



SENIOR SOFTBALL PLAYER PROFILE: REG REESE
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Reginald Reese—sounds very aristocratic, doesn't it?—was born in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania—guess not! Anyhow, Reginald, better known as Reg, grew up in Ebensburg, PA in Cambria County. He graduated from Central Cambria High School, where he played baseball and participated in track & field. He was a member of the 440-relay team and was the Red Devils' top javelin-thrower. He also played some football, where he says his best position was the 135-lb tackling dummy! Reg's high school sports claim-to-fame was his winning the District javelin throwing championship as a senior. (At 135 pounds, he could have been the javelin!)

After high school, Reg joined the Air Force where, after training at the Ground Radio School in Mississippi, he spent 3+ years in Germany, primarily at the Communications Center for the Ramstein Air Base. That base is still the European headquarters for our Air Force and a NATO installation.

Tiring of communications jobs, Reg returned to Maryland and began a dry wall business with some associates, but after 2+ years of that, decided communications wasn't so bad after all. He then worked for Philco-Ford for a few years, including a stint in Thailand, where he worked on tropo and microwave dishes. Following that, Reg returned to the States and attended computer school, leading to his thirty-four year career with Arinc (Aeronautical Radio, Inc.), the world leader in transportation communications. He spent 20 years in Illinois and 14 in Annapolis with Arinc,

ultimately holding the positions of Communications Center Supervisor and then Senior Manager.

When retirement time called in 2004, Reg and his lovely wife, Donna, had visions of Arizona on their minds from visiting the area since the mid-80s. They relocated to Sun Lakes and began enjoying the “active adult lifestyle.” Reg, of course, has played softball since his arrival. As a couple, they enjoy bowling and social games, such as Mexican Train, Hand & Fist and Bunko. They also enjoy “dinner and a movie” with friends.

Reg’s favorite hobby is coin collecting. He has thousands of coins dating back to the early 1900s, including pure silver coins, as well as many proofs and uncirculated coins.

Reg admits to starting at the bottom in Sun Lakes softball, after a long hiatus from the sport, but is, and should be, proud of being named the league’s Most Improved Player this past season. Reg is now one of the league’s top pitchers and also swings a mean stick, hitting over .550 in last year’s fall season.

When asked what he considered the highlight of his life, Reg didn’t hesitate in saying it was meeting and marrying Donna and raising their son and daughter. (That should win him beaucoup points at home!) Reg and Donna actually went to high school together but did not start dating till they got together at their five-year reunion. Sometimes it does pay to attend those class reunions! And sometimes there really is a “happily ever after”....