

Pat Summitt

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There are many famous people such as Davy Crockett and Andrew Jackson that trail blazed a path for Tennessee history, but I'm here to tell you about another famous Tennessean. Her name is Pat Summitt. She was the greatest coach ever to coach women's basketball. Pat Summitt was a leader who was courageous, caring, competitive, and strict.

Pat Summitt was courageous. She made the Pat Summitt foundation and a medical center at the University of Knoxville to try to find a cure for Alzheimer's disease. She didn't want anyone to feel sorry for her.

Coach Pat Summitt was caring. She looked after her team, the Lady Vols. Pat Summitt said that if the girls were absent from class, they wouldn't get to play in the next basketball game.

Pat Summitt was not only courageous and caring, she was also competitive. When she was only 22 years old, she began coaching the Lady Vols. Before she was done, she won 1,098 games, eight national championships, and was the first lady ever to be on the front of Sports Illustrated.

Pat Summitt was a leader. She wanted the University of Tennessee to let the girls play full court basketball like the boys. They said that the girls probably wouldn't be able to stick with the boys. She said if the girls didn't get to play full court like the boys, then she wouldn't sign any girls for the next season.

Pat Summitt was also very strict. She always pushed her girls harder and harder to make them better. She pushed most of the Lady Vols so hard that many of the girls she coached went to the WNBA.

When Pat Summitt had Alzheimer's disease, she was courageous and still kept fighting. She cared that all her players graduated and she wanted them to be competitive. She led by setting an example and she had strict goals for her players.

Pat Summitt's death came far too soon, but everyone will remember her because she was a leader who was courageous, caring, competitive, and strict.