



Lee Roy Selmon, second from right with brother Dewey, was honored by his former coach, Barry Switzer, left, and Athletic Director Joe Castiglione, on behalf of his alma mater, at halftime of the OU-South Florida game in 2002.

**LEE ROY SELMON: BEST OF THE BEST** — They were the best defensive trio ever to don the uniform at the University of Oklahoma—Lucious, Dewey and Lee Roy Selmon. Barry Switzer called Lee Roy the best player he ever coached—and an even greater man off the field. His death on September 4 at age 56 touched Sooner fans everywhere. All American, winner of the Lombardi Award and the Outland Trophy, he led Oklahoma to two national titles and was drafted No. 1 by the NFL Tampa Bay Buccaneers, where he was a six-time Pro Bowl selection. Selmon retired in 1984, having helped turn the fledgling Bucs into a contender; he was elected to both the collegiate and professional Halls of Fame. A successful Tampa businessman, he helped create the University of South Florida football program, first as associate, then athletic director. “He accomplished so many things in life,” said OU Coach Bob Stoops, “but remained a humble, unassuming champion.”