



Bobby Murcer spends some quality time with Phil Rizzuto in the booth; signs autographs on Bat Day in 1971; poses with wife Kay, and six-month-old daughter, Tori.

May 20, 1946 — Born in Oklahoma City. Sept. 8, 1965 — Makes major league debut at Yankee Stadium as shortstop, going 0-for-4 with a walk against Washington Senators.

Sept. 14, 1965 — In Washington, gets first major league hit, a two-run homer off Senators' Jim Duckworth that lifts Yankees to 3-1 win.

April 7, 1969 — After another cup of coffee with Yankees in 1966 and two years in the Army, returns as Bombers' third baseman and hits homer of Washington's Camilo Pascual.

May 13, 1969 — Having made 11 errors in 31 games at third base, moves to outfield, where he stays for the remainder of his career. Murcer keeps on hitting, blasting two-run homer off Seattle Pilots' Gary Bell.

June 24, 1970 — Hits four home runs in doubleheader against Indians, joining Lou Gehrig as only Bombers to hit four on one day.

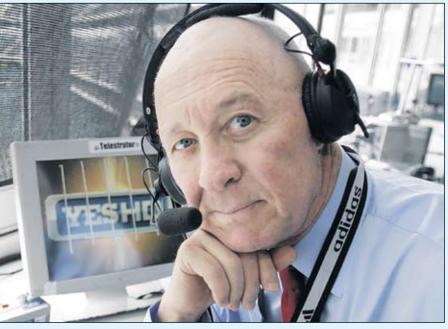
July 13, 1971 — Plays in first of five consecutive All-Star Games, starting in center field and hitting single off Pirates' Dock Ellis.

Aug. 29, 1972 — Hits for 13th cycle in Yankees history, and first since his idol, Mickey Mantle, 15 years earlier.

Oct. 22, 1974 — After following up five straight 20-homer seasons with a meager 10 blasts as Yankees play at Shea during Stadium renovations, Murcer is traded to San Francisco for Barry Bonds. **Feb. 11, 1977** — Traded to the Cubs.

Wears No. 7 as tribute to Mantle. **Sept. 26, 1977** — Blasts 200th career homer, connecting against future broad-

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casting partner Jim Kaat at Wrigley Field. June 26, 1979 — Returns to Yankees in trade for minor-leaguer Phil Semall. Aug. 6, 1979 — After delivering eulogy for Thurman Munson earlier in day, hits threerun homer in seventh inning and two-run single in ninth to lift Yankees to 5-4 win over Orioles.

Sept. 8, 1982 — Don Mattingly debuts

as a late-season call-up, making Murcer the only player to be a teammate of both Mantle and Mattingly.

June 1, 1983 — Hits 252nd and final homer of career, a solo shot off Angels' Dave Goltz at Stadium.

June 11, 1983 — Plays in final game, grounding out as pinch-hitter for Andre Robertson in Milwaukee.



June 20, 1983 — Retires so that Yankees can call up Mattingly, and moves to broadcast booth.

Aug. 7, 1983 — Honored on "Bobby Murcer Day" at Yankee Stadium.

1985 — Attempts comeback as player in spring training, winds up spending season as Yankees' assistant general manager. **1986** — Returns to broadcast booth on SportsChannel, part of career behind microphone that also includes stints as Yankee analyst on WPIX, MSG, WNYW, WCBS and WWOR.

Dec. 24, 2006 — Diagnosed with a brain tumor. After surgery four days later, tumor is discovered to be malignant.

April 2, 2007 — Returns to Yankee Stadium for Opening Day, calling an inning on YES and receiving standing ovation from all — including players — when he is shown on video board.

Feb. 26, 2008 — MRI reveals spot on Murcer's brain. Biopsy the following week shows that it's just scar tissue, but procedure — in which a needle is inserted into the brain — takes its toll on Murcer, who also winds up contracting a case of shingles.

Early May, 2008 — Back in YES booth for Yankees-Mariners, Murcer is as jovial as he's ever been in his final games, poking fun at play-by-play man Michael Kay. **May 20, 2008** — Murcer's autobiogra-

phy, "Yankee For Life," is released. He returns to New York as part of book tour, and despite being sapped of most of his energy, accommodates thousands of fans for autographs.

Yesterday — Dies at age 62 in Oklahoma City.

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