

Up To Bat – Senior Slugger Player Profile

Name: Odee Stickney, also known as “Buzz”

Birthday: October 13th

Originally From: Kalamazoo, Michigan where he grew up. Buzz was both a farm and city boy, owning and riding horses in Kalamazoo. He was a stellar cross-country runner in both high school and college. Buzz and his family have called several places home over the years, notably Carlsbad, Cincinnati, Chicago and St. Louis. He’s lived in the Hendersonville area for the last 30 years.

Slugger Career: an estimated 30 years or so, since he moved into town. Buzz was one of the original 3 guys to start our league.

Previous Work: Former General Manager for Continental Can Company, the largest packaging company in the world at the time. Buzz oversaw 18 plants across the US.

Plus: Buzz also served in the military (Marines) from 1955-1958 where he earned the rank of Sergeant. He has travelled extensively across the United States, particularly enjoying his time in California.

Family: Buzz’s wife Darlene passed away in 2007. Darlene and Buzz had been married for 52 years. They were blessed in their marriage with 3 wonderful kids, son, David and twin daughters, Dawn and Debbie. There are now 6 grandkids in the family keeping everyone on their toes.

Favorite thing about the Sluggers: the camaraderie of our league, also that we play ball year-round. Last but not least, he still loves to run, so all you folks with sore knees, Buzz is your guy!

- ***Thanks Buzz for all the hits, the cheerleaders (and laughs)!***