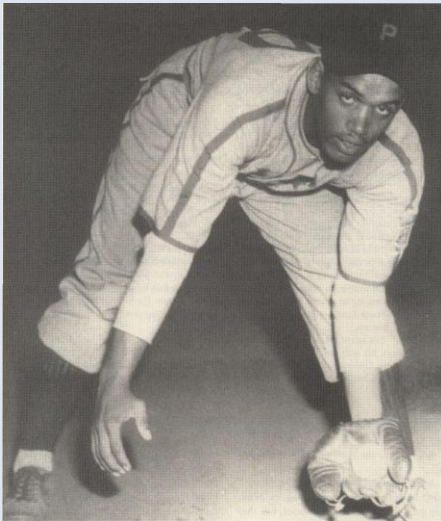




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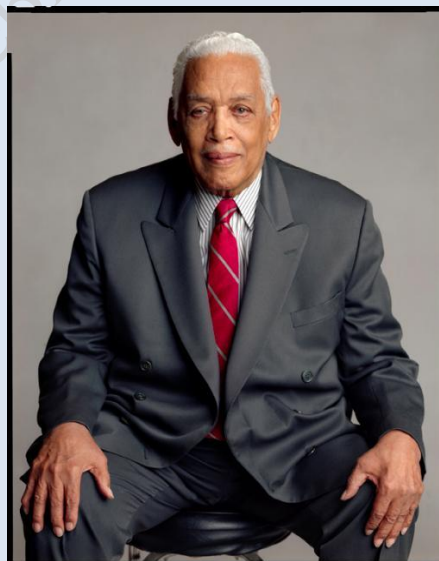
### *Mahlon Duckett*



Mahlon joined the Philadelphia Stars of the Negro National League in 1940 when he was only 17 years old. He spent his entire 11-year career as a regular player. Some say he was the best second baseman they ever saw. Mahlon was a smooth fielding and versatile infielder, having played third base, shortstop and second base positions.

After 10 years with the Stars, he spent one final season with the Homestead Grays. He was then signed by the New York Giants of Major League Baseball, but came down with rheumatic fever, ending his baseball career at the tender age of 28. Mahlon is a wonderful storyteller about the days of the Negro Leagues with Josh Gibson, Satchel Paige, Buck Leonard, Cool Papa Bell and the other stars of the league. He can tell of sleeping in dilapidated

buses, being refused service at restaurants and gas stations, being turned away at white hotels, and frankly being concerned about losing his life. And yet, there is no chip on Mahlon's shoulder. That's just the way it was. Sure he would have like the opportunity to play in the majors. But then he wouldn't have the wonderful tales of the Negro Leagues to share!



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