

Willie Stargell Quotes

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Oakland revolved around Forbes Field. Nothing in the city could match that atmosphere.

~Willie Stargell

I was bred as an outcast, part Negro and part Seminole, in my early years raised as an Indian.

~Willie Stargell

I've always been a slave to my heart.

~Willie Stargell

To be successful, one must take chances.

~Willie Stargell

I eventually became proud of my strikeouts, because each one represented another learning experience.

~Willie Stargell

When they start the game, they don't yell, "Work ball." They say, "Play ball."

~Willie Stargell

Throwing a knuckleball for a strike is like throwing a butterfly with hiccups across the street into your neighbor's mailbox.

~Willie Stargell

They give you a round bat and they throw you a round ball. And they tell you to hit it square.

~Willie Stargell

Helping someone is what life is all about.

~Willie Stargell

You only have a few years to play this game and you can't play it if

you're all tied up in knots.

~Willie Stargell

There's nothing I value more than the closeness of friends and family, a smile as I pass someone on the street.

~Willie Stargell

Trying to hit Sandy Koufax was like trying to drink coffee with a fork.

~Willie Stargell

It's supposed to be fun, the man says 'Play Ball' not 'Work Ball' you know.

~Willie Stargell

Human beings are pampered by the Lord. Their real tests don't come until later in life.

~Willie Stargell

Life is one big transition.

~Willie Stargell

Love soothes wounds, while hatred and violence deepen them.

~Willie Stargell

I never did allow anything to keep me from my kids. They're the most important part of my life.

~Willie Stargell

I see a lot of people who love their jobs. I see some garbage collectors smiling as they go about their work.

~Willie Stargell

I never search for a reason why - I have faith in the Lord's purpose.

~Willie Stargell

Baseball for me was instinctive, born within me, given to me as a gift from God.

~Willie Stargell

Vietnam helped me realize who the true heroes really are in this world. It's not the home-run hitters.

~Willie Stargell

To me, baseball has always been a reflection of life. Like life, it adjusts. It survives everything.

~Willie Stargell

I'm a God-fearing man who worships with my heart and with my life.

~Willie Stargell

I don't really feel that I deserve all my applause.

~Willie Stargell

Judgment traps you within the limitations of your comparisons. It inhibits freedom.

~Willie Stargell

The Giants were a good team, but our biggest enemy was said to be Candlestick Park.

~Willie Stargell

I always said that when it was time to retire, I would know it, and I would just tip my hat to the crowds.

~Willie Stargell

Unfortunately, inner feelings and potential are often stunted by our parents, relatives or peers.

~Willie Stargell

To middle-class parents, the project team may have seemed unfit for children, but it was exactly what I needed.

~Willie Stargell

We devote our entire lives to becoming good ball players. We take batting practice until our hands bleed.

~Willie Stargell

I would always reserve a special place in my heart for Pittsburgh.

~Willie Stargell

I found myself in a race with Mother Nature to play as much baseball as I could before she forced me to stop.

~Willie Stargell

The bat is gone, but the smile remains.

~Willie Stargell

My first job after my retirement from baseball was as a narrator for the Eastman Philharmonica.

~Willie Stargell

People like us are afraid to leave ball. What else is there to do? When baseball has been your whole life, you can't think about a future without it, so you hang on as long as you can.

~Willie Stargell

We all wore a 21 patch that one season as a silent tribute to our deceased teammate Roberto.

~Willie Stargell

If a reporter doesn't like the person he's writing about, it shows up in his article.

~Willie Stargell

I was the most powerful left-handed hitter in the Alameda area.

~Willie Stargell

I gave out stars whenever an appropriate situation presented itself.

~Willie Stargell

Playing baseball was my dream, and no amount of money could sway my opinion.

~Willie Stargell

I'm proud of the fact that I'm the only player to hit a ball completely out of Dodger Stadium.

~Willie Stargell

Never had I had so many friends and so much fun as I did in the projects.

~Willie Stargell

A World Series trophy is a wonderful thing to behold.

~Willie Stargell

Reporters often forget that athletes are human beings.

~Willie Stargell

I wasn't out drinking and abusing my body. I simply loved to go out and dance.

~Willie Stargell

Don't be sharp or flat; just be natural.

~Willie Stargell

That's where the future lies, in the youth of today.

~Willie Stargell

When we make a mistake, it becomes front-page news. We don't need any reporter telling us how badly we played.

~Willie Stargell

I flailed my arm in a throwing motion before I could even walk.

~Willie Stargell

I loved to hit with men on base and with the game on the line.

~Willie Stargell

Simple pleasures were all the pleasures that I knew as a child.

~Willie Stargell

I was always a self-proclaimed poor slider.

~Willie Stargell

I've witnessed thousands of superior athletes try to become hitters and fail at it.

~Willie Stargell

I owe a large part of my success to Joe Brown, who helped me both as a player and a person.

~Willie Stargell

I love September, especially when we're in it.

~Willie Stargell

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