

REMEMBERING LEGENDARY COACH  
**EDDIE G. ROBINSON**  
1919-2007



# THANKS, COACH

TRIBUTE TO A LEGEND WHO PLAYED A VITAL ROLE IN COUNTLESS LIVES

Illustration by DeEric M. Henry  
Grambling State University's Eddie Robinson cries during the National Anthem before his last home game as football coach in a game against North Carolina A&T on Nov. 15 1997.



## GRAMBLINITE QUOTABLES

"To say that he was famous, he was one of the most approachable people you could ever hope to meet."

—Wanda L. Peters  
Publication director, *The Gramblinite*

"The first story I wrote for *The Gramblinite* my freshman year was about the Eddie Robinson convocation in 2002. It's a story I still use in my portfolio. He will be truly missed."

—DeEric M. Henry  
Managing editor, *The Gramblinite*

"Coach Rob had the most amazing down-to-earth personality. He just never seemed to meet a stranger."

—Joice M. Dunn  
University editor, *The Gramblinite*

"One of my biggest regrets as a journalist is not meeting Coach Eddie Robinson while I had the chance."

—Darryl D. Smith  
Editor in chief, *The Gramblinite*

## INSIDE GSU'S COACH ROBINSON

### NEWS

- Robinson's death may bring museum to life.
- GSU held convocation to honor a legend in fall 2002.
- Collie J. Nicholson writes on Rob just before his retirement.



### REFLECTIONS

- Rob respected by peers.
- Former players reflect on Coach Rob.
- Comments from around the nation.
- Alumni remember Coach Robinson.

### MILESTONES

- **1919** Born in Jackson, La., on Feb. 13.
- **1949** Robinson wins his 50th in a 14-13 victory over Prairie View A&M.
- **1974-75** Robinson wins 16 consecutive games, longest streak in GSU's history.
- **1985** Became the winningest coach in college football.
- **1997** Robinson retires as Grambling State University head football coach.



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