



“My blind faith tells me that when we face the Lord, He will not be waiting on me with a copy of my resume or how many games I won. I don’t think He will want the answer of ‘You know, God, I have over 1,000 wins... I swear I helped kids develop better sliders... Did you know I’m the all-time winningest coach at both programs I was at?’ I truly believe He will want to know what kind of husband, father, friend, and ultimately the kind of man I was.” - Tony Robichaux

Tony Robichaux was perhaps best known for being the Head Baseball Coach of McNeese State University and UL at Lafayette. He received many accolades throughout his coaching career. But he was much more than that... “A baseball coach is what I do; it’s not who I am.” He knew the “Real” Game... is life. “Coach Robe,” as most would call him, had a vision to change the viewpoint of the world through purpose. He moved people with his words, teachings, and ability to see life from a different set of lenses. He wanted his players to see the value and platform the sport brought versus letting the sport identify them. He was a man of God who took his discipleship wherever he went, a servant leader who mentored off of truth and wisdom.

His legacy is a gift to the community that cannot be measured in monetary terms but in far greater, life-altering values. Our Lady of Wisdom, in Lafayette, started the Tony Robichaux Fund dedicated to forming young men as leaders in the faith, their families, and in the community; “To Form Lifelong Disciples of Christ.” The Louisiana Baseball Coaches Association has the Tony Robichaux Ethics Award given to a coach, and the Sunbelt Conference has the Tony Robichaux Leadership Award given to a player who exemplifies the values and beliefs of Coach Robichaux. These awards continue to be given yearly. The City Council of Crowley has renamed its sports complex to the Tony Robichaux Sports Complex. The Council stated, “He exemplified all the best virtues of love of family, faith, hard work, and helping others. He was humble and a great mentor to our youth. He led by example.” His teachings will carry forward with all who knew him or now know of him.

He was a husband to his wife, Colleen, for 31 ½ years; father to his three children: Ashley, Justin, and Austin; a “Pops” to his grandchildren: Ava, Lon Paul, Sylvia, Liam, Olivia, Levi, Evelyn, Roslyn, and Eli.

Coach Robe lost his earthly battle to a heart condition on July 3, 2019. His loss will forever be remembered through the hearts of every individual he touched.