

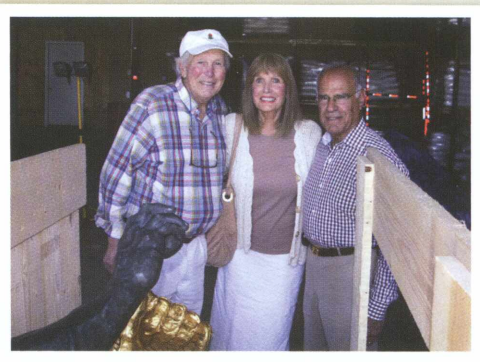
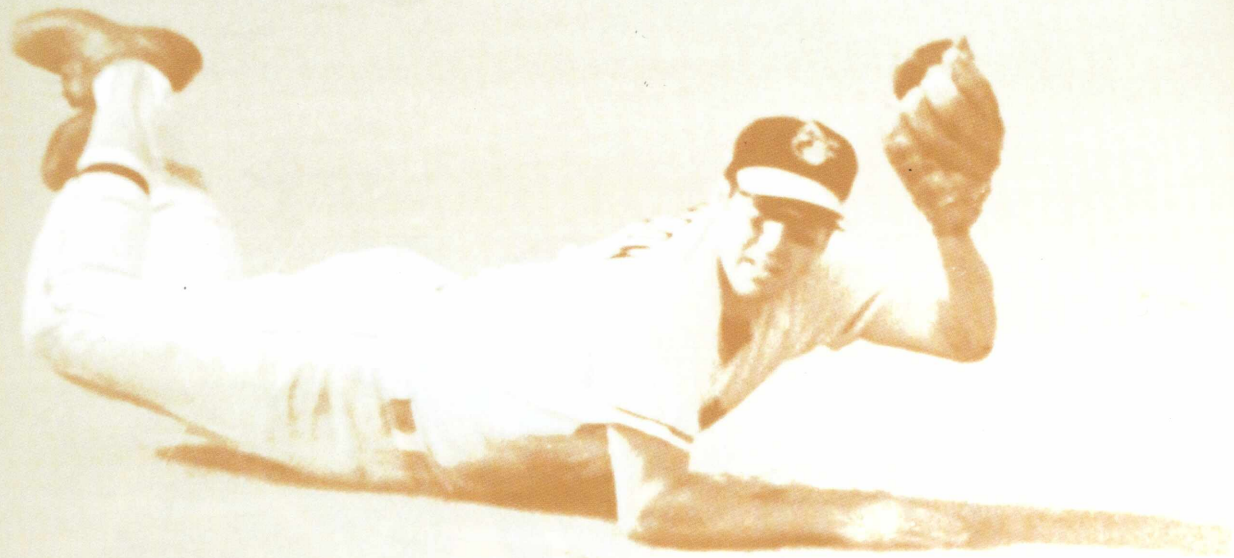


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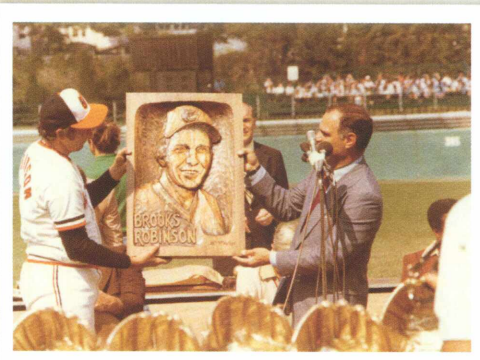
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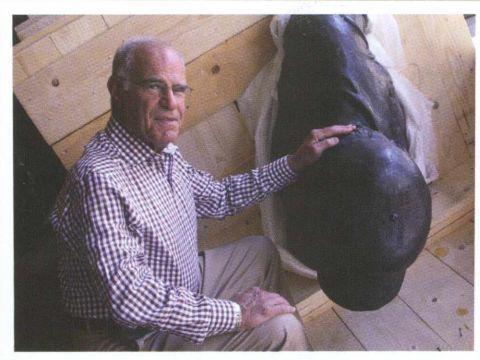
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Brooks, Connie & Henry



Brooks & Henry



Henry

"Very nice (play)... where do they plug Mr. Hoover in?"

- Lee May

LETTER

FROM THE PRINCIPAL SPONSOR

We are privileged in Baltimore to be the home of athletes who became icons in their sports, and there is no greater example of this than Brooks Robinson, who set the standard for major league third basemen. Brooks took the Orioles to two world championships while redefining the skills and talents of his position. Although some of the records he set have fallen, and others may fall in the future, every athlete to guard the "hot corner" in baseball will continue to study and emulate Brooks' technique, intensity, and drive. So, too, should every celebrity emulate Brooks' dedication, loyalty, and commitment to his fans and his community. Brooks is legendary in this town for treating each fan like his best friend. There is scarcely a cultural and charitable institution in this region that has not benefited from his support and inspiration.

For over two decades, I had the privilege of working with Brooks at Crown Central Petroleum. It is now my privilege to lead a team of donors and partners, whose names appear later in this program, to unveil this lasting monument to a great baseball player and an extraordinary citizen of our community. It is entirely fitting that this statue stands at one of the major gateways to Baltimore where Brooks will welcome residents and visitors alike to our town.

Thank you for coming today to join in this celebration where we offer a heartfelt "Thank You, Brooks!" to the man who has brought acclaim and good will to this area since his arrival over 55 years ago.

Henry A. Rosenberg, Jr.

THE ARTIST

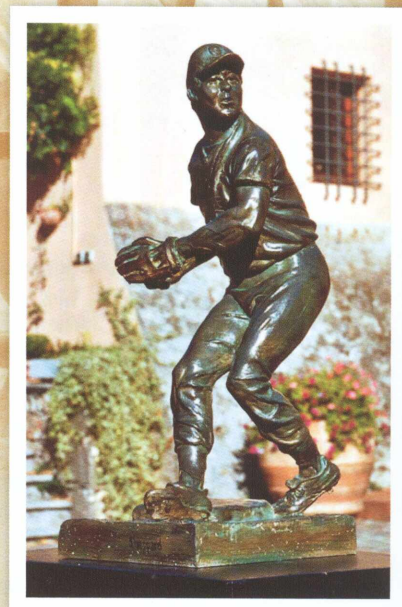
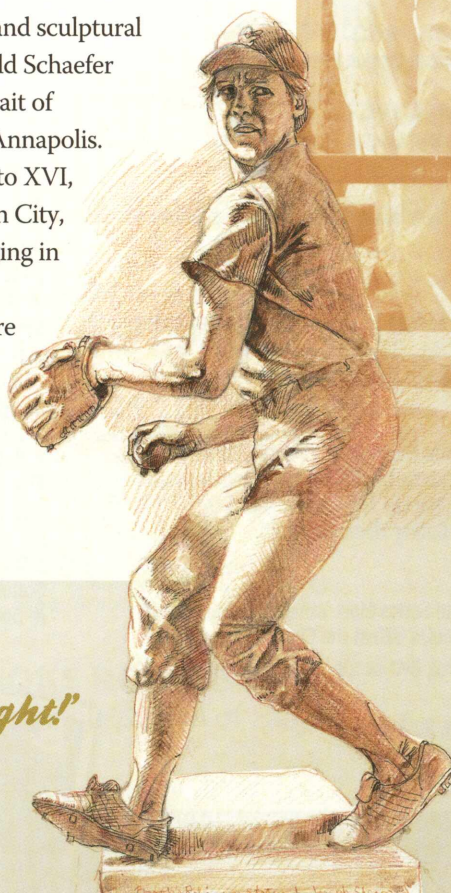
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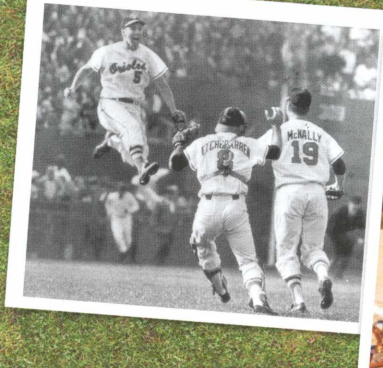
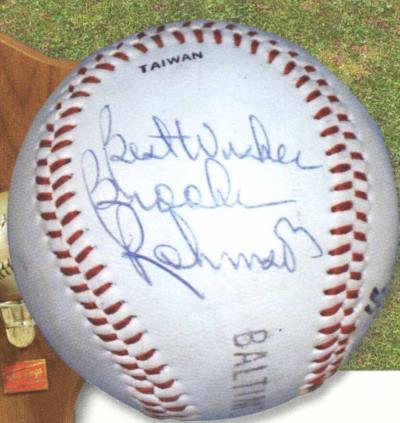
Joseph Sheppard, a Maryland Institute College of Art trained artist and Guggenheim Traveling Fellow, was born in Baltimore County and lives and works in Baltimore City. An award winning sculptor and painter, Mr. Sheppard's works grace the collections of institutions such as the National Portrait Gallery in Washington, D.C., the Baltimore Museum of Art, and the Carnegie Institute Museum of Art in Pittsburgh. Additionally, a permanent gallery of his work is on view at the University of Maryland, University College in Adelphi, MD.

He is often commissioned for both his painting and sculptural work. His portrait of then Mayor William Donald Schaefer hangs in Baltimore's City Hall and his later portrait of Governor Schaefer hangs in the State House in Annapolis. His other portraits include that of Pope Benedetto XVI, hanging in the North America College in Vatican City, and President and Mrs. George H.W. Bush hanging in the George Bush Presidential Library in College Station, Texas. In Baltimore, his bronze sculpture of Pope John Paul II is the centerpiece of a prayer garden at Charles and Franklin streets on the grounds of the Baltimore Basilica and his Holocaust Memorial sculpture is located in the 500 block of East Lombard Street.

"Brooks Robinson leads the league in everything that's right!"

- Orioles Hall of Fame Manager Earl Weaver





BROOKS ROBINSON CAREER HIGHLIGHTS

"That kid plays third base like he came down from a higher league."

Umpire Ed Runge

SEPTEMBER 17, 1955 ~

Makes major league debut with the Baltimore Orioles, and goes two-for-four in a victory over the Washington Senators.

1960 - 1974 ~

Selected to 18 consecutive All-Star games in 15 consecutive seasons (two All-Star games were played each year in 1960, 1961, and 1962).

1960 - 1975 ~

Wins 16 consecutive Gold Glove Awards.

1961, 1962, 1963, 1964 & 1968 ~

Leads American League in games played.

1962, 1964, 1967 & 1968 ~

Leads American League in sacrifice flies.

1962 ~

Hits grand slam home runs in two consecutive games.

1964 ~

Wins the American League's Most Valuable Player Award, batting .318, with 28 home runs and a league-leading 118 runs batted in.

1966 ~

- Wins All-Star Game Most Valuable Player Award, and the Orioles win the World Series, sweeping the Los Angeles Dodgers 4-0.
- Wins Lou Gehrig Memorial Award.

1970 ~

- Wins World Series Most Valuable Player Award, as the Orioles defeat the Cincinnati Reds 4-1.
- Wins Hickok Belt as top professional athlete of the year.
- Wins Babe Ruth Award.

1972 ~

Wins Roberto Clemente Award.

APRIL 19, 1977 ~

Coming to bat as a pinch hitter, hits a walk off, game-winning three-run home run in the bottom of the 10th inning. When interviewed by Mary Beth Marsden on WBAL Radio on September 16, 2011, Earl Weaver described that home run as his most memorable moment in all his years in Baltimore.

AUGUST 21, 1977 ~

Brooks Robinson retires, clearing a spot on the roster for Rick Dempsey to come off the disabled list.

SEPTEMBER 18, 1977 ~

The Orioles host "Thanks Brooks Day," drawing the largest regular season crowd in Memorial Stadium history. The Orioles retire #5.

JANUARY 12, 1983 ~

Elected to the National Baseball Hall of Fame in his first year of eligibility, with 92 percent of the vote.

JULY 31, 1983 ~

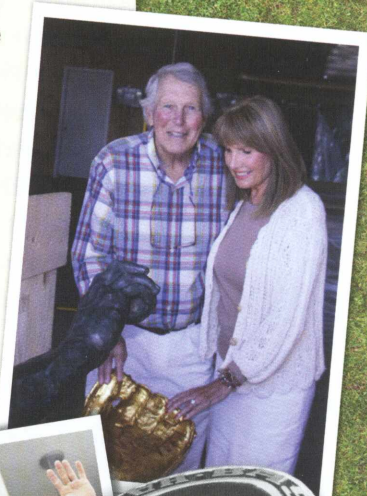
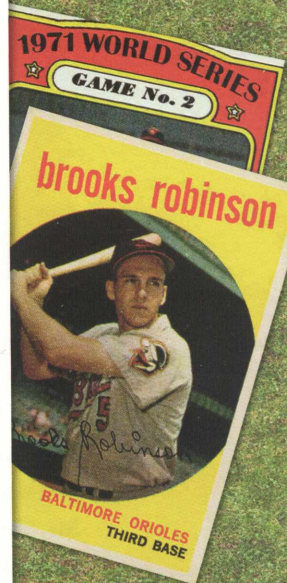
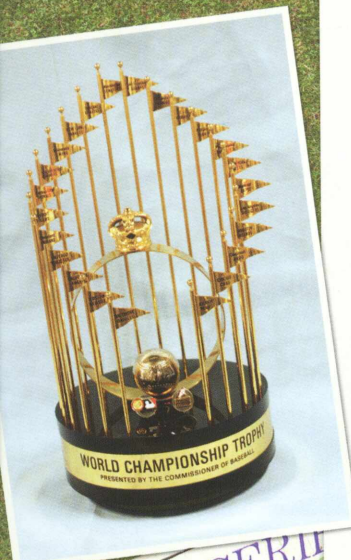
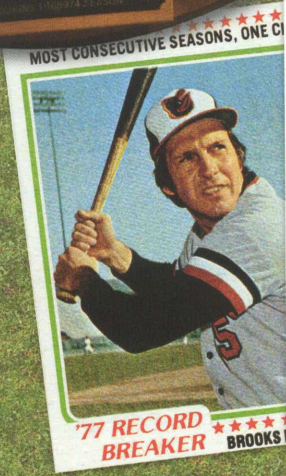
Inducted into the National Baseball Hall of Fame. At the time of his retirement, he had led the American League in fielding percentage 11 times, and his .971 career fielding average was the highest ever for a third baseman. His totals of 2870 games played at third base, 2697 career putouts, 6205 career assists, 8902 career total chances, and 618 double plays were records for third basemen when he retired.

1999 ~

Elected to the Major League Baseball All-Century Team.

2011 ~

Statue honoring Brooks installed in Downtown Baltimore.



◀ **BROOKS ROBINSON** ▶
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PROGRAM

WELCOME

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of The Scott Garceau Show on Baltimore's 105.7FM

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Sung by Lauren Hayes,
Grandaughter of Brooks' friend and teammate, Shortstop Ron Hansen

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SCULPTURE PRESENTATION

Please join us in counting down from #5.

The sculpture is being revealed by:

Mr. Henry A. Rosenberg, Jr.,
Mr. Joseph Sheppard,

&

Robinson Family Members:
Brooks Farley (*Brooks' granddaughter*),
Brooks Christopher Robinson (*Brooks' grandson*),
Brooks Scott (*Brooks' great nephew*)

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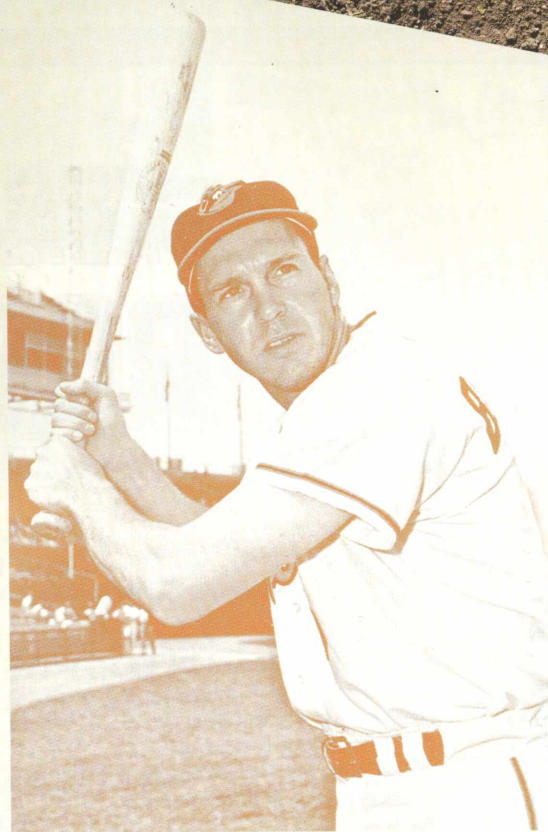
Baltimore Oriole & Hall of Famer



BROOKS ROBINSON

Brooks Robinson was born in Little Rock, Arkansas to parents Brooks Calbert and Ethel Mae Robinson; but he will always be known as Baltimore's hometown hero. He was signed by the Baltimore Orioles as an amateur free agent in 1955, when he was merely 18 years old. His professional career began that year with the York (PA) White Roses, a Piedmont League affiliate of the Orioles. He made his major league baseball debut on September 17, 1955 with the Orioles. After over 2,800 games, over 10,000 at-bats, and over 9,000 total chances in the field, he retired from the Orioles on August 13, 1977, having never played for another major league team.

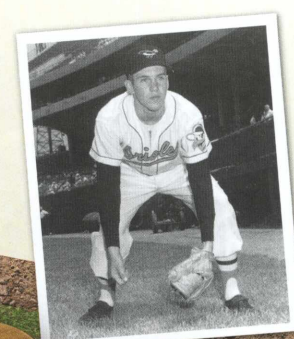
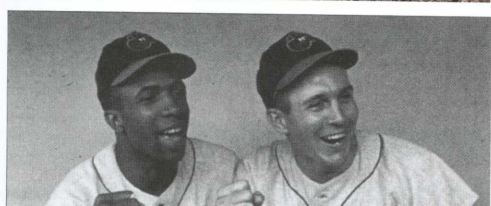
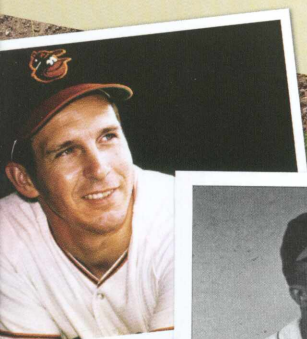
Brooks, baseball's "Human Vacuum Cleaner," established a standard of excellence for modern-day third basemen. He played 23 seasons for the Orioles, setting Major League career records for games, putouts, assists, chances, double plays and fielding percentage. A clutch hitter, Robinson totaled 268 career home runs, at one time an American League record for third basemen. He earned the league's

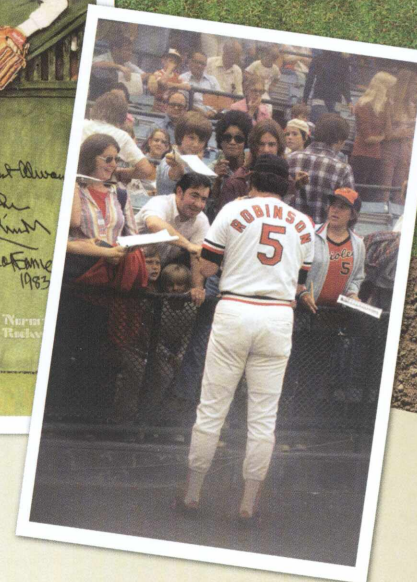
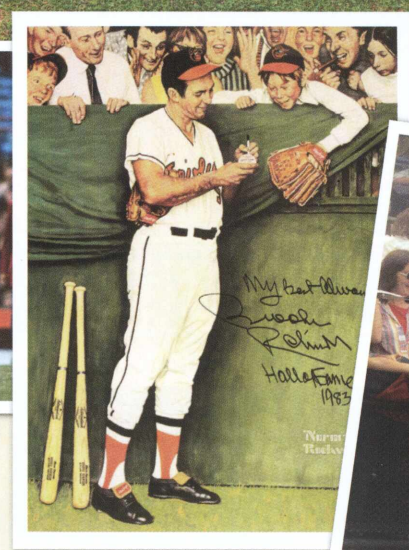
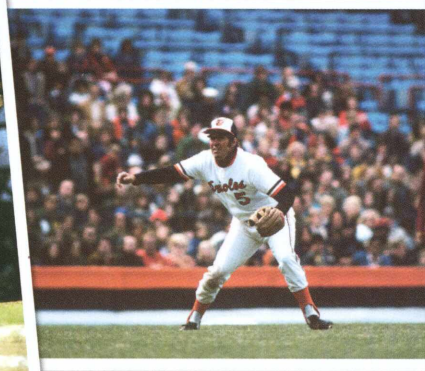
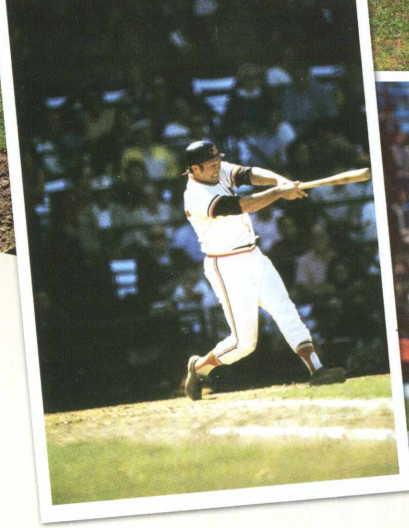


MVP Award in 1964, the All-Star MVP Award in 1966 and the World Series MVP in 1970, when he hit .429 and made a collection of defensive gems. Robinson was inducted into the National Baseball Hall of Fame in 1983, his first year of eligibility, after receiving 344 votes of 374 ballots cast (91.98%). Highly regarded for his defensive ability, he was named as the third baseman for the Rawlings 50th Anniversary All-Time Gold Glove Team. Over his career, Robinson won 16 Gold Gloves and played in 18 All-Star games.

"There's not a man who knows him who wouldn't swear for his integrity and honesty and give testimony to his consideration of others. He's an extraordinary human being, which is important, and the world's greatest third baseman of all time, which is incidental."

-Sportswriter John Steadman





"I'm beginning to see Brooks in my sleep. If I dropped a paper plate, he'd pick it up on one hop and throw me out at first."

- Sparky Anderson

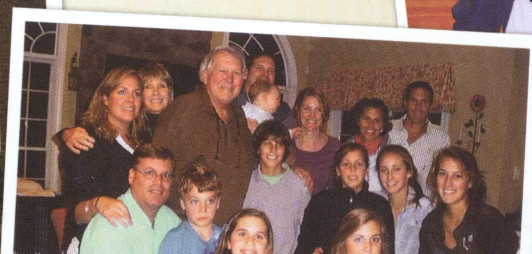
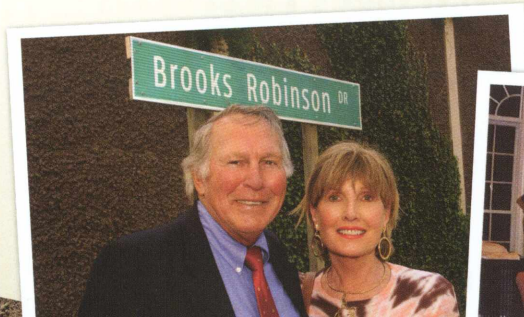
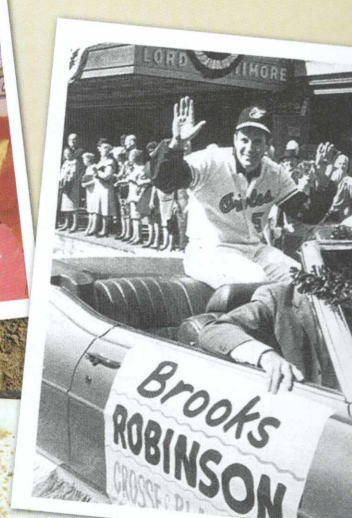
In 1970, Brooks was named the S. Rae Hickok Professional Athlete of the Year, granted to the top professional athlete in all United States sports. The award included a "Hickok Belt" of alligator skin with a gold gem-studded belt buckle. In 1972, Brooks was the second person to ever receive the Roberto Clemente Award, granted to the baseball player who best exemplifies the game of baseball, sportsmanship, community involvement and the individual's contribution to his team. Brooks was later elected to the Major League Baseball All-Century Team in 1999.

Brooks and his wife Connie have been a part of the fabric of the Baltimore community since their arrival in 1955. Brooks has supported educational and charitable organizations in every corner of the metropolitan area – from the Arthritis Foundation to the Zoo. He has assisted organizations as diverse as the Johns Hopkins Children's Center, Concert Artists of Baltimore, Catholic Charities, Little Sisters of the Poor, and the Crohn's and Colitis Foundation.

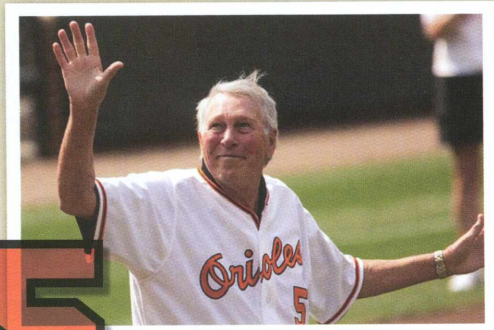
Brooks is a partner in Opening Day Partners, a group that owns several minor league baseball franchises, including the Southern Maryland Blue Crabs, the Camden (NJ) Riversharks, the Lancaster (PA) Barnstormers, the York (PA) Revolution and the Sugarland (TX) Skeeters. He also serves as President of the Major League Baseball Players Alumni Association and is on the Board at the National Baseball Hall of Fame.

"Brooks never had a candy bar named after him. In Baltimore, people named their children after him."

- Gordon Beard



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