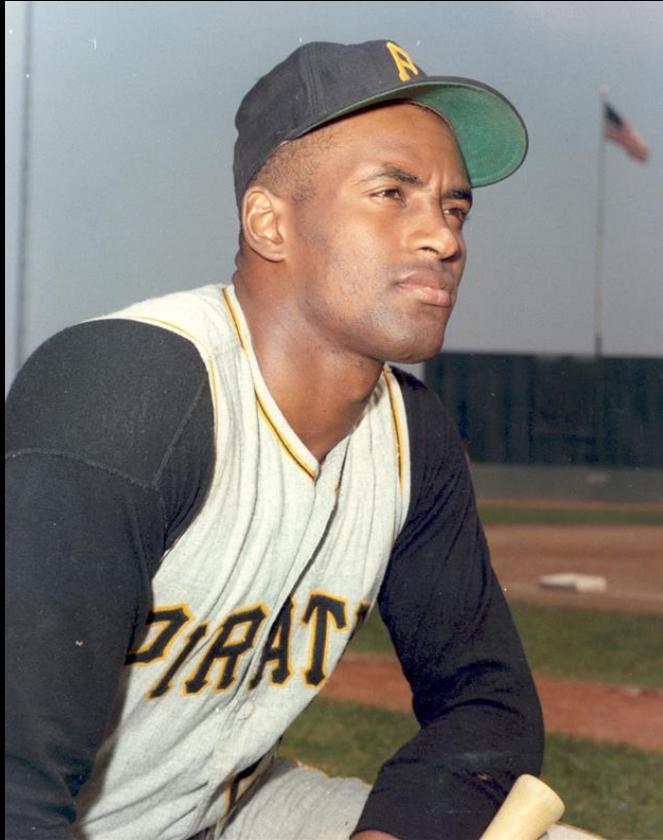


ROBERTO CLEMENTE

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CHILDHOOD

- ▶ Roberto was born in San Juan, Puerto Rico August 18, 1939
- ▶ dad was a sugar-cane worker
- ▶ baseball career started right after high school
- ▶ was the youngest of 7 kids
- ▶ mom did the laundry, ran a grocery store, and did work at the sugar-cane plantation



FAMILY

- ▶ On November 14, 1964 Clemente married Vera Cristina Zabala
- ▶ Clemente's sons were named Roberto Jr., Roberto Enrique, and Luis Clemente
- ▶ Clemente's sons were 6, 5, and 2 when their dad died in 1972





MAJOR LEAGUE CAREER

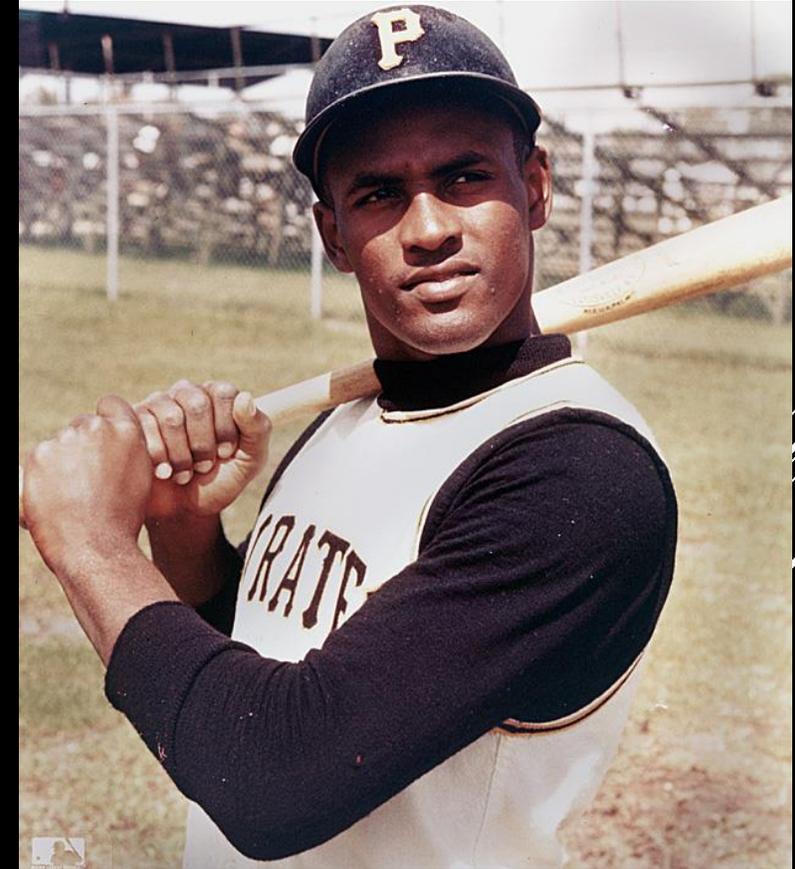


- ▶ Roberto played on the Crabbers, and as he got older he played on the Pittsburg Pirates, Brooklyn Dodgers
- ▶ was the 1st Hispanic player to reach 3,000 hits including 240 home runs
- ▶ he played MLB from 1955-1972
- ▶ Roberto played baseball in 2 different countries
- ▶ Clemente was well liked by his teammates
- ▶ he never let injuries get in the way of playing a good game
- ▶ won the Golden Glove Award 12 years straight for his impressive work as a right fielder



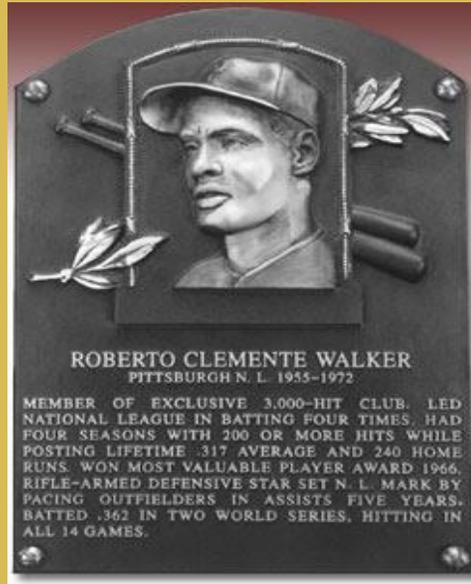
LATER YEARS

- ▶ Roberto Clemente's greatness made him the diamond
- ▶ helping others represented the way he lived and the way he died
- ▶ after he died in 1974 his family built Sports City in Puerto Rico for poor kids
- ▶ in 2002 he was awarded the Presidential Medal of Freedom
- ▶ he bought a house for his parents



DEATH

- ▶ Clemente died on a break from his baseball career at Puerto Rico going to a nearby country hit by an earthquake to help
- ▶ he went by plane
- ▶ tragically the plane crashed as it was lifting off
- ▶ Clemente did not survive
- ▶ born on August 18, 1939 died on Dec. 31,
- ▶ died at the age of 38 in 1972



FUN FACTS

- ▶ Roberto broke the color barrier
- ▶ two of his nicknames were Rob or Sweetness
- ▶ now Roberto has a statue and an award
- ▶ real name is Roberto Walker Clemente
- ▶ some baseball cards would say Bob on them
- ▶ Roberto named a son after his brother
- ▶ he joined the U.S. Marine Corps in 1958
- ▶ he was inducted into the Marine Corps Sports hall of Fame in 2003



QUALITIES OF A HERO



- ▶ brave
- ▶ strong
- ▶ helpful
- ▶ smart
- ▶ leader
- ▶ courage
- ▶ empathy
- ▶ perseverance
- ▶ amazing

