of the kids who played with him were financially able to do so even if it meant taking it out of his own pocket. Joe's coaching career took him to the state playoffs in 1988 where his team took first runner-up. Joe continued coaching in the recreation programs until his health would no longer allow it.

Roscoe Dawson: Roscoe gave all of his time, energy, and effort to those involved in the Rec Center programs. If his health was not what it is today, he would be right here beside us now. Roscoe served as a coach, a supervisor, and an official – whatever was needed was what he did. He touched the lives of many children over the 30 plus years that he was involved with the Rec.

George Latimer: George has been a coach and mentor in our football, baseball, and basketball programs for many years. He is still respected not only by his past athletes, but now by their children as well. For more than 30 years, George was a coach and a father figure for hundreds of boys and girls not only in the Rec programs, but also through the Boys and Girls club.

Joe Bill Crawford: Joe Bill is another of our coaches who has coached multiple sports with the Rec Center. During most of his 37 coaching years, he did not have a child or grandchild playing. He did it for the kids and his love of sports. Joe Bill's teams were always competitive.

Saudia Roundtree: Saudia began her basketball career on the local playgrounds of Anderson. She then participated in the youth program at the Rec Center. Saudia was a stand-out for the Westside High School Lady Rams under Coach William Roberts winning a state championship. Her college career took her to Kilgore Junior College in Texas and the University of Georgia where she received numerous awards including National Player of the Year at both schools. Saudia was the first over-all pick by the Atlanta Glory in the 1996 ABL draft and played three seasons before injuries put a stop to her playing career. In 2001, she began coaching the sport she loves and has been at various colleges.