

Young at Heart

These friends of mine With suntanned cheeks And eyes that shine, With graying heads And smiles so kind-Players of tennis, Cheaters of time.

Young at heart
These friends of ours
With leathery arms
And battle scars.
Hiding within
An impish child,
A prankster Puck,
A kid so wild.

We laugh, we vie, We tease, we boast:
"Who are these guys
We're going to roast?"
The birthday boys await.
What torment is anon...

for Gruntin' Richard, E-mail Steve, Sidelined Joe, or Cardshark Don?

Yet head and shoulders Above most all Stood out one youth So very tall, Who learned to hit That little ball Before most of us Could even crawl.

Yep, it's Shufflin'Don, Ninety-eight years young, Who graced our courts, Was loosely strung, And taught us to play with humor and fun, Off and on the court--I never saw him run.

Thanks for all, guys & Don, One of your many friends Keeping us young at heart, Our gratitude we send.

-Joe Barile, Feb.22, 2012 at Harry's (Another pair of Don's "designated legs" when we teamed up with him)



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