

2009 Hall of Fame Inductees

Adolph Young: Adolph has been a part of the Anderson Recreation Department for 37 years. During this time, he has served in several capacities. Adolph started as an umpire in 10-under baseball and also refereed youth basketball. He then moved on to serve as supervisor for the adult softball and basketball programs. Through his time here, Adolph has met a lot of people. His greatest joy is to have one of the former 10-under players walk up and introduce him to his son. Currently, Adolph serves the Recreation Department as building security in the evenings.

Willie B Tate: received by wife Vivian Tate

Billy Tate worked for several years as an adult softball official and basketball referee. He then went on to form the Tri-County Officials Association that supplied basketball officials to other leagues in the area.

Delores Green: Delores began her association with the Anderson Recreation Department as a park supervisor in the summer. At that time, the department was segregated. In May of 1969, Recreation Director Dan Coleman asked Delores to organize a softball program for black girls that the department would support, unofficially at first. Equipment was issued to the teams by Mr. Ernest Martin of the department. These girls played at Eastside Park, the old Reed St football field and a field located below what is now the Westside Community Center. Under the leadership of Delores, the program grew each year. A field was created behind Hudgens Swim Center and one on Stephens Street to help meet the needs of the program which ran for approximately 12 years. In the early 80's, the program was merged into the main recreation system. One of the teams that developed out of this program was the very successful Johnson Blazers who went on to compete in the adult league and tournament play. Delores is to be commended for her pioneer work with the girl's softball program that has gone largely unknown.

Bobby Brown: Bobby started coaching baseball in the late 60's working with both the 12-under and 14-under age groups. His teams won several league titles. In 1982, Bobby coached the Anderson All-Stars to the Palmetto Youth State Baseball Championship.

Bob Edison: received by wife Pat Edison

Bob Edison had a love for all the young people that he came in contact with and was fortunate to be able to share that love by coaching football and baseball. He spent many hours of his time on the fields of Anderson. Bob often sent his wife to pick up some piece of equipment that a child did not have. He had the privilege of coaching all three of his sons. Bob's family today still enjoys hearing the stories of those he coached and influenced over the years.

Curt Neely: received by his niece Lawan Neely

Curt coached baseball for a number of years, both before and after integration. He was known to show up with the back of his truck full of boys who didn't have a way to the game. Curt always coached hard and did what he thought was right for the team. He had a positive influence on the lives of the boys he coached.

Eric Robinson: received by his mother Peggy Robinson

Eric started his youth athletic career playing football, baseball, and basketball in the Anderson Rec Center programs. During that time, he played on various All-Star teams. Eric played his varsity sports at Westside High school including the Upper State championship football team in 1987. After graduating from Westside in 1988, Eric received a football scholarship to attend Furman University. In his freshman year, they won the Division 1-AA National Championship. An injury then ended his playing days. Currently, Eric works as a direct care counselor for Youth Villages and as a Family Support Specialist for Turning Point. He will graduate in December from Shorter College with a bachelor's degree in Human Services.

Due to an unexpected incident, Eric is not able to be with us tonight.

C&W Security: received by owner Derrill Chapman

C&W Security has been a faithful sponsor of our program since at least the early 90's. Their support of our program has been unparalleled. Not only do they sponsor teams in our leagues, but they also contribute in other ways. When something goes wrong at one of our facilities, such as light problems or the scoreboard won't work, C&W is called. They can always be counted on to come as soon as possible so that games can go on. The entire staff has always been very friendly and helpful. They are to be commended for their service to and support of the Anderson Recreation Department.