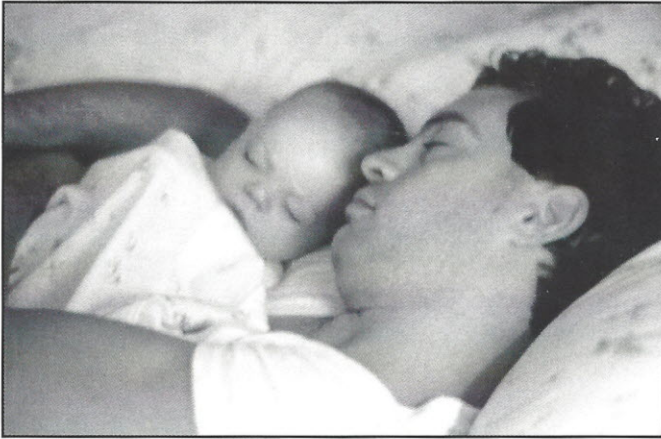


CODY ROE



April 8, 1989 was the first of the two best and most important days of my life. The second was July 8, 1993, the day your brother, Dalton, was born. These two days changed my life forever. I believe that having ya'll will definitely be the greatest blessings that I will receive in this life. Only the good Lord himself is capable of creating such miracles.

As I stood there and watched you come into the world so small and innocent, and singing at the top your lungs (Ha! Ha!), I felt so many strong feelings in such a short period of time that day in that hospital room. I will never forget them as long as I live. I very quickly learned of a love beyond all measure. There is no way to measure the love and feelings that I have for you both, and

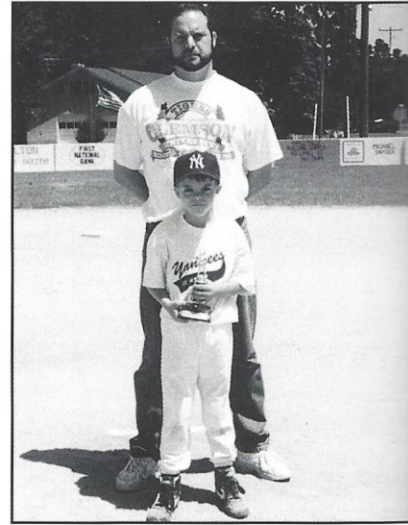


I found it only grows bigger and stronger everyday, just like you.

I am so proud of you Cody, and I respect you for who you are. Please always remember you don't have

to change to try to fit in with a certain crowd. Always be happy with who you are now. You will be much more respected for being strong and being your own man. Be honest and work hard -- God created you to be who you are now, so who are we to change it. You have so much life ahead of you, so set your goals high and work HARD for them. There is nothing you can't do if you set your mind to it. Ask the Lord to guide you and help you. Also, always remember I am here for you and I am with you 100% for you to have a happy and successful life. There is nothing that you can't do if you want it bad enough. You have to learn to make sacrifices: you can't do everything in life.

Cody, I know you had to grow up fast and deal with some things that were not easy and you should not have had to. I am so sorry for the way things turned out. You know I have always been here for you and I always will be.



Cody, I pray and wish the best for you in your life, because you deserve it. You have been a wonderful son. I have had very little trouble out of you. Please don't change -- feel good about yourself and be happy with who you are. God will richly bless you and you will be one of the most respected men around anywhere.

If you work as hard in life to be successful as you have worked on the athletic fields you will go far. Then you can enjoy being a daddy like me and all of this will make a whole lot of sense then. Always remember how much your daddy loves you, and it makes me so proud to tell people I am your daddy!

I love you!
Daddy (Monty Roe)