



JOSH MARAVICH

The son of legendary "Pistol" Pete Maravich, Joshua Simon Maravich began his basketball odyssey at St. Paul's High School in Covington, Louisiana. During his 3-year stint, he compiled over 1,000 points and was named MVP of the District his senior year. Josh averaged 18 points, 4 rebounds, 4 assists and 3 steals per game his senior year.

Josh continued his career, attending his father's alma mater, Louisiana State University in Baton Rouge. "I wanted to come here for my dad to make him proud," Josh said in an interview with the LSU school paper, *The Daily Reveille*. He wore the Tiger jersey from 2001-2005, under head coach John Brady.

In 1991, Josh and his older brother Jaeson were participants in their father's "Pistol" Pete Maravich Basketball Camp, held in Clearwater, Florida. Curt Pickering, Court of Champions President, was coaching professionally in Clearwater that summer in the United States Basketball League, for the Clearwater Suncoast Sun Blasters. Pickering was asked to speak at the Camp, which resulted in friendships developed with both boys and their mother Jackie. Fast forward to 2007, the year of the Santa Barbara Breakers birth and the relationship rekindled when Coach Pickering invited Josh to try out for the Breakers. Maravich's tenacious defense and ability to penetrate and dish earned him a roster position during the Breakers inaugural season. Unfortunately, Josh suffered a broken wrist in practice which short ended his rookie season with the team. Despite the injury, he continued to represent the team in the community, volunteering his time with many non-profit organizations such as the Unity Shoppe, Boys and Girls Clubs, Pal Club and Special Olympics.

Sadly, Josh passed away on June 7, 2024, at the tender age of 42; similar to his iconic father, who left us at age 40. Josh will always be remembered for his love for the game, our local youth and the Santa Barbara community.