

JOSE ALVAREZ



Although he made an appearance in the majors in 1981, he became the 4th oldest rookie in baseball history in 1988 when he refused to quit and earned a promotion back to the major leagues with the Atlanta Braves at age 32.

That same year he was voted the Atlanta Braves “Most Outstanding Pitcher”. He retired May 1, 1995 after 16 years in professional baseball with parts of 5 seasons in the major leagues sporting a lifetime ERA of 2.99 ERA and a .273 batting average.

Jose has coached high school baseball, travel baseball and provided private instruction for high school, college and professional pitchers for over 30 years. He has a unique way of encouraging others to reach their goals, exceed their abilities and perform with excellence.

His journey of faith in who Jesus is and what Jesus did on the cross began in 1978 while attending college in Lafayette, Louisiana. He was baptized by his future father in law and married his daughter Michelle in 1981.

Married for 38 years, Michelle and Jose have served with FamilyLife ministries speaking in marriage conferences around the country for over 20 years and also providing marital and premarital counseling. Since 1988 they’ve lived in Greenville, South Carolina and have 3 adult children (two are married) and 2 granddaughters Lucy & Coco, and 2 grandsons Shepherd & Arnie.

Jose has served as the chaplain to the PGA’s Web.com Tour Players, wives and caddies since 2007 with the Fellowship of Christian Athletes. He has been mentoring golfers on the Web.com Tour since 2007 with FCA Golf, introducing them to Jesus and helping them grown in their faith.

Michelle is an exceptional speaker encouraging women as wives, moms and even as a single preparing for marriage. She has her own company as a wedding and event planner, serving both the corporate and private sector. She also serves on the worship and event team of their local church Fellowship Greenville, as well as enjoying the new role of “Shashi”, code for grandmother!



BASEBALL CAREER



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LED BRAVES ORGANIZATION IN APPEARANCES (70) IN 1988
LED ATLANTA IN EARNED RUN AVERAGE 2.86 IN 1989
LIFETIME BATTING AVERAGE .273
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