



SENIOR SOFTBALL PLAYER PROFILE: STAN SHORES

By Larry Wolfe

Stanley “Stan” Shores is a native of Murdock, Minnesota, a small farming town 112 miles west of Minneapolis. He played baseball and basketball for the Murdock High School Irish, and was a standout halfback and defensive back on the football team. After graduating from Murdock High, he joined the Army, spending two years in the Adjutant General’s Office in Fort Knox, Kentucky.

Stan then went to Augsburg College in Minneapolis, where he played defensive back on the Auggies’ football team. Augsburg is a member of the tough Minnesota Intercollegiate Athletic Conference, which also includes Saint John’s University and their legendary coach, John Gagliardi, the winningest coach in college football history....with 80 more than “Papa Joe” Paterno!

After receiving his degree in Business Administration, Stan entered the business world and worked for over twenty years for a graphic arts manufacturing firm, ultimately becoming the company Treasurer. He then worked in the banking industry for five years before founding his own commercial and residential mortgage business in 2000. Stan holds mortgage licenses in both Minnesota and Arizona and is still active in that business.

Stan and his beautiful bride Carol have owned a home in Sun Lakes for five years and have been full-time residents for the past year. He is in

his second year of Sun Lakes softball and really enjoys the game and the camaraderie among the players. Previously Stan played fast pitch softball and town team baseball back in Minnesota. He was primarily a catcher on those teams, but now usually plays second base on the Sun Lakes teams.

In addition to softball and his mortgage business, Stan keeps busy with home gardening and carpentry projects and also enjoys going out dancing with Carol. In addition, he enjoys listening to Carol sing at various karaoke establishments. He emphasized that he's just "the listener," as his singing voice leaves something to be desired! Stan and Carol also enjoy spending time with their five children and eight granddaughters....nope, not a single grandson among them! But who's counting??

Stan's favorite life memories include the many times he was able to enjoy wild fowl and deer hunting outings with his Dad back in the woods of Minnesota. In fact, Stan's Dad, Bill, is now 94 years young, and is still shooting...but now he shoots pool, not birds and game!

Growing up, Stan was a fan of the Brooklyn Dodgers because their top farm team was the local St. Paul Saints. He attended many of their minor league games as a youngster and saw many of the players who would become big stars with the major league Dodgers. Other favorite sports memories include his attending the 1965, 1987 and 1991 World Series, each of which featured his then favorite team, the Minnesota Twins. He also recalls hitting against the great Eddie Feigner of "The King and his Court" fame, who was arguably the best softball pitcher of all-time. Actually, Stan recalls swinging.....not hitting!!