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Report

Babe Ruth

The little kid, George Herman Ruth, was out in the alley again. Monday, all the kids were in school, but not him. He held a month old carton of eggs, with one in his hand. Kersplat! The egg hitched a ride on the truck passing by. Even then George had a perfect arm. Yes, I'm talking about the greatest pitcher in history, Babe Ruth. Babe Ruth had an amazing life, a cruddy childhood, and a tragic death. This is the story of Babe Ruth.

Babe Ruth's childhood was very rough. As he later reflected on his childhood, he thought that he was a very bad kid. George Herman Ruth was born February 7, 1894. He later saw legal papers saying that he was really born February 6, 1895. But George just went by his original birthday. George hated school and lead him to skipping school, dashing through alleys, and even throwing rotten eggs at trucks passing by! Could it have been that him and his

little sister Mary were the only ones to survive out of eight kids? Yet even as a kid, he *loved* baseball. If his parents wanted something out of him, consider it done if there was baseball involved. However, George continued with his shenanigans, and his parents were worried about his home life. That is why they sent him to St. Mary's Industrial School, a boarding school, where George would stay until he was nearly twenty years of age.

Babe Ruth was very famous. Nearly everybody knows about him. Yet many people can't say much about the amazing Babe. Ruth had a .342 batting average and hit 714 career home runs during his life as a baseball star. George Herman Ruth started playing for the Baltimore Orioles, which were a minor league team at the time. The Baltimore Orioles players were the people that gave George his new name, Babe, just for fun. Obviously, the name stuck. After the Bambino was traded to the New York Yankees, Babe was a total success. They had to build an even bigger stadium! Yankee Stadium was nicknamed "The House That Ruth Built", on account of all the fans Babe attracted as a baseball star. Ruth set a record of

sixty home runs during a one hundred fifty four game season. Ruth wanted a chance to bat more often so he could share his wonderful talents. The Yankees solved this problem by switching Babe to the outfield, at Babe's request. Babe Ruth was very famous, made goals, and had a fine personal life. Which is what this next paragraph is all about.

Even though Babe nearly never stuck out on the diamond, he did have some luck with the romance life! Ruth got married to Helen Woodford, Babe's first wife, in 1914. Sadly, the relationship didn't last all too long. They ended up divorcing around 1926. Ruth had two daughters through out his lifetime. When Helen was still married to Babe, they adopted Dorothy Ruth, but she never was told who her real mom was. She didn't find out who her real mom was until she was fifty nine years old! Babe's second wife was Claire Hagdson. Soon, Babe was a father to a second daughter, Julia Ruth. Julia Ruth currenty lives in Arizona. Claire and George got married April of 1927. Claire was the wife that Babe Ruth died with. Babe really hit it off, on and off the field.

Babe Ruth accomplished tons of stuff on the baseball diamond. In 1916, Babe Ruth pitched and won the longest game in World Series history. He also hit twenty nine homers, and set a new home run record three years later. The following year, he beat his home run record again, shattering it with fifty four home runs! The same year, he joined the Yankees. Continuing the accomplishments, the next year he beat he beat his home run record again with fifty nine home runs. In 1926, he was the first person to get three homers in a World Series game. Babe's home run record stood for thirty nine years! Babe did all of this on his own, and that's an accomplishment all by itself.

WEE-OOH! WEE-OOH! An ambulance was rushing through the streets of New York, with Babe Ruth inside. After a fatal peek at death, Ruth was in a hospital bed. Babe got hundreds of get well cards. He even got a call from President Truman! Luckily, the Yankee at heart didn't die just then. But, just a few weeks later, it happened again. This time, it was worse. Babe's arms and legs were not what they used to be. They were so frail, no longer pitcher arms and running legs. George Herman Ruth died August 16,

1949, at age 53. Doctors and scientists conducted an autopsy to see what killed the Bambino. The autopsy showed that a cancer started on his nose and spread throughout his body. Babe was kept at Yankee Stadium, his second home. Ruth's funeral was held at St. Patrick's Cathedral, New York. Then, he was buried at the Cemetery of the Gate of Heaven. That was the tragic end of the greatest baseball player ever in America.

Babe Ruth was a role model to sports and players. Babe showed toughness at tough times. He was a hero to me and other baseball fans. He taught me that even a rough childhood couldn't stop him from doing what he has done. He truly was The Great Babe.

“ Every strike brings me closer to the next home run.”

-Babe Ruth

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