



Max Doffas Nanney

July 17, 2014 - July 17, 2014

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(April 6, 1927 - July 17, 2014)

Max Doffas Nanney, 87, of Mooresville, passed away on Thursday, July 17, 2014, at the Brian Center in Mooresville.

He was born on April 6, 1927, in Forest City, to the late James Curtis and Carrie Coffey Nanney. Mr. Nanney graduated from Cool Springs High School, where he was All-Conference in football, basketball, and baseball. He also graduated from Appalachian State University with a Bachelor's Degree and Master's Degree in Education. Mr. Nanney moved to Mooresville in 1953, where he taught in the Mooresville School System for 27 years having served 13 years as principal for the Mooresville High School. He was a member of the Kiwanis Club and was president of the Western NC Athletics Association. He was a member of First Baptist Church in Mooresville, where he was a member of the Friendship Sunday School class. Mr. Nanney was an avid Duke Basketball and Atlanta Braves fan.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by 12 brothers and sisters.

He is survived by his wife of 68 years, Elizabeth “Beth” Ligon Hardin Nanney; children, Lynne Nelson and husband, Brian; David Nanney and wife, Carla; Alan Nanney; sister, Carolyn Davis; brother, Dal Nanney; sister-in-law, Ann Hardin; grandchildren, Kristin Drayer and her husband, David; Lauren Nanney; Brittany Nanney; step-grandson, Lawson Burrow; and numerous nieces and nephews.

A memorial service will be held at 2:00 PM on Monday, July 21 at First Baptist Church of Mooresville with Rev. Dr. Jerry Cloninger, Rev. Eddie Hicks, Rev. Steve Sellers officiating. The family will receive friends following the service in the fellowship hall.

The family wishes to express gratitude to all the doctors and nurses that have cared for Max over the years. In addition, a special thanks to the staff at the Brian Center for their love and care these past few months. Sincerest appreciation to Dr. Mike Campbell for so skillfully treating Max medically for many years. More importantly, the family is grateful for his guidance and friendship.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to Wednesday Night Suppers, that provides meals to the shut-ins. Please make checks payable to First Baptist Church, 150 S. Church St. Mooresville, NC 28115, noting Max Nanney Memorial in the memo section.

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Tribute Wall



“ *Max Doffas Nanney*

February 14, 2021 at 11:24 AM



“ *Max Doffas Nanney*

February 14, 2021 at 11:04 AM



“ *Max Doffas Nanney*

February 14, 2021 at 11:03 AM



“ *About 19 years ago, I called an ad advertising "beautiful Beagle puppies for sale". Max answered the phone and I drove up with my wife to take a look. We drove away with a beautiful puppy, just like he'd said, but the funniest part of all was when Max asked what I did for a living. I told him I designed NASCAR trading cards. Max apparently was a huge trading card collector but didn't have anything like that, so he asked if I would give him \$25 and two boxes of trading cards for the dog, which was really ironic because the company I worked for was called "Maxx". It was such a coincidence that we nearly named the dog "Max" too, but named him Murray for reasons I can't remember. I only knew Max Nanney for an hour, but I've never forgotten him. Thanks Max, I hope you and Murray are getting reacquainted...*

Neal Caldwell - September 10, 2014 at 12:00 AM

JA

“ So sorry for your loss.. That's a real good Pic of Max.. That's just like I remember him.. It's been so long since I've seen him either at Papa & Mama Nanney's or Rabbit Hunting.. I hope the Family is doing well...

Joe Atchley - September 10, 2014 at 12:00 AM

MS

“ Many young people were positively influenced by Mr Nanney during his tenure in the Mooresville City Schools. The last few times I spoke with him were at our church's annual yard sales--he was out scouting for baseball cards. We would always share a few memories as well as a few laughs. He was a gentleman and a gentle man and will be missed by hundreds of his former students. The prayers of all are with the Nanney family. Perhaps knowing that we share your grief provides some comfort. Sinerely, Mike

Mike Shinn - September 10, 2014 at 12:00 AM

WH

“ I am sorry to hear about Max. My best memory of him is as a basketball coach. His sweeping, underhand layup was a classic.

William Harrington - September 10, 2014 at 12:00 AM

KR

“ My family was blessed to know Mr. Nanney and his family. Our thoughts and prayers are with all of you. Mrs. Nanney we share in your sorrow and hope peace finds you soon. Love the Rhodes.

Kelly Rhodes - September 10, 2014 at 12:00 AM

RO

“ It was a pleasure to know Mr. Nanney throughout my school career. He was the MHS principal when my sister graduated and later was my history teacher in the 9th grade. I will always remember his dry wit and humor in that class. He was a good friend that I enjoyed seeing around town later in my life. My prayers go out to the Nanney family

Richard Oliphant - September 10, 2014 at 12:00 AM

LH

“ I remember a lot of great times with Mr. Nanney. He was a great teacher and neighbor.

Lois Parker Helms - September 10, 2014 at 12:00 AM

DF

“ Our thoughts and prayers are with you during this time of grieving.

Diane & Wayne Farr - September 10, 2014 at 12:00 AM

TE

“ Lynne, You are in my thoughts and prayers as I know how very much you loved your Dad. What a wonderful man he must have been to have such a loving and caring daughter as you. With deepest sympathy. Terri

Terri - September 10, 2014 at 12:00 AM

BD

“ Praying for you all at this time. Bonnie Doughtie Cape Town, South Africa

Bonnie Doughtie - September 10, 2014 at 12:00 AM

SB

“ So sorry for your loss! I remember Mr. nanny so well as my principal at Mooresville senior high.

Sharon Broome - September 10, 2014 at 12:00 AM

FO

“ I have fond memories of Mr. Nanney from the time I was a student at Mooresville Senior High. He was the principal, and he also taught driver's education. He was the instructor for the class I took. I remember him as a gentle, unflappable man. May he rest in peace.

Fr. David Brown, O.S.B. - September 10, 2014 at 12:00 AM

CL

“ Beth, Grace and Peace be with you in this time of sadness. Max was always there for me when I began my teaching career at Mooresville High School. You were also a strong supporter for Pat and me as friend and neighbor. A lot of good memories are always available. Regards to the family, Charlie

Charlie Loggins - September 10, 2014 at 12:00 AM

GC

“ Mr Nanny was a well respected and loved teacher at MHS. .I remember when I transferred from North Mecklenburg to MHS in the middle of my Junior year he made me feel very welcome in his US History class. I am glad I had the privilege of knowing Mr Nanny. He was the quality of teacher that helped build MHS into the great high school it is today.

Gene Childers - September 10, 2014 at 12:00 AM

SL

“ *Mr. Nanny was assistant/ teacher when I attended Mooresville High School. My sympathy is sent to Mrs. Nanny and all the family. I pray that God will be with you all. EAOF*

Sylvia Karriker Lail - September 10, 2014 at 12:00 AM