



Coach Bobby C Watson

October 1, 1926 - December 13, 2013

Bobby C. "Coach" Watson, 87, of Hoxie, Arkansas, went home to his Heavenly Father on December 13, 2013, at Lawrence Memorial Hospital in Walnut Ridge, Arkansas. Coach Watson was born on October 1, 1926, in Osceola, Arkansas to Carroll and Lorene Whiteside Watson.

He is preceded in death by his parents and a brother, Frank Watson.

He graduated from Osceola High School. After high school he enlisted in the Navy and served in the Philippines as a radio operator on PT boats. Following his service in the Navy, he attended Arkansas State College (now Arkansas State University) where he was a letterman in basketball. He graduated from the University of Arkansas where he received his Bachelor and Master degrees in physical education and administration. He was a member of Pi Kappa Alpha fraternity there.

Coach Watson coached football, basketball, baseball, golf, tennis and track and field. He coached at Western Grove, Harrison, Crawfordsville and Hoxie. He re-started the Hoxie High School football program in the 1969 and re-started girls basketball. He managed the summer Walnut Ridge Little League baseball program for a number of years. He was a dedicated teacher and coach for more than 40 years, having dedicated his life to enriching the lives of all the students and athletes that he came in contact with throughout the

years.

Coach Watson was a member of the Hoxie First United Methodist Church and taught Sunday school for over 60 years at both Crawfordsville Methodist Church and Hoxie First United Methodist Church. He enjoyed teaching the Men's Sunday school class for many years.

He was an avid golfer and loved playing many different courses, having taught all his children to play the game. He enjoyed working in his yard and garden and taking his family to Spring River. He also enjoyed attending the baseball, basketball and football events at Arkansas State University. The NEA Tournament was also something that he attended for many years, having served on the Board.

Surviving him are his wife of 63 years, Mary Ann Smith Watson; one son, Bobby Mike Watson (Tami) of Hoxie; three daughters, Robin Hamilton (Allen) of Jonesboro, Judy Watson of Wilson, and Terri Watson of Marion; six grandchildren, Holli Hamilton Haynie (John) of Bella Vista, Bobby Joe Watson (Jami) of Jonesboro, Bradley Hamilton (Leah) of Jonesboro, Billy Mike Watson (Courtney) of Walnut Ridge, Trey Watson of Miami, Florida, Taz Watson of Marion; and one great grandson, Case Hamilton Haynie of Bella Vista; and many other relatives and friends.

Rev. Bob McMillan officiating. Pallbearers will be Louis Aple, Joe Penn, Joe Fisher, Tim Taylor, John Weir and Jimmy Green. Honorary pallbearers will be the Men's Sunday school class at the Hoxie Methodist Church.

The family requests that in lieu of flowers, memorials to be sent to Walnut Ridge Little League Program, P.O. Box 716, Walnut Ridge, AR 72479 or Hoxie First United Methodist Church, 318 SW Broad St, Hoxie, AR 72433.

Cemetery Details

Lawrence Memorial Park

Colonial Dr.
Walnut Ridge, AR 72476

Previous Events

Visitation

DEC **15**. 5:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

Hoxie United Methodist Church
318 SW Broad
Hoxie, AR 72433

Funeral Service

DEC **16**. 11:00 AM (CT)

Hoxie United Methodist Church
318 SW Broad
Hoxie, AR 72433

Tribute Wall



“ *Coach Bobby C Watson*

January 29, 2023 at 08:29 AM



“ *Heart felt prayers and condolences to the Watson Family from Michael and Jamie Pflaumer.*

Michael & Jamie Pflaumer - December 16, 2013 at 06:35 PM



“ *I'm sorry we couldn't make it up to personally convey our sympathies to the family. We both remember fondly Coach Watson and the entire Watson family. I from WR Little League, both playing and coaching, and Tracy from playing basketball at Hoxie. Coach was always so kind and generous with his time, and such a great influence on so many people. Our thoughts, prayers and sympathy go out to all of you on the passing of such a wonderful man.*
Steve and Tracy (Hendrix) Rose

Steven Rose - December 16, 2013 at 02:15 PM

KA

“ The Pace family will always remember the joy and times shared from the time Marty & Bob Mike's football/Basketball days, Kathey cheering on the teams to Kelly being a part of the Winning Girls Basketball team 1978 -1980. There were so many cherished moments too many to recall them all. Coach Watson was truly a caring and selfless person, he touched so many lives in so many ways, they are countless through the decades of his career. Justifiably so our admiration is of the highest degree. Truly a gentle giant in the hearts of so many. Our deepest sympathy and warmest regards from our family to yours in this very difficult time. We will be making a donation to the Walnut Ridge Little League Program in his memory. Lavina, Marty, Kathey Pace & Kelly Pace Aaron

Kelly Aaron - December 16, 2013 at 01:25 PM

TB

“ Our thoughts and prayers to the Watson family, Terry and Judy Belcher...

terry belcher - December 16, 2013 at 12:56 PM

JK

“ I will always remember Coach Watson being at the country club every morning. He would be getting off the course about the time I arrived. He always made time to stop and talk. I was a young coach and I appreciated the time he took to talk with me. I also think of all the people that I know that went through the little league program. I have heard countless stories about how great it was growing up here and playing baseball under Coach Watson every summer. I have the utmost respect for Coach Watson, as do many others. May God bless the family during this time.

Jacob Kersey - December 16, 2013 at 11:13 AM

MR

“ Mica Robertson lit a candle in memory of Coach Bobby C Watson



Mica Robertson - December 16, 2013 at 10:52 AM

DB

“ I met Coach Watson for the first time 16 years ago. He was retired from coaching but was writing for the Times Dispatch. I was a first year coach at Walnut Ridge and Coach Watson would come to my office every week to look at the book from last weeks games. While the articles he wrote were great, it was the time we got to spend talking basketball or baseball that I will always remember. Reflecting on this time now, I am sure he had much better things to do than listen to me, but you sure wouldn't know it. He would always make me feel good about what I was doing as a coach. I hate that I never witnessed him coaching, but I will always treasure those days spent talking baseball and basketball in my office.

Derek Bramlett - December 16, 2013 at 09:28 AM

BC

“ Billie Reynolds Clark lit a candle in memory of Coach Bobby C Watson



Billie Reynolds Clark - December 15, 2013 at 08:36 PM

BC

Sending prayers for comfort in your time of grief. Coach touched many lives and did many great things for my brothers when we all attended Crawfordsville. Sorry for your loss but know that they needed a great Coach in heaven....now that have one. May God be with you all.

Billie Reynolds Clark - December 15, 2013 at 08:38 PM

NO

“ *On behalf of my mother, Lenore Doyle, and my brother, Jim Doyle, who are both now in Heaven, I send condolences. Mother would remember the kindness of Bobby Mike and Tami while she lived 'down the road', and Jim worked at Hoxie School about the same time as Coach. And of course, Hoxie Methodist is where we all grew up. I was gone from Hoxie when he began teaching there so I never got to know him, But, I do know how my family respected him. It's Heaven's gain and our sadness. Grace and Peace to you all. Nancy Doyle Oldham*

Nancy Doyle Oldham - December 15, 2013 at 04:12 PM

LG

“ *I remember looking up to this tall, kind man in our school gym and on the track. I tried to play basketball, though I wasn't very good. I missed foul shots to the point of breaking some sort of record. Coach would put me in the basketball game to handle the ball and pass to teammates who could make points. I remember Coach telling me that I was a good player but to remember to pass or bounce pass the ball to teammates near the goal. Coach never shamed me for making mistakes. Coach encouraged me whenever I was in his presence - while running track or dribbling down the court. I will always remember this wonderful human being, always.*

Luann Glenn - December 15, 2013 at 03:41 PM

LG

I was instructed by Coach Watson at Crawfordsville during the 1960s.

Luann Glenn - December 15, 2013 at 03:51 PM

 Clyde
Blaylock

“ *He coached me many many years ago at Crawfordsville AR. Baseball and basketball. Learned a lot from him. A strong coach, that drove you to be the best you could be. A man that would bust your rear if you didn't listen or do as you were told (I know this for a fact..... ouch). A great teacher. I have thought about him many times when raising my son.*

Coach, you will be missed by the many you gave so much time and effort to.

My prayers and sympathy to your family.

Clyde Blaylock - December 15, 2013 at 03:29 PM



“ *Holiday Homecoming Basket was purchased for the family of Coach Bobby C Watson.*



December 15, 2013 at 01:22 PM



“ *Coach Watson was my first baseball coach at Stewart Park in Walnut Ridge, He taught all of us so much. I will also never forget the officiating trips we took. Coach and Bob Mike were my first officiating crew to work on. On our way to the game they would grill me on the rules as I was the new guy. I learned so much that helped the next 10 years.*

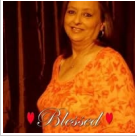
Scott Turbyville - December 15, 2013 at 01:14 PM

RH

“ *Rob Heard lit a candle in memory of Coach Bobby C Watson*



Rob Heard - December 15, 2013 at 10:24 AM



“ *I will never for get the kindness you showed and how you taught me to. Play basketball. I hope heaven now's what they have gained. RIP coach Watson. My prayers and heart are with your family.*

Vanessa Shultz - December 15, 2013 at 02:42 AM

VG

“ *There cannot be enough said about this wonderful human being one who was & will always be so respected. A kind, caring person who always had a smile and loved everyone, made anyone feel welcomed and loved, and passed these things down through generations, wish there were more like him. May you rest in peace Coach Watson, and thanks for being you.*

Virginia Goff - December 15, 2013 at 02:27 AM

KS

“ *Kristi Smith purchased the Blushing Lilies for the family of Coach Bobby C Watson.*



Kristi Smith - December 15, 2013 at 01:23 AM

JB

“ *Jim Barksdale lit a candle in memory of Coach Bobby C Watson*



Jim Barksdale - December 15, 2013 at 12:52 AM

JB

*You were wonderful to me and I appreciate all the ways you helped me participate in sports despite my lack of talent. :-) Thanks for standing up for teaching more than just sports. You will be greatly missed in Mustang Nation. God bless you Coach Watson.
Jimmy Barksdale*

Jim Barksdale - December 15, 2013 at 12:59 AM

JT

“ *I am honored and a better man because of that look he gave us... The paddle didn't do more than sting a few minutes, his way, touched and motivated our hearts to succeed on a daily basis. I'm happy I got to spend time with him out at the nursing home. Love you Coach Watson and family. Thanks for all you have done for so many people through the years. Jeff Taylor*

Jeff Taylor - December 14, 2013 at 10:20 PM

CA

At the age of 15, I quit school, I was playing basketball for Couch during this time, Couch sit me down and talk to me, he never judged me, He was professional, but, you just knew he really cared. Our very first game we ever played, Couch told me to get the ball and make a shot, Needless to say I did, but, it was for the other team. I just knew Couch was going to be mad, he wasn't, he padded me on the shoulder and told me to go back and get the ball and shot for our team. LoL He was the greatest couch ever. Will love and miss him.

Cathy Allmon - December 15, 2013 at 11:15 AM

AM

“ *my prays are with you all.*

amanda - December 14, 2013 at 10:11 PM

JV

“ *Jan Hacker Vickers lit a candle in memory of Coach Bobby C Watson*




Jan Hacker Vickers - December 14, 2013 at 09:25 PM

TG

“ *Coach Watson you were so much more than a teacher. You cared about each and everyone of us. Jim Burns my late husband and I thought of all of you as family. Hoxie wasn't a huge school ,but we had big expectation to win. You mentored us to good sportsmanship & winning. We deeply miss , respect & honor you. Thanks for all the times you watched out for me as a Cheerleader during away games. Enjoy Heaven Coach you deserve the best. We love you Coach*

Theresia Luster Gill

Theresia Luster Gill - December 14, 2013 at 08:45 PM

 Norma
Simms
Waddell

“ *We were neighbors to Coach Watson for almost 18 years. He was a good man, a good neighbor I know he will be missed a lot by family and friends.*

Paul and Norma Waddell

Norma Simms Waddell - December 14, 2013 at 06:24 PM

CW

“ I will always remember coach Watson for being a very caring and wonderful man alot of fun at the park and a great friend

cindy wilson - December 14, 2013 at 04:42 PM

SS

“ A great teacher, coach, mentor, and friend...catch you at the big game later coach!

Scott Smith - December 14, 2013 at 04:02 PM

LC

“ LESA CALDWELL lit a candle in memory of Coach Bobby C Watson



LESA CALDWELL - December 14, 2013 at 03:31 PM

LC

“ Billy and I loved you so much< you will be missed RIP COACH WATSON!!!



LESA CALDWELL - December 14, 2013 at 03:25 PM

TM

“ Coach will always remember you for bringing football back to Hoxie you were a great mentor always in my prayers an thought

Terry Myers - December 14, 2013 at 02:56 PM

LD

“ *Coach I will always rember you as my savior!!! You gave me hope when I felt there was none. You were the best mentor ever!!!*

Lisa Darnall - December 14, 2013 at 09:11 AM