



Richard "Coach" Conkle

February 7, 1935 - November 21, 2020

"Coach" Richard Arlen Conkle

On Saturday evening, November 21, 2020, Richard Conkle was called home by his Lord at Age 85.

A resident of Fort Payne (AL), he passed peacefully in the presence of family at home. A native of Cedar Bluff (AL), and U.S. Marine Corps veteran, he lived in Chelsea (AL) for 40+ years serving as teacher and school administrator. Regardless of his job title he was known widely as "Coach." A 1964 graduate of Auburn University, who later earned graduate degrees and certifications from The University of Montevallo, he spent much of his career coaching multiple sports at Chelsea School in Shelby County. Beyond his education career, Coach served others as a Free Mason and in many civic/charitable groups such as: Church Deacon, Civitan's, Kiwanis, and Lions. Preceded in death by his wife, Sarah Martin Conkle, and his parents King and Frances, he is survived by sons Terry (Tangela) and Greg (Dara); grandsons Kyle (Callan) and Clay (Savannah), great grandson Zayden Hudgins, and special friend Wilma Playford. Visitation will be on November 24th from 10 AM until 11:30 AM at Perry Funeral Home, Centre, AL followed by graveside service at Cedar Bluff Cemetery at 12. Services will be officiated by Reverends Tim Cox (Liberty Baptist Church, Chelsea) and Michael Miller (1st United Methodist Church, Fort Payne). Pallbearers will be: Duke Alexander, David Calhoun, David Donahoo, Mike Fant, Ray Franklin, Turhan Moore, Brandon Niven,

Russell Roberts, Joey Steele and Jack Shaw. All of Coach's former athletes, students and colleagues are honorary pallbearers.

Perry Funeral Home directing. www.perryfuneral.net

Cemetery Details

Cedar Bluff Cemetery

Cemetery Drive
Cedar Bluff, AL 35959

Previous Events

Visitation

NOV **24**. 10:00 AM - 11:30 AM (CT)

Perry Funeral Home
1611 Clarence E Chesnut Jr Bypass
Centre, AL 35960
(256) 927-3222

Graveside Service

NOV **24**. 12:00 PM (CT)

Cedar Bluff Cemetery
Cemetery Drive
Cedar Bluff, AL 35959

Tribute Wall

JC

“ Coach was a true inspiration to all, and was supportive in my joining and retiring from the Army.

Jeffery L Carter - April 29, 2024 at 09:15 AM

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“ So very sorry to hear this. Coach was a true inspiration to so many of us. I am thankful for all of the high school memories with him & Greg in the early 80s. Love you guys. My thoughts and prayers are with you! 🌸🙏

Wendy Hartley (Shirley) - December 01, 2020 at 05:32 PM

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“ He was the best!!! His character was above all others!!!Coach will be missed!!! God Bless the family Terry and Greg My heart goes out to You both in this difficult loss. It is an honor knowing Him and having played football under His coaching!!!! Rest In Peace Coach!!!!

Scott Wilson - November 24, 2020 at 06:37 PM

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“ We extend our deepest, most sincere condolences to the family of Coach. We attended Senior Bingo with him at the Fort Payne Rec Center.

Sincerely,
Bertie and Vickey Ollis

Vickey Ollis - November 24, 2020 at 12:56 AM



“ *Multicolor Bright Sympathy Floor Basket was purchased for the family of Richard "Coach" Conkle.*



November 23, 2020 at 02:32 PM



“ *Floor Plant for Sympathy was purchased for the family of Richard "Coach" Conkle.*



November 23, 2020 at 02:00 PM



“ *Red, White & Blue Sympathy Standing Spray was purchased for the family of Richard "Coach" Conkle.*



November 23, 2020 at 12:29 PM