

Baseball Fever

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At the age of three, Victor Rodriguez realized that he wanted to become a baseball player. Growing up in Fresno, Texas with his Mother, Victor realized that he wanted to play baseball. His mother would throw the ball with him since his father wasn't around much. She read him stories of his hero, Alex Rodriguez and how famous he was as a baseball player. Victor imagined himself becoming like his favorite star.

At times when both of his parents weren't home Victor Rodriguez would lie down in bed and toss the ball up and the air and catch it in his mitt. Victor said one day he'll be playing beside his greatest hero Alex Rodriguez. At the age of five, Victor had already joined the little league baseball team and was the top hitter in his age level. Some days after his team had practice Victor would spend 15-45mins practicing his base running and his fielding. Victor always made sure he stayed in shape so he could fulfill his dream. He limited his eating supply and even started jogging around his neighborhood with his teammates. Victor was a very competitive person that is until his grandfather died. One of the reasons Victor decided to play baseball was because of his grandfather. Victor just shut down after his grandfather died, he quit staying after practice, he quit coming to practice, he quit jogging and his coach even put him at the bottom of the batting order because he was making too many mistakes. Victor often told his parents that he kept hearing a voice call to him but he could never understand what the voice was trying to say. A day later he heard the voice again and he finally understood what the voice was and what it was trying to say. It was his grandfather trying to tell him to move on everything would be alright. Victor's grandfather

said to him “don’t be mournful for I am at peace.” Once victor heard those very words he began to get back on his schedule. He began running around the neighborhood again with his fellow teammates and even started staying back 30-60 minutes after practice than he usually did.

At age eighteen Victor was finally accepted into the MLB and is now the head pitcher for the Houston Astros. Victor got to see his favorite baseball star Alex Rodriguez and even got a chance to become close friends with him. Victor dedicated every one of his wins to his grandfather. He even began to cry while at the pitcher’s mound in mourn of his grandfather. That very game Victor threw 83 strikes to dedicate those strikes to his grandfather and all that he did. Victor’s grandfather died at age 83. Victor never missed one game after that incident.

Victor is now 33 years old and has two kids and a beautiful wife and is now retired from baseball to become an engineer. He hopes that his sons and his grandchildren will strive to be the best they can be and never give up no matter what. Victor began to see some changes happening to him and started to become worry. He began getting weaker and weaker and started to have dehydration often.

At age 63 Victor started to suffer from kidney failure. He continued to still tell his children and grandchildren to never give up and the main reason he was still alive was because he never gave up. His daughter Brianna Rodriguez is now a professional soft ball player and is the top softball player in the nation. As for

his son Alex Rodriguez he is now, as they call it the second babe Ruth. Victor's grandchildren are now playing little league baseball.

Two years later Victor ended up dying on the way to the hospital. His kidneys began to fail on him and it soon started affecting his while His whole family mourned in his death. Even his best friend Alex Rodriguez his hero couldn't believe it. When Victor Rodriguez died they made a monument of him saying don't give up , I didn't give up and look what I got out of life, I became one of MLB's best hitters and I am now in the hall of fame book for most hits in a season. That one script would change millions of peoples live around the world. Victor hoped that people would understand that no matter what your life is like and no matter how many parents you have, you all ways have to strive for success.