

Tommy Williams
Youth Team Manager/Baseball

“For the love of the game.” Through the years, those words are associated with many players and coaches in the sports world. However, when you hear that phrase from this day forward, you’ll think Tommy Williams.

A long-time youth baseball coach in the city of Memphis, Tommy led his teams to state championships, regional crowns and World Series appearances. After World Series final four showings in 1995, 1996 and 2001, Tommy led the 14U East Memphis Tigers to the pinnacle of the sport in 2002, winning the World Series title and posting an astounding 74-2 record in the process.

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After coaching youth baseball, Tommy moved on to Christian Brothers High School, where he coached the junior varsity and helped with the varsity program for eight years. He helped lead the two programs to several championships.

And Tommy did all these years of coaching, all the hours of preparation, all the minutes and seconds of going over details of the game with his players — he did it all for no compensation, no pay. That is truly “for the love of the game.”

Born in 1954 in Somerville, Tommy grew up playing sports in the Memphis area. He started with the Memphis youth baseball teams he would later coach. Tommy, though, wasn’t only a baseball player; he was an all-around athlete. Tommy won the youth Punt-Pass-Kick competition at the Mid-South Fair. Later, he played baseball, basketball and football and ran track at Overton High School. Tommy also coached other sports than baseball, leading the football squad at Towering Oaks High School and assisting his brother with the Whitehaven High School basketball program.

However, Tommy made his mark on the diamond year after year, not only coaching the game he loved but training boys to become young men who eventually would make their impact on the world in some way. He saw the opportunity to coach baseball as his way of giving back to the community, a calling — and, boy, Tommy did that.

Tommy, who worked in trucking logistics for decades, was a writer at heart and loved quotes, sharing them with the young people he coached. A couple he liked to tell his players are: “Life is 10% of what happens to you and 90% how you respond” and “It is the capacity to enjoy life than brings contentment.”

Please welcome to the Hall of Fame posthumously, for youth team manager/baseball — Tommy Williams.