



TONY FERNANDO VALDEZ
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On November 2, 2018, Tony Fernando Valdez of South Chandler, Arizona, died peacefully at home, surrounded by family.

In his life, Tony had many passions. As a successful businessman, Tony, along with his wife Mary Anne, co-founded both the Twenty-One Tech Company and T.F. Valdez Construction Supply. Always one to prioritize relationships in business, Tony developed countless in his decade of sales. His dedication to education above selling earned him a reputation of integrity and knowledge.

Tony also loved baseball, especially coaching. The last 20 years of his coaching career were as part of the South Chandler Babe Ruth League. As Head Coach, Tony led teams to 11 state championships and two Babe Ruth World Series titles. Despite him saying that he was “not there to make any friends,” players and parents were drawn to him, and Tony developed numerous friendships that carried on long past his coaching days. For his dedication to the game, he was honored by the Chandler Sports Hall of Fame and will be posthumously inducted into the Pacific Southwest Babe Ruth League Hall of Fame.

But of all things, Tony’s greatest love was his family. He got so much pride and joy out of seeing his children and grandchildren strive for success in school, sports, extracurriculars, and life. No matter the distance or time, he would do whatever it took to spend time with and be there for his family.

While Tony will be remembered for his sense of humor and his strong work ethic, his true legacy will be his impact on those around him. He always took the time to talk with the warehouse worker, the receptionist, the CEO, or the 7-year-old with a baseball bat and glove at the park. And he treated them all with the same respect.

