



TED WITH HIS IRON MAN TROPHY



TED AND HIS LOVELY WIFE MARGARET





MEMBER PROFILE FOR

CAPTAIN TED COPELAND

DATE OF BIRTH July 7th 1933 81 years old

PLACE OF BIRTH: Jacksonville, Florida. At the old home place.

PARENT'S NAME: Lawrence and Plumic

SIBLINGS: None

EDUCATION: Ted graduated from Andrew Jackson High School in 1952. He got a basketball scholarship to the University of Florida and in 1955-1956 he was the Captain of the basketball team.

MARRIED TO: Margaret

CHILDREN: Two daughters, Sharon and Katie and four grandchildren.

MILITARY EXPERIENCE: He spent two years at Ft. Jackson in the Army Special Services and played basketball.

After that he went to work for the City of Jacksonville Engineering Dept.

HIRED ON FIRE DEPT: 1963 His first assignment was Eng. 1 (notorious (A) shift) with Lt. Cullen Chalker. He stayed there for 16 years. He was promoted to Engineer on E-1, then made Lieutenant in the Bureau. Then in 1991 he was promoted to Captain. He stayed at the Bureau until his retirement in 1996. He had a total 38 yrs in service to the city.

MOST MEMORABLE EVENTS: 1963 Roosevelt Hotel fire and the Triangle Tank fire.

HOBBIES: All Sports

RETIRED FROM: Fire Prevention Bureau

ACTIVITIES SINCE RETIRING: Playing Basketball.

SPECIAL ACCOMPLISHMENTS: In high school Ted was All State in Football and basketball. In 1951, his junior year Jackson High school team were state champions. He was the Captain of The Basketball Team his Senior year and he received a full scholarship to the University of Florida. While at University of Florida he lettered for three years. He played forward and guard. When he got out of the army he played city league basketball, they won two national A.A.U. tournaments in Denver, Co. He also played softball for Warren Motors & Fire Dept. He was the only Jacksonville fireman to be inducted into the sports hall of fame in 1990 for softball and basketball. He retired from playing sports at the age of 76 but if you want a pickup game you can call him and he will meet you at YMCA on riverside ave.

