



THOMAS O'CONNELL
MARCH 10, 1933—MARCH 7, 2016

Thomas P. O'Connell, 82, of Princeton Junction, New Jersey, passed away on March 7, 2016.

Tom was involved with the game of baseball as a player, coach, teacher, scout, administrator, author, clinician, lecturer, and camp director SINCE THE 1950's.

O'Connell began his coaching career at Braintree High School (MA) from 1964-71, and spent ten years at Brandeis University in Boston before moving to Princeton, where he coached from 1982 to 1997. Coach O'Connell amassed over 495 victories at the collegiate level and produced many professional players. His teams were NCAA regionalists nine times, and his 1977 Brandeis team lost in the final of the Division III World Series. He was the founder of the renowned Princeton University/Babe Ruth Baseball Camp and Clinic. Prior to that, he was the Director of the Ted Williams Baseball Camp for 13 years. O'Connell retired after 18 years from Princeton with a total of 25 years in college coaching. He also spent time with the Hyannis Mets in the Cape Cod League. In addition, he worked as a part-time Cincinnati Reds scout.

A legend among baseball coaches, O'Connell also served as the Head Coach and recruiter for the Babe Ruth League teams that participated in the USA Baseball Tournament of Stars. And because of his expertise, the Babe Ruth League team took home the gold from the Tournament of Stars in 2010 and 2011, and placed second in 2012.

Tom was inducted into the Brandeis Hall of Fame in 2003, the American Baseball Coaches Association Hall of Fame in 2004, and the Babe Ruth League International Hall of Fame in 2013.

