

Coach helped me with softball the last few years of his life. I saved his last voicemail to hear his voice and support. Transcript below.

“Hey coach Bill Deutsch listen I had problems yesterday with my arm is frozen from my shoulder on my wrist and I could move it today is little bit better but if I drive I have to use both hands and I can't do that so I hope y'all do all right enjoy it thank you very much love you...” **Josh Kimball**

Coach was definitely a baseball lifer! He coached me mainly in 2009 at Campbell High School as a freshman but was always up for some extra work if asked through 2012. His knowledge of the game was incredible. He loved to hit that fungo and those mechanix gloves! He was a fun coach that always kept us laughing and enjoying the game while pushing us to improve! That would be a really cool way to honor him by naming a field after him! **JJ Brown**

Great idea, fine man and coach. Fun baseball memories watching games at Cobb Park early 80's when Keith and Kevin played for their Dad and Bob Kimbrough (son, Shane, future astronaut) on DQ vs Smyrna Tire's Coach D! I sure vote for naming that field in his honor!! 🙏 **Charlene Scroggs Nix**

Man...I have to many great stories to type here. I'll email ya! He was an enormous influence in my life. He actually helped me with the fast pitch Whitefield Academy softball team for two years. What a blessing to actually coach with him in my adult year. Love that man!! ❤️ ❤️ **Ryan S Byers**

Coach Deutsch is an awesome man. I remember playing at Cobb Park and always talking baseball with him. He helped coach our all star team at practice. I watched him handle a bat like nobody else ever has. We were working on squeezing and he showed us to throw the bat at the ball if they tried to pitch out on us. He was 10 for 10 on putting the bat on the ball and getting it in fair territory. One of my best memories was my senior year in college and we were playing Berry College and our coach called for the squeeze play. The pitcher tried to pitch out and I threw the bat at it and put the ball in fair territory. Our coach asked me how I come up with throwing the bat at the ball and I told him one of the best baseball coaches I had ever been around taught me that when I was 14 years old. His son Steve is an awesome guy also. **Eddie J Wester**

Always thought the world of Coach Deutsch. Thought so much of him that I asked him to help me as we started the baseball program at Whitefield Academy. His unforgettable smile, his wisdom, his patience, his toughness and his trademark flattop haircut were some of the things I remember. He was not one to sugarcoat anything. And no matter how strange got out there during any game or practice, he knew just what to say or do to keep it light but also make sure we had a plan to get it right. Growing up with coaching role models like Deutsch, Lattanzi, Judge Nix, Lloyd, English, Cochran, McDonald, Jordan, Cadenhead - just to name a few - well, it was a privilege and an incredible blessing. So many names to add to this list...Coach Deutsch certainly should be honored for his humble dedication to the greatest show on dirt. **Kevin C Nix**

2004-2007 Campbell High school baseball. Coach Deutsch was an unforgettable presence in the locker room and on the field. If you ever played OF for him you would have heard “that balls going to do a banana on you” and if you ever took IF with him he'd get you good and warmed up with a couple routine grounders than pop in the ole “THTH - Too Hot Too Handle” to make sure you were truly ready.

I also played at Cobb Park for my middle school years and played against him. He was a great coach and it would be very fitting to name a field after a great man who dedicated so much of his time to the game many of us love.

RIP Coach! Sincerely, "Devers, Divers, what is your last name dagonit?"

You will be missed. **Robin Divver**

He was my neighbor and the most knowledgeable baseball PERSON I ever knew. Knew how to steal an inch on the base paths, knew the fundamentals of every positions. When I was 13 he started using vhs recordings to show us our bad mechanics. Other than baseball, he was a great coach in football as well. He also was an all state basketball player in high school in Pennsylvania. Cobb park is named after my uncle and I think he would be the only one worthy of renaming that park after. For over 40 years he helped numerous schools and kids around our area and never got or asked for a penny! Michael Dobson

Not hardly i time i go to a baseball field i dont think of Coach Deutsch and something he told me or shared with me i played at Cobb Park in 73-74 for Charlie Taft Coach Deutsch coached Mc Donalds i have known him practically my whole life and he is a Great Man and Coach we helped me with several teams of mine and also came to Campbell to coach JV in 03-04 with another amazing guy Steve Talley we passed a year ago anything i can do to help with anything Craig all you have to do is let me know. **Garry Harvil**