

MEMORIAL SERVICE

A portrait of Roger Cadour, a middle-aged Black man with a mustache, wearing a dark suit, white shirt, and a patterned tie. He is looking directly at the camera with a slight smile. The background is a textured blue.

ROGER CADOUR

JANUARY 30, 1951 - JUNE 30, 2026

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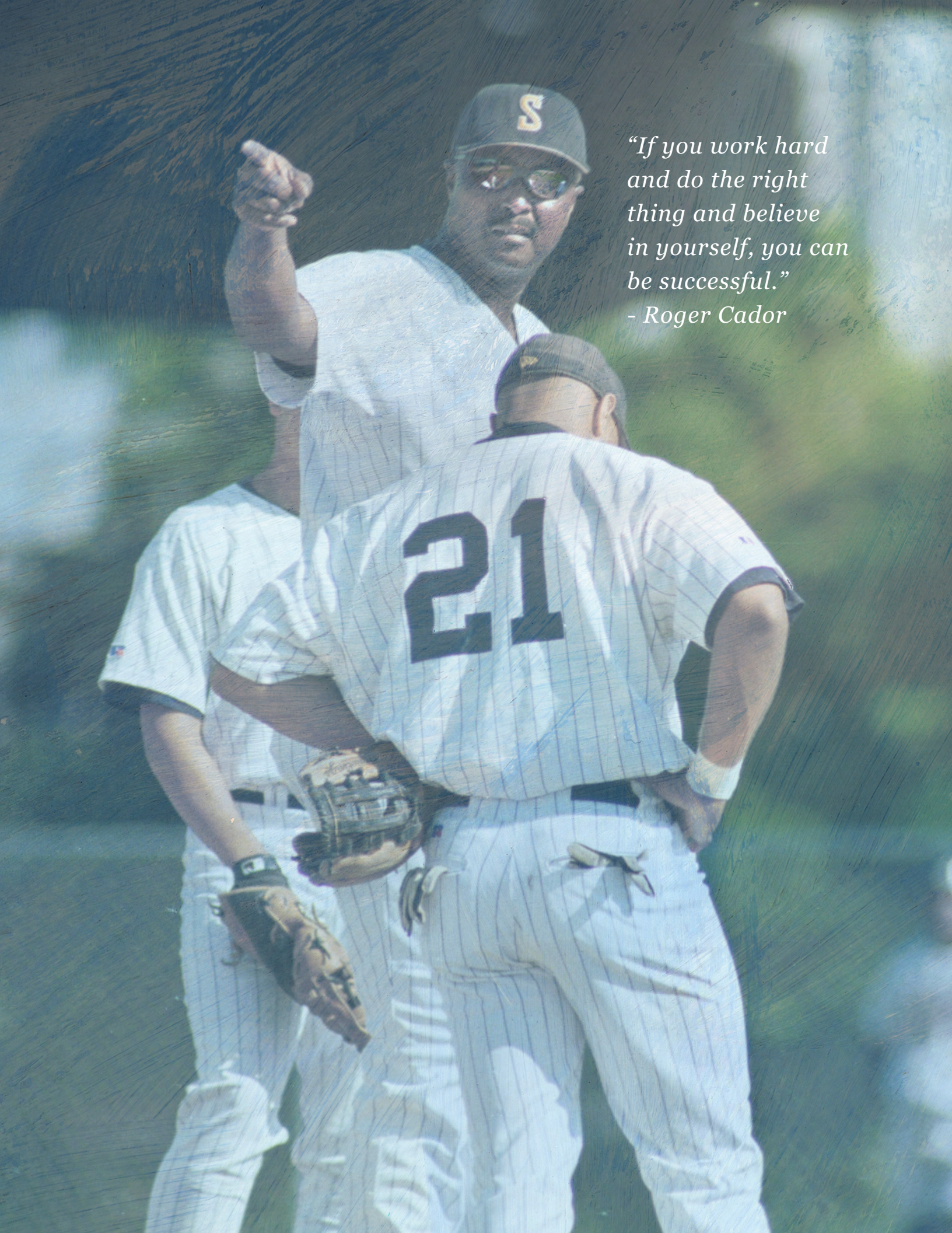
Felton G. Clark Activity Center  
Southern University and A&M College  
801 Harding Boulevard, Baton Rouge, Louisiana



LEGENDARY  
COACH  
ROGER  
CADOR

*"Coach Cador's legacy extends far beyond his wins, championships and accolades. He represented the very best of Southern University — excellence, pride, commitment and service. The foundation he built, the lives he touched, and the standard he established will continue to guide our baseball program and the Jaguar Nation for generations to come. We are forever grateful for his extraordinary contributions and the lasting mark he leaves on our university."*





*“If you work hard  
and do the right  
thing and believe  
in yourself, you can  
be successful.”*

*- Roger Cador*

# OBITUARY

*In Loving Memory of Roger Cador*  
*January 30, 1951 – June 30, 2026*

With profound sadness and heartfelt gratitude for a life of extraordinary service, leadership, and impact, we celebrate the life and legacy of Roger Cador, legendary Southern University baseball coach, Hall of Famer, mentor, and champion for student-athletes. Coach Cador departed this life at the age of 75, leaving behind a legacy that transformed Southern University, elevated Historically Black Colleges and Universities (HBCUs) baseball on the national stage, and forever changed the lives of generations of young men.

Born on January 30, 1951, in Ventress, Louisiana, Roger Cador was the son of the late Expert Cador and Eunice Cador. Raised with a strong work ethic, humility, and determination, he developed a lifelong passion for baseball that would become both his life's calling and his greatest ministry.

After attending high school in Pointe Coupee Parish, Cador continued his education at Southern University and A&M College, where he excelled as a standout student-athlete for the Jaguars from 1970 to 1973 playing basketball and baseball. During his junior season in 1972, in baseball, he led Southern with a .393 batting average, showcasing the talent that would eventually earn him an opportunity to play professionally.

Following his collegiate career, Cador signed with the Atlanta Braves organization, playing professionally from 1973 through 1977 and advancing to the Class AAA Richmond Braves. Although his professional playing career was successful, his greatest contribution to the game awaited him back at his alma mater.

In 1978, Cador returned to Southern University as an assistant baseball coach and later served as an assistant basketball coach. In 1984, he was named head baseball coach, beginning what would become one of the most distinguished coaching careers in collegiate baseball history.

For 33 seasons, Coach Cador built Southern University into one of the nation's premier HBCU baseball programs. His career record of 913 victories ranks among the winningest in college baseball history. Under his leadership, the Jaguars captured 14 Southwestern Athletic Conference (SWAC) Championships, won 11 NCAA Regional berths, claimed two HBCU National Championships in 2003 and 2005, and earned national respect through a culture defined by excellence, discipline, and integrity.

In 1987, Coach Cador guided Southern University to a historic victory over nationally ranked Cal State Fullerton, making the Jaguars the first HBCU baseball program to win an NCAA Regional game. It was one of many milestones that helped elevate HBCU baseball to unprecedented visibility.

Throughout his career, Coach Cador was recognized as SWAC Coach of the Year 13 times, coached 10 All-Americans, and helped 62 student-athletes realize their dreams of playing professional baseball through the Major League Baseball Draft.

Among his many coaching accomplishments, one of his proudest was mentoring Rickie Weeks, who became a two-time NCAA batting champion, recipient of the prestigious Golden Spikes Award, and the first player from a predominantly Black institution to earn college baseball's highest individual honor before being selected second overall in the 2003 Major League Baseball Draft.

Coach Cador's influence reached well beyond the baseball diamond. He became one of the nation's strongest advocates for expanding opportunities for minority student-athletes and worked tirelessly with Major League Baseball to increase exposure for HBCU baseball programs. His leadership helped establish the Urban Baseball Invitational, now known as the Andre Dawson Classic, providing national television exposure and opening doors for countless student-athletes.

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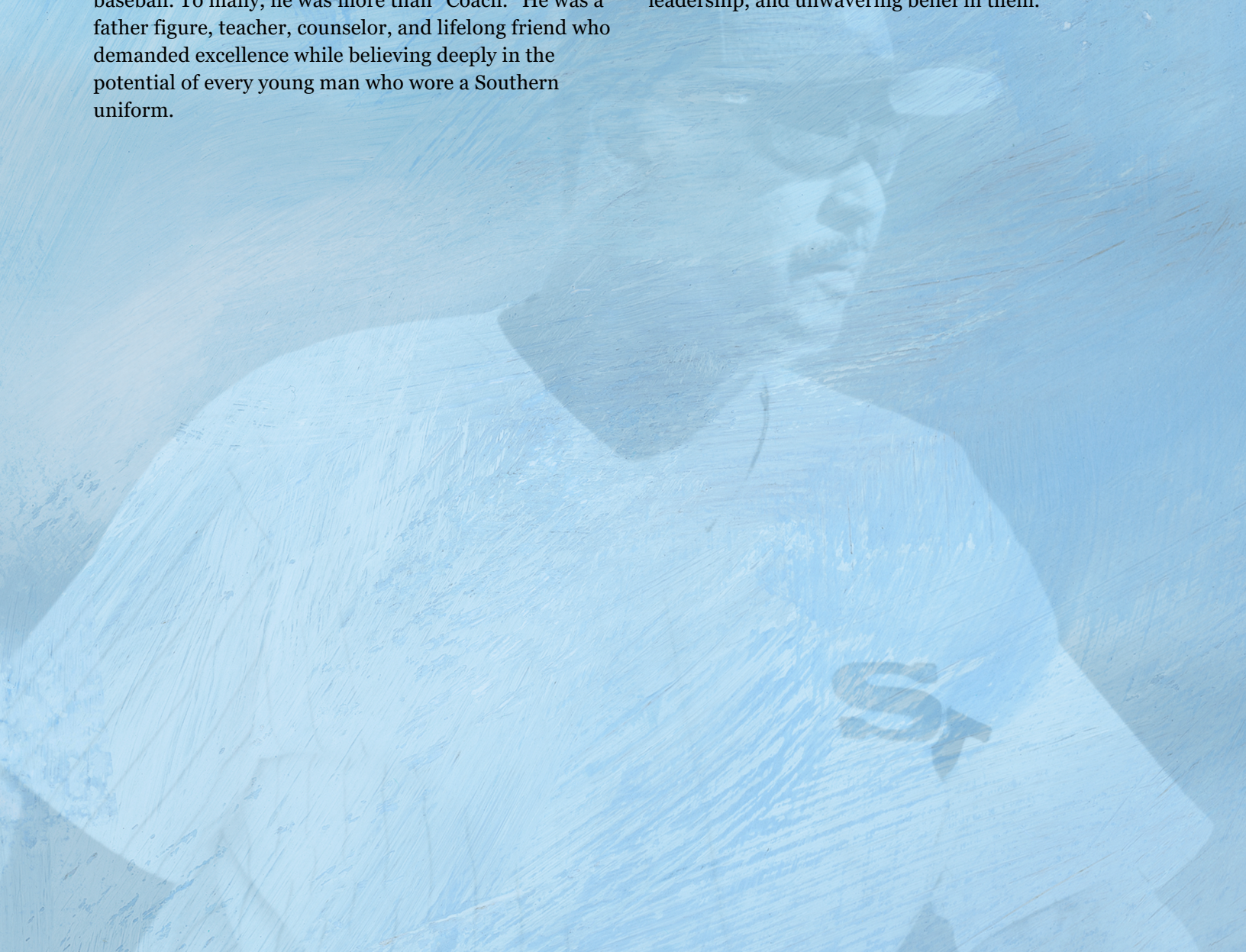
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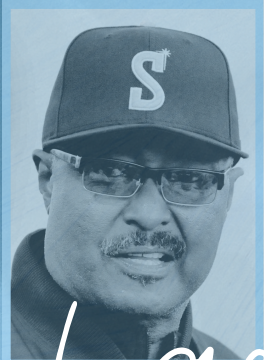
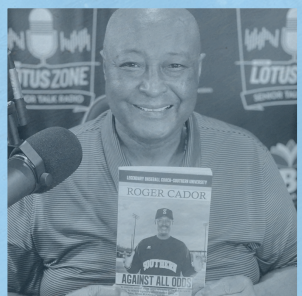
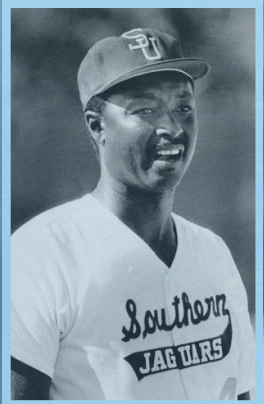
His extraordinary contributions earned him some of baseball's highest honors, including induction into the Southwestern Athletic Conference Hall of Fame in 2018, the Louisiana Sports Hall of Fame in 2019, the American Baseball Coaches Association Hall of Fame in 2021, and the National College Baseball Hall of Fame in 2022. He was also a proud member of the Louisiana Baseball Coaches Association Hall of Fame.

While his championships, victories, and accolades are extraordinary, Coach Cador's greatest legacy lives in the hundreds of student-athletes he coached, mentored, encouraged, and prepared for successful lives beyond baseball. To many, he was more than "Coach." He was a father figure, teacher, counselor, and lifelong friend who demanded excellence while believing deeply in the potential of every young man who wore a Southern uniform.

Roger Cador was preceded in death by his parents, Expert Cador and Eunice Cador, and a sister, Mary Jean Cador.

He leaves to cherish his memory his sons, Johnthan Cador of Zachary, Louisiana; Jeremy Cador of Montgomery, Alabama; and a bonus son, Tim Romero of Knoxville, Tennessee; his siblings, Betty Leonard and Henry Cador, both of New Roads, Louisiana; his aunt, Marie Joseph of New Roads, Louisiana; along with a host of extended family members, former players, colleagues, friends, alumni, and generations of Jaguars whose lives were forever changed by his wisdom, leadership, and unwavering belief in them.





# Legacy

Remembering Coach Roger Cadour.

# ORDER OF SERVICE

REV. WILLIAM BATES, PRESIDING

<b>Welcome</b>	<b>John Pierre</b> , <i>Chancellor, SUBR</i>
<b>Expressions:</b>	<i>(Please limit expressions to 5 minutes.)</i>
<b>Coaching Colleague:</b>	<b>Stanley “Skip” Bertman</b> , <i>former Head Baseball Coach, Louisiana State University</i> <b>Wilbert Ellis</b> , <i>former Head Baseball Coach, Grambling State University</i> <b>Roman Banks</b> , <i>Athletics Director, Southern University Baton Rouge</i>
<b>Former Player:</b>	<b>Chris Crenshaw</b> , <i>Head Baseball Coach, Southern University Baton Rouge</i> <b>Rickie Weeks, Jr.</b> , <i>Special Assistant – Baseball Operations and Domestic/ International Scouting, Milwaukee Brewers</i> <b>Fernando Puebla</b> , <i>Owner, Puebla Construction, LLC</i>
<b>Friend:</b>	<b>The Honorable Hillar Moore</b> , <i>District Attorney, EBR Parish, 19<sup>th</sup> JDC</i> <b>Alice Parks</b> , <i>Author</i> <b>The Honorable Attorney Tony M. Clayton</b> , <i>Chairman, Southern University Board of Supervisors &amp; District Attorney, 18<sup>th</sup> JDC</i> <b>Attorney Domoine D. Rutledge</b> , <i>Member, Southern University Board of Supervisors</i>
<b>Final Remarks and Closing Prayer:</b>	<b>Reverend William Bates</b> , <i>former Player</i>

## *Pallbearers*

Nathaniel Ashford	Tim Cador
Solomon Ashford	Kenton Leonard
Ashley Cador	Quinten Leonard
Eric Cador	Scottie Woods

## HONORARY

## *Pallbearers*

Anthony Bellizaire	Harry Haynes
Jeremy Cador	Hillar Moore
Johnthan Cador	Tony Reagean
Henry Cador	Tim Romero
Michael Dedrick	Domoine Rutledge

Current and Former Southern University Baseball Players

## ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

The family of Coach Roger Cador extends our heartfelt gratitude for the overwhelming outpouring of love, prayers, kind words, and expressions of sympathy during this difficult time. Special Thanks to his caregivers Janice Shields, Shawanda Cador, and Stephanie Boulanger and his Sister Betty Leonard who never left his side.

Your support has been a source of comfort and strength as we celebrate the extraordinary life and legacy of our beloved Coach Cador. We are deeply touched by every prayer, visit, phone call, message, floral tribute, and act of kindness shown to our family.

Coach Cador's impact reached far beyond the baseball field. He inspired countless lives through his leadership, wisdom, faith, and unwavering commitment to excellence. It brings us peace to know that his legacy will continue to live on in the hearts of so many.

Please continue to keep our family in your prayers as we navigate the days ahead. We are sincerely grateful for your love and support.

With heartfelt appreciation,  
--The Family of Coach Roger Cador