

Up To Bat – Senior Slugger Player Profile

Name: Frank Bernard Johnson, aka - Frank

Birthday: July 29th

Originally From: Philadelphia, PA... lived there most of his life until moving to this area a couple years ago. Frank attended Germantown High School in Philly where he played outfield on the school team. After graduating (class of '75) he went to Temple University and played some ball there as well in his freshman year. Frank graduated from Temple with a degree in Business Administration. During these years he also played, among other sports – hoops, ping pong, and tennis.

After Temple University, Frank continued his baseball career for a while playing semi-pro, A-League ball. During this time he had the great opportunity to be mentored on the intricacies of playing infield by several former Negro League professional ballplayers. After A-League ball Frank gravitated toward softball and from that point on has more or less played softball and/or basketball 7 days a week.

Work: In 1979 Frank began working as an IT Programmer for Bell of Pennsylvania, which later became Bell Atlantic, which later became Verizon. He received a top award in the company for his role in creating Bell Atlantic Mobile, which is now known as (this little company you may have heard of) Verizon Wireless. Frank's highly accomplished career lasted 34 years. He retired from telecommunications in 2013.

Family: Frank has dipped his toes in the marriage waters 3 times. The great gifts of these relationships are his 4 wonderful daughters and 5 grandchildren. He has also been blessed these last 6 years by his beautiful girlfriend Sharlon. She is from Lake Lure which is how Frank ended up in Hendersonville.

Plus: As is true for many of us, to say Frank is retired is not completely accurate. Having always been skilled with his hands he has a healthy side business that includes kitchen and bathroom remodeling. On top of all this, he has several book ideas percolating in his brain he may start to try and tackle when the weather gets too cold to play ball...., more to come!

Frank's been a slugger almost from the beginning when he got to town in June of 2022. He considers being a part of this group a blessing. "Folks enter your life for a reason, season or lifetime".