



Coach Baker Hood

July 3, 1933 - January 19, 2018

Coach David Baker Hood, Sr., 84, passed away on Friday, January 19, 2018 at Levine and Dickson Hospice House, Huntersville, NC. He was born in Morganton, NC on July 3, 1933 to the late David Jones and Mary Ruth Hood. He graduated from Catawba College on a football scholarship and also earned a Master's Degree in Education from Appalachian College. Coach Hood was a history teacher and coach at East Mecklenburg High School, Charlotte, for 35 years. He served as a varsity and junior varsity coach for football and men and women's basketball, as well as cross country in 73-74, the year East was NC 4-A champs. He coached in 1971 East-West All Star basketball tournament as the West coach. Coach Hood served as Vice-principal at the school as well. He loved to play golf at Mallard Head Golf Course and worked there part-time after his retirement. He enjoyed spending time with his family most of all. He served his country proudly in the US Army. Coach Hood is survived by his loving wife of 58 years, Marion Sullivan Hood; children, David Baker Hood, Jr., (Dana) of Newton and Donna Ruth Hood of Mooresville; grandchildren, Zachary, Nate and Ben Ziros, Matt and Josh Greene. Services will be held on Saturday, January 27 at 3:00 PM in the Cavin-Cook Funeral Home Chapel with Pastor Dan Freeman officiating. Visitation for family and friends will be from 1 – 3 PM. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to Hospice & Palliative Care of Iredell County, 2347 Simonton Rd., Statesville, NC 28625 or Levine & Dickson Hospice House, 11900 Vanstory Dr., Huntersville, NC 28078. Cavin-Cook Funeral Home &

Crematory, Mooresville, is serving the Hood family. Condolences may be sent to the family at www.cavin-cook.com.

Tribute Wall



“ *Coach Baker Hood*

February 14, 2021 at 11:24 AM



“ *Coach Baker Hood*

February 14, 2021 at 11:04 AM



“ *Coach Baker Hood*

February 14, 2021 at 11:03 AM



“ *Coach Hood Rest In Peace ... I was lying in bed thinking about my high school basketball days and decided to find out where was Coach Hood.. to my sadness..found out several minutes ago that he had passed.. I send my condolences to the family..he will never be forgotten..I will never forget that pipe and eyebrows..my brother and I played for coach Hood..he also helped me start my college basketball career Dalton Georgia .. thanks coach Hood.. once again ..you will never be forgotten..*

George Jackson - May 09, 2018 at 12:00 AM

AL

“ Marion and Family, We are so very sorry about Coach, he was a good man and a friend to so many. I sat with him at our class of 63 reunion in 2013. We hope that some of your wonderful family memories will be a comfort to you . Our thoughts and prayers are with you all. Sincerely, Ann (Blevins) Lightsey (Class of 63) Jerry Blevins (Class of 62)

ANN LIGHTSEY - January 31, 2018 at 12:00 AM

AH

“ When I was 9 years old, I attended Coach Hood's baseball camp out behind the old YMCA, on the field where Post 9 played. He taught me so many new skills that week. Little did I know then that he would one day be my basketball coach at East Meck. One of my favorite memories of him was when I hit a last second game-winning shot. Coach Hood ran out on the court and started hugging me -- with his heavy beard scratching my face so hard that it turned red! He was a great man and I loved playing for him. He was highly regarded and respected -- and we will all miss him. Thanks Coach for all you did for me. Also, thank you for making such a positive impact on the lives of so many young men and women over the years.

Alan Hoover - January 30, 2018 at 12:00 AM

DS

“ Marion, I just wanted to let you and your family know I am so very sorry to hear of Bakers passing. You and your family at this most difficult time. I enjoyed hearing of yours and Bakers adventures in life. Know you are always in my thoughts. Hugs to you! Love, Dawn (Vick) Schaar Wells Fargo/Wachovia/First Union

Dawn Schaar - January 27, 2018 at 12:00 AM

JR

“ When I returned to East Meck in 1987 as a young teacher-coach, (EMHS Class of 1981), Coach Hood was the first person to welcome me back home and take me under his wing. A large part of my success as a coach can be attributed to the time and wisdom he shared with a young hard-headed coach. He remained a mentor and friend well after he retired and left East. Thanks again Coach, Rest In Peace!

John Reisterer - January 25, 2018 at 12:00 AM

KT

“ Miriam, Baker was my history teacher and coach for football and basketball and even after playing for a number of different coaches through my college career he was always my favorite. He was a great man and friend to many of his students and players and I enjoyed the opportunities I had to visit with both of you years ago . God Bless you and your family.

Ken Thornton - January 25, 2018 at 12:00 AM

MM

Marion have lost a true gentleman friend coach just all around great person all I've done since I heard ten minutes ago is cry him and my dad are back together again with blackjack so he's in good hands was about to call him and ask about coming down from new York and playing my prayers are with ur family thank u Baker for all the laughter friendship and fun tell erford to keep eye on my kids he misses so much over last thirteen years rest in peace gentleman

Mike miner - April 01, 2019 at 10:42 AM

JC

“ Marion, Saw Baker in yesterday's Mooresville Tribune. My condolences. Brought back great memories of working with you at FUNB and Baker's story about Bill Guthrie delivering tickets. Hope you and family are doing well.

James Campbell - January 25, 2018 at 12:00 AM

RC

“ When I came to East in 1984, I was one of several young coaches who were fortunate to work with Baker, Dick Williams and Dave Jones. We learned from the best. What a legacy!

Ron Coltrane - January 24, 2018 at 12:00 AM

WK

“ Coach Hood was an extraordinary person. I worked with him when a student at East Mecklenburg, 1959-1962. Great coach and marvelous individual. Before I arrived at East I had met Coach when he played for my father's softball team in one of the Charlotte Leagues. Had not seen in him many years, but wish I had maintained closer contact

Wilford Kale - January 23, 2018 at 12:00 AM

LH

“ Coach Hood was one of finest men I have ever known. He was my neighbor and my ride to school. He sang at my Wedding. He and his family were like our family. He will be missed.

Lynette Cornwell Hill - January 22, 2018 at 12:00 AM

AH

“ Miriam & Family, Louise Hood notified me of Baker's death. I am so sorry for your loss and my thoughts and prayers are with you and your family. I know his loss will be especially hard for you after 57 years! I'm not sure if you knew Bruce passed away on 6/7/16. I will be thinking of you & especially the grandchildren. Please take care of yourself and take time to grieve. My love to you!

Anne Hood - January 22, 2018 at 12:00 AM

BC

“ Dear Marian and David. I did not know Baker well, but he gave my son David his start in coaching. David has impacted and is still impacting the lives of many young men in the same way that Baker did, so Baker's legacy lives on. Marian, you are such a fine person. I pray that God will comfort you during this time of grieving.

Bud Carrier - January 22, 2018 at 12:00 AM



“ I was Coached and educated by Coach Hood in 1980 and 1981. RIP Coach Hood. God Bless. Mike Vaughan, East Mecklenburg class of 1981

January 21, 2018 at 12:00 AM

BB

“ Baker was an old friend to me and my family. I look back with great fondness at our time together at East Mecklenburg, and I appreciate his help in getting through it all with our four children. Although it has been years since we've seen each other I somehow will miss him. A fine man.

Bill Branner - January 21, 2018 at 12:00 AM



“ Coach Hood gave me a warm welcome when I came to East in 1984. I could see his house across the creek from mine. I asked him why he didn't do Career Development & he said this too will pass away. He was soooo right. He helped make East what it is today. People like him are few and far between. Alix Pavlic PHILLIPS retired French teacher

January 21, 2018 at 12:00 AM

BB

“ Coach Hood taught me history in 1966 and because of him, I still have a love for that subject. Thank you for that gift. B

Bob Blalock - January 21, 2018 at 12:00 AM

TM

“ Miriam, Baker was special to me I Loved being around him. Always with a pipe in his hand. Even though its been sometime since we been together I am going to miss him. Love you

terry Baker Moses - January 20, 2018 at 12:00 AM