

2010 Hall of Fame Inductees

Bill Fuller: Bill began his long association with the Anderson Recreation Department as a part time official in 1954. In 1958, he became the department's athletic director, a position he held for over 20 years. Under Bill's capable direction, a number of athletic leagues were developed or increased in number. He was directly responsible for enlisting coaches, officials, and sponsors for youth baseball, softball, football, and basketball. At that time, Bill also had to handle the maintenance of the Rec fields. For the adults, Bill coordinated church basketball, softball, and coed volleyball. When asked about his time here, Bill stated that his goal was to train and develop athletes who possessed good character, honesty, loyalty, and dependability.

Cleve Knight: accepted by his family

Cleve spent over 20 years working with the recreation programs. In the beginning, he volunteered to help maintain the areas behind Southwood Middle School and on Jefferson Avenue so that the girls could play softball there. Cleve then moved up to umpiring games in the softball league. After the programs were integrated, he began working baseball games as well. Cleve continue to work until his health would no longer allow it.

Coach William Roberts: William Roberts is a well known and well respected coach. He was known to spy out local playgrounds for children that showed potential for sports and take them under his wing, among them Stacy Ford and Saudia Roundtree. Coach Roberts began conducting a youth basketball camp for boys and girls in 1995. These camps were free of charge for a number of years with only a nominal fee of \$10 being charged now to offset t-shirts and pizza costs. Along with other volunteers who helped out of respect and gratitude for him, many boys and girls were taught the skills of basketball and the love of the game. In earlier years, Coach Roberts also work as a park supervisor during the summer months.

Marion Tarrant: Marion, known to most people as "Punkin" has been involved with the Anderson Recreation Department for close to 40 years helping out with baseball, football, basketball, and softball. In addition to coaching teams in these programs, Marion served as a gym supervisor for several years. He spent most of his evenings and many week-ends with a team somewhere practicing or playing. He mentioned the travel and friendships developed along the way as awesome. But the thing that brings joy to his heart even today is the smiles on the faces and the look in the eyes of a child when they finally did it right.

Sonny Foggie: Sonny coached football and basketball with Marion Tarrant. They could often be seen together working with the kids on the field or in the gym. Sonny was involved with football beginning in 1985 and continuing until the program was discontinued for a time. He then switched to basketball where his greater passion was. Sonny was very intense on the sideline trying to keep his team focused and playing hard. He continued to coach until 1996 when a change in his job schedule would not allow him to be available in the evenings. Along with Marion, they would go anywhere to play and never backed down from playing any team.

Joe Morris: Joe Morris, known to many as “Bry”, began coaching girls softball in the early 70’s in the Recreation program started by Delores Green. The Johnson Blazers was an all African-American team except for one white girl Donna Foster Smith who played with them a good bit. The team merged into the City league when it was integrated in 1980. The Blazers won the league championship for 13 straight years. As the girls got older, they began playing tournaments all over the state and a few others winning numerous titles including the ASA world in 1994. Among the players were captains Leslie Hunter Brownlee and Mary Mackey and Janice rice. From a small start in Anderson, the Johnson Blazers became a team to be reckoned with. In recent years, Joe has come back to the Recreation program as an umpire in the girls softball and youth baseball leagues.

William Agnew: Better known as “Zero” to most people, William Agnew also began coaching in the girls softball program under Delores Green. His first team was known as the Pack Rats but they later combined with Joe Morris and the Johnson Blazers. Together, along with Joe’s son Anthony Morris, they coached for 15 years in the Rec league. During this time, Zero also coached women’s basketball and officiated softball and baseball games. His main objective in coaching was teaching his players this: “Always give your best so when you look in the mirror, you will always be happy with the person you see.”

Johnson Funeral Home – Walter Johnson: accepted by daughter Elaine Crawford or wife Dorothy Johnson

Mr. Walter Johnson began his association with the Anderson Recreation Department in the 80’s. During his lifetime, he sponsored over 25 years, most notably the Johnson Blazers softball team. One of the coaches, Joe Morris stated that not only did he contribute financially to the team but he was their advisor and spiritual leader as well.