



Jay Powell

November 16, 1957 - May 14, 2012

Coach Jay Douglas Powell, 54 of Tyler, Texas died unexpectedly May 14, 2012. He was born November 16, 1957 in Madison, Wisconsin, the son of J B and Jean Powell of Minden, Louisiana. He was the oldest of 4 siblings. A memorial service will be held Monday, May 21, 2012 at 4:30 PM at Colonial Hills Baptist Church in Tyler under the direction of Stewart Family Funeral Home, with Rev. Robert Carter officiating. Sharing special words will be friend and coaching partner, Minister, Glen Cogburn, former students Philip White and Carter Halbrooks. On August 6, 1988, he married Lisa Witherington. He graduated from Northeast Louisiana University in 1980 with a degree in Education and furthered his education at Louisiana State University. He began teaching in Monroe, La and was athletic director at Lee Jr High. In 1989 they moved to Tyler and started a family. He coached football, basketball and track at Dogan Middle School, Boulter Middle School and for the past 18 years at Moore MST Magnet School. He is survived by his wife of 24 years, Lisa Witherington Powell; as well as daughters Jordan Powell and Madison Powell; parents, J B and Jean Powell; sister and brother-in-law Kelly Powell Behrendt and husband Richard of Denver Colorado; brother, David Powell; and special friend, Michael Flower of Austin, Texas; many nieces and nephews and close family friends Ben, Candy and Christina Cave. Mr. Powell was preceded in death by his brother Mark Joseph Powell. He was a member of Colonial Hills Baptist Church. As an educator, Jay received recognition as a Master Teacher and Teacher of the Month periodically throughout his career. He was

very innovative, writing and receiving numerous grants from TISD foundation and various other sources. "Coach Powell" as he was known by his students, had a true passion for kids! He touched the lives of many with his love, friendship, wit and true joy that he so freely shared. He instilled in his students lessons about life, perseverance and will power. His HUGE smile proved to be contagious and will be forever etched in the hearts and memories of those who called him "Coach". Honorary Pallbearers will be Richard Behrendt, Ben Cave, Bob Holston, Claude Lane, Glen Cogburn, Randy Fleet, Gary Halbrooks. In Lieu of flowers the family requests donations be made to the Jay D. Powell Science and Technology Scholarship fund through ETCF, 315 N. Broadway, Suite 210, Tyler, Texas 75702.

Tribute Wall

MT

“ Powell Family we are so sorry for your loss and please accept our deepest sympathy. Our thoughts and prayers are with you. In this time we would offer Isaiah 57:1-2. God bless and keep you.

Mike Taliaferro - May 14, 2012 at 12:00 AM

CH

“ We'll miss you, Jay. You were an excellent teacher and the kids loved and respected you as well as your friends at work. May God bless you and your loving family. Cecil and Carolyn Holly

Cecil and Carolyn Holly - May 14, 2012 at 12:00 AM

SR

“ I wish I knew what to tell you. I was thinking of Jay just last week and took time to pray for him. I was filled with memories from our youth days and how we worked with one another at the Lamplighter, Too, I remembered our trips to see Faye and Jerry Hunt. Just the thought of those days brought me a smile.
Mr. and Mrs. Powell, I love you both and want you to know that I loved Jay and treasure my memories of him and of you too.
You are in my prayers.

Steve Rowe - May 14, 2012 at 12:00 AM

MP

“ I remember the last words he said to me and my son like it were just yesterday. Coach Powell had a big smile on his face while hugging my boy and telling me he had done an awesome job at the school's first track meet and he said "This boy has springs on his feet and he can fly." He was very proud of my son and his words made us happy. Coach will be truly missed by all and may he rest in peace. Our thoughts and prayers go out to his family and friends during this sad and difficult time and may God ease the pain felt in our hearts.

Moore Parent - May 14, 2012 at 12:00 AM

JW

“ Our heartfelt sympathy to the Powell family. We are so sorry for your loss!

James & Sherry Wright - May 14, 2012 at 12:00 AM

LM

“ Don't know where to even start. It's so unbelievable that you are not here with us. Reagan just talked to you Thursday about summer break and Travis was fixing to call you about helping with end of school packing. Treavor couldn't wait until starting Moore next year and you could already make him giggle. Jay touched our whole family in so many ways. You were a great Christian Man that could bring the best out of anyone. We will never forget all the memories of you from the serious, to the just down right goofy man we are proud to call our friend. We will miss you dearly but take comfort in know that we will see you again on that Glad Reunion Day. Lisa, Jordan, and Madison our thoughts and prayers are with you. Lynette, Reagan, Travis and Treavor Melton

LYNETTE, REAGAN, TRAVIS, TREVOR MELTON - May 14, 2012 at 12:00 AM

MF

“ Dear Family, I was friends with Jay at NLU. There was a close knit group of BSU friends and Jay is a vivid part of those wonderful memories.

Working at Schumpert I became friends with Kelly and ended up living in Minden and going to Church at FBC with Mr JB and Mrs Jean so my heart is is Heavy for the Family this week.

Know My Prayers are going up for Jay's wife and children and other family along with his students and friends.

Mona Gandy Farley - May 14, 2012 at 12:00 AM

DB

“ Coach meant so much to our grandson, Carter Halbrooks, at Moore Middle School.

He will be greatly missed and certainly a guiding light to many students. Talented man!

Dave & Carolyn Halbrooks Bain - May 14, 2012 at 12:00 AM

MC

“ I was so sorry to hear about the passing of Coach Powell. I very much enjoyed substituting for his classes. May God bless you and your family at this time.. You will be in my prayers.

Mary Cagle - May 14, 2012 at 12:00 AM