



Duke Sims

Duke Sims played 11 MLB seasons with the Cleveland Indians, Los Angeles Dodgers, Detroit Tigers, New York Yankees and Texas Rangers. While he was mainly a catcher, he also played first base, leftfield, rightfield and DH'd. Yes, Duke was versatile. His career spanned from 1964 to 1974.

Duke was a terrific handler of a pitching staff. In 1968, he caught the Indians staff which led the league with a terrific 2.66 ERA. Two of those pitchers were 21-game winner, Luis Tiant, and fireballer Sam McDowell.

Following his baseball career, Duke built himself a very successful and eclectic business career. He spent time in the plastics industry, financial and insurance services, an energy company, a time share business and as a VP at a medical devices company. He is well-schooled in communications, economics and politics.

During his playing days, Duke was known throughout the league as a bachelor always in search of a good time and could often be found in the company of a beer and a woman. Since then, Duke has given his life to Christ and now describes himself as a devout Christian. He enjoys sharing his testimony of the redemption he has received.

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