

## 2025 Randall Franks Short Bio

**Randall Franks**, beloved as “**Officer Randy Goode**” from **In the Heat of the Night**, is a versatile talent with a rich legacy in entertainment and inspiration. A former NBC and CBS actor, he’s starred in three series and 18 films, including Hallmark’s *The Cricket’s Dance* and UpTV’s *The American’s Creed*, earning numerous awards. An International Bluegrass Hall of Fame Legend and Grand Ole Opry guest, Franks has topped charts—his song “God’s Children” **hit #1** on Cashbox—and garnered accolades across bluegrass, country, and gospel genres. As an award-winning author of 12 books, including *Southern Crossing: Ithaca’s Legacy* and *Seeing Faith: A Devotional*, and a syndicated columnist, he uplifts millions weekly in the South and Midwest. Through his Share America Foundation, he nurtures Appalachian music traditions among youth. Honored by Georgia for raising millions in aid, Franks continues to shine as 2024 Musician of the Year - Fiddle and Inspirational Vocalist nominee. Learn more at [www.RandallFranks.com](http://www.RandallFranks.com).

