



Coach Bill Coleman

March 21, 1926 - January 9, 2021

A Celebration of Life will be held on March 13, 2021 at 10:30 for Billy Hubbard Coleman Sr., 94, of Tyler, at 3 Lakes Middle School in the Coleman gym under the direction of Stewart Family Funeral Home. Coach Coleman entered Heaven Saturday, January 9, 2021, and promptly introduced himself to all the heavenly fishermen, swapping stories about catching the “big” one!

Bill was born March 21, 1926, in Josephine, Texas, to Herndon Hubbard Coleman and Maxie Mae Vicars. Mary Elizabeth Coleman Gooch was his only sibling. He served in WWII as a B-24 tail gunner in the United States Air Force. Bill graduated from East Texas State University with a Master’s Degree in Education and coached in Tyler ISD for 27 years. First Baptist Church in Tyler was his church home for 66 years.

Bill is survived by his wife of 73 years, Evelyn Ann Albright Coleman. Because of their combined dedication and commitment to education in Tyler ISD, they were honored to have the new Three Lakes Middle School’s gym bear their name ~ The Bill and Ann Coleman Gymnasium. They were passionate about traveling, visiting half the contiguous US states, Alaska, Hawaii as well as Africa, Australia, Canada, New Zealand and the Panama Canal. Pagosa Springs, Colorado, was their summer home for 40 years - fishing, hiking, picnicking, taking in God’s stunning vistas.

As passionate as Coach was about fishing, Bill, aka Papa Bill, dearly loved his three children and their families ~ Bill’s daughter and family, Vicki and Tommy Neill, granddaughter Whitney and Matt Fate, great-grandsons Sam and Griffin;

granddaughter Tayler and Kevin Porter, greatgrandchildren Myles Elizabeth and Spencer; Bill's son and family, Hub and Patty Coleman, grandson Clay Coleman and Bridgette McClain, granddaughter Kasey and Daniel Roden, greatgrandchildren Sidney Mae and Coleman; grandson Kurt and Destiny Coleman, great-grandson Ryder; Bill's daughter and family Mandi and Mike Watson, grandchildren Bailey and Coleman.

Memorials may be made to First Baptist Church, 412 W. Ferguson St., Tyler, Texas 75702.

Previous Events

Celebration of Life

MAR 13. 10:30 AM (CT)

3 Lakes Middle School - Coleman Gym
2445 Three Lakes Pkwy
Tyler, TX 75703

Tribute Wall



“ *Heart's Companion Bouquet was purchased for the family of Coach Bill Coleman.*



March 11, 2021 at 11:19 AM



“ *Uncle Billy was a shining example of what a good man, father, teacher and friend should be. Billy instilled a love of fishing in my dad, and subsequently in me, that we are forever grateful for. Sending love from the entire Gooch family.*

Jennifer Gooch Wasserman - March 02, 2021 at 03:15 PM



“ *Vicky, Hub, Mom & all your children, what a Loss. Your Dad ,Husband ,Granddad, was the finest man I have ever known. He was the Greatest Teacher, Coach, Friend & Fisherman, EVER! We had some great fishing trips, Friendship was a great BLESSING. GOD Bless & may HE comfort you all. Larry Smotherman 🙏*

Larry Smotherman - January 18, 2021 at 10:09 AM



“ *Always friendly & gracious at FBC. Miss he & Ann. Carolyn Halbrooks Bain*

Carolyn Bain - January 17, 2021 at 08:20 PM

KR

“ Coach Coleman is the coach I remember in fondness of all my PE coaches. He took a personal interest in all his kids. I got to talk with him at length at Caldwell Zoo one day many years later. He recognized me from way back and had me introduce my wife and daughter. Coach Coleman was an inspiration to me to become a teacher because he taught me how to be a real teacher. Blessings to Coach Coleman and his family.

Ken Reynolds - January 17, 2021 at 03:38 PM

PJ

“ Coach Coleman was a very special man. To many of us he was a extra Dad who always saw the best in us. As a Manager for the Boulter Vikings, I remember all of the life lessons Coach taught, in addition to a Godly example of what a man should be. Please accept our condolences. May God continue to bless your family. Paul and Marilyn Johnson.

Paul and Marilyn Johnson - January 16, 2021 at 06:30 PM

BS

“ Vicki
Mandy
Hub

What a great, Godly, man your dad was. I still have great memories of your dad being my PE coach when I was at Boulter Junior High. He allowed me to store my fishing rod at the gym so that I could go fish during lunch. He will be missed by many. Prayers for you all during this time.

Bruce Snider

Bruce Snider - January 15, 2021 at 02:41 PM

GR

“ My prayers to Mrs.Coleman, Vicki, Mandy and Hub with your loss. Coach Coleman is without a doubt one of the finest men that I have ever been associated with in my life. It started at Boulter Junior High in my early years, and continued when I did my student teaching at Boulter under Coach Bill's guidance. I am honored to have known Coach Coleman, and the many "life lessons" learned from him. RIP Coach.

Gary J. Rachell

Gary J. Rachell - January 14, 2021 at 12:03 PM

CB

I remember Coach Coleman! A great man RIP

carl bell - January 15, 2021 at 11:17 AM

CK

“ Thinking of Mrs.Coleman Vickie Hub and Mandy - we were next door Neighbors for many years on Lee St. - Praying for your peace and comfort in your time of grief
Love

Colleen & Eddie Kelly



Colleen Kelly - January 11, 2021 at 09:18 PM

CS

Coach Coleman was one of the finest men I ever had I my life. As a teacher and a coach he was a major influence in my life. I will NEVER forget him. R I P COACH

We all loved you more than you will ever know.
Prayers for the family in this time of loss

Carl Shine - January 13, 2021 at 09:26 PM

DA

Our Deepest Sympathy.

*David and Betty Couch
First Baptist Church, Tyler*

David - January 15, 2021 at 02:02 AM

SC

Vicki and family: so sorry for your loss. Such find memories from Boulter days. Sarah Clark

Sarah Clark - January 15, 2021 at 11:25 AM

JB

Ms Coleman, Vicki, Hub and family, My Heart goes out to you but you have had a blessing to have your dad with you for a very long time. Your memories and his love will keep you warm. May God hold you close. I loved your dad. Jeanie Caskey Brookshire

Jeanie Brookshire - March 01, 2021 at 03:03 PM

GW

Our hearts go out to Mrs. Coleman, Vicki, Mandy, Hub and all their families. Coach Coleman's smile was contagious along with the twinkle in his eyes. He made such a positive impression on so many young people. He will always bring a smile to our faces. Tight hugs for an amazing family as they honor this great man.

Gary and Jeanette Womack - March 13, 2021 at 12:10 PM