



Terry Luther Rutherford

December 14, 1940 - January 9, 2012

Falkner, Mississippi--- Mr. Terry Luther Rutherford 71, passed away at his home on January 9, 2012 after a long illness. Born December 14, 1940 in Falkner, Mississippi to George Rutherford and Ruth South Rutherford. He was known as "Script" to his friends and family in Falkner. The nickname given to him by his brother and father because he was skinny as a Scripto Pen. He was also know as "Pop" to his grandchildren and "Coach" to everyone in Montpelier, MS:

He was a 1957 graduate of Falkner High School where he excelled at basketball and baseball. His love of these sports led to his career as a high school coach. He was a graduate of the University of Mississippi and received his Master's Degree from Mississippi State University.

During his career he was a high school basketball coach at New Hope High School in Columbus, MS and later a basketball, baseball coach, and principal at Clay High School in Montpelier, MS for 15 years. He was a school administrator with North Tippah School District until his retirement.

He is survived by his wife Rita Shackelford Rutherford, 2 daughters, Beth Rutherford-Dulin and husband Michael, Lanice Gaillard and husband Karl, 3 grandchildren, Jake McElwain, Hannah McElwain and Nathan Gaillard all of Falkner, MS: And one great-grandchild Adilyn McElwain. He is also survived

by a brother Tate Rutherford (Shirley) of Falkner, MS: And a sister Maye Doster of Atlanta, GA.

He was preceded in death by: His parents and one sister Shirley Scott.

Pallbearers will be: Keith Shackelford, Nathan Shackelford, Tony Stella, Ken Wigington, Jeff Harrell, Scott Harrell:

Honorary pallbearers will be his grandchildren: Jake McElwain, Hannah McElwain, Nathan Gaillard, Adilyn McElwain:

In Lieu Of Flowers Memorials may be made to: The Falkner High School Memorial Athletic Fund, % Falkner High School, 20350 Hwy. 15 N., Falkner, MS 38629

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Tribute Wall



“ Terry Luther Rutherford

October 05, 2023 at 12:14 PM



“ I was so saddened to hear of Coach's death. I pray for you Rita, Beth and Lanice. I know he loved his family very much. I have such fond memories of Coach. As a team, I think we had a love hate relationship with him. We loved him to pieces but hated him when he made us run laps and bleachers. He was a wonderful coach and friend. As my coach he taught me much more than the game of basketball. I will always remember him. Go Wildcats!

Beth Gipson Robinson - January 17, 2012 at 12:00 AM



“ Rita, I was so sorry to read of Terry's passing, We have been on the same path but didn't meet up very much. I taught at Montpelier and in Columbus also. Our mothers used to work together and we heard a lot about each other then! Some day we will be seeing all of our favorite people that we have lost touch with and they will all be in one place. To believe that God controls our present and our future can be a great comfort if we rest in him. I will be praying for all of you as you adjust to the loss of Terry

Donna Lancaster Newby - January 15, 2012 at 12:00 AM



“ I just heard the sad news. I am sorry my family could not be with y'all. I have so many good memories of visiting with Uncle Terry and all your family when I was younger. Aunt Rita, Lanice, Beth, and grandchildren, you are all in my thoughts and prayers. Love, Sarah

Sarah Scott - January 11, 2012 at 12:00 AM

JB

“ We are so sorry for your loss. May the Lord bless you during this very difficult time.

John and Patsy Braddock - January 10, 2012 at 12:00 AM

AP

“ I was sorry to hear of Coach Rutherford's death. He was a very special coach, teacher, and family friend. My high school basketball memories have been flowing since learning of his death. We had such great times as a team! I will always remember his smiling face; I'm not sure I ever saw him without a smile. Mrs. Rita, Beth, and Lanice, you are all in my thoughts and prayers.

Ann Murray Prevost - January 10, 2012 at 12:00 AM

JM

“ We are sorry to hear the news of Coach's death. Coach Rutherford was a special person to both of us as he was our Coach, Teacher, and neighbor. The discipline and hard work he taught us on the basketball court has made us better people. Rita, Beth, and Lanice our prayers are with you.

Jim and Connie Murray - January 10, 2012 at 12:00 AM

DA

“ We are so sorry for your loss. You will all be in our thoughts and prayers.
Don and Rae Ann

Don and Rae Ann Austin - January 10, 2012 at 12:00 AM

NJ

“ Rest in peace Script from Neil & carol.

Neil & Carol Jackson - January 10, 2012 at 12:00 AM

PH

“ Lanice, I don't remember that I had the honor of meeting your father the short time I was in Falkner, but I can see what a wonderful man he must have been and how much he meant to you. My sincerest condolences on your loss, and you are in my prayers.

Pamela L. Harris - January 10, 2012 at 12:00 AM

KC

“ That picture is the way Coach Rutherford looked the last time I saw him at Montpelier, MS. He was a great teacher and Coach. I know he will be missed by everyone. I pray that God will keep you and your family close to Him during this time of loss and for the days ahead.

Kate Blansett Carrithers - January 10, 2012 at 12:00 AM

LG

“ That picture that is posted is exactly how I remember Coach Rutherford! Mrs. Rutherford, Beth, and Lanice--I was a student at Clay High when Coach was there. Coach left an impressionable legacy. I pray that you all receive the peace and comfort that only HE can give during this time of sorrow. Lifting you in prayer, La Donna

La Donna Moore Griggs - January 10, 2012 at 12:00 AM

LT

“ Our prayers to the family. We went to school at Montpelier, ms when he was there. Jeff Williams, Janice Williams, Tommy Williams, Lee Ann, and Sarah Williams. What a good man he was! God bless you all. Sincerely, Lee Ann Williams Turk

lee ann williams turk - January 10, 2012 at 12:00 AM

JS

“ Seeing Coach's picture brings bad so many memories....one thing for sure he could run the dog out of you. thanks to him I learned to take the bad w/the good & to be a team player. Those were the good ole days & I just hope he was pleased w/my efforts & how I played the game of basketball that only he coached me at....So sorry for yall's loss but I know he is in a better place...will have the whole family in my daily thoughts & prayers....GO WILDCATS...Love, Judy Blansett Simmons

Judy Blansett Simmons - January 10, 2012 at 12:00 AM