



David Giddens

September 9, 1950 - March 7, 2021

On Sunday, March 7, 2021, in Savannah, David won his courageously fought battle with Alzheimer's Disease. He is now in Heaven, healed and whole again. David, 70, was born in Miami, Florida on September 9th, 1950. He was the second born to Dovie Lee Faircloth Giddens and John Rene Giddens. He attended elementary and secondary school in Miami and attended colleges in Georgia, eventually receiving his Education Specialist degree in Health and Physical Education.

David married Shari Estes on July 15th, 1978 in Eastman, Ga. Their family was made complete when they were joined by sons John in 1979 and Ben in 1984. The family enjoyed life in several cities in Georgia while David pursued his career in teaching and coaching. He loved his successful career, having the opportunity to coach several sports over the years. His last teaching and coaching position was at Richmond Hill High School where he coached girls' softball and basketball for 10 years before he retired in 2006. David truly enjoyed coaching his student athletes and had the opportunity to make a difference in many lives as well as make lifelong friends.

David's family was the focus of his life. He was an involved father, loving husband, caring brother and doting grandfather to Clarke and Gus. David loved attending his children's events, family trips, playing his guitars and listening to music. David and Shari enjoyed exploring the local sites in the areas they resided with John and Ben. David encouraged his sons' love of music and was proud of their musical endeavors. He was a lifelong learner, enjoying reading books on many different subjects. He especially loved spending time with his grandchildren whom he adored.

David was an ordained Deacon of the Baptist faith and his church activities were very important to him. David was a member of Corinth Baptist Church in Richmond Hill at the time of his death. He served many roles in the church but especially enjoyed working with the children's programs and Bible School.

David is predeceased by his parents.

He is survived by his wife, Shari Estes Giddens; son John Giddens and wife Christina; son Benjamin Giddens and wife Kimberly; grandchildren Clarke Giddens and Gus Giddens; sister, Janice Giddens; mother-in-law, Ruth Estes; sister-in-law, Judy (Bob) Herrington; and nephews Reid Wood and Herb Wood and their families.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests donations be made in David's memory to the local chapter of the Alzheimer's Association or to a charity of your choice.

A drop in celebration of David's life will be held Thursday, March 11th in the pavilion at Corinth Baptist Church in Keller, GA from 6:00-8:00 PM. A graveside service will be held on Saturday, March 13th, in Eastman Georgia at Woodlawn Cemetery at 10:30 AM. The family will receive family and friends after the service.

The family requests that attendees at the memorial events for David please wear masks for the safety of all in his honor.

Hardy-Towns Funeral Home of Eastman is in charge of arrangements. www.hardy-towns.com

Cemetery

Woodlawn Cemetery

First Ave

Eastman, GA, 31023

Events

MAR **Graveside Services** 10:30AM

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Woodlawn Cemetery

First Ave, Eastman, GA, US, 31023

Comments



“ Coach Giddens is an amazing man. He pushed me to be great and to never give up when things got hard. He was such an amazing person. Prayers to the family. Rest in Paradise Coach.

Jeanette Scriven - March 11 at 08:39 PM



“ Coach Giddens taught me so much, not only about coaching, but about myself. Hard work, dedication, tough love. I loved my time with him and know that he is smiling down on us.

Robin Thompson - March 11 at 05:32 AM



“ Harold & Joyce Horne lit a candle in memory of David Giddens



Harold & Joyce Horne - March 09 at 11:52 AM



“ Shari, It was a priviledge to have known David and I enjoyed his quiet and Godly demeanor. Judy and I consider it a blessing to have known you both and were able to worship with you at Corinth Baptist Church. May our Lord give you strength during this time.. Marshall and Judy Ellis

Marshall Ellis - March 09 at 09:25 AM



“ I thoroughly enjoyed teaching a coaching softball with David at Richmond Hill High School in the late 90's. He was a true master when it came to preparing the girls. His quiet leadership will forever influence me. I am blessed to have known him. Many prayers for the family.

Leigh Smith - March 08 at 10:40 PM



“ Coach Giddens you'll be greatly missed. Blessed to have had you all through high school as our varsity coach. Sweet & amazing man too. Praying for the family.
Julie Curlee Davis C/O 99'



Julie Davis - March 08 at 09:55 PM



“ Angela Williams lit a candle in memory of David Giddens



Angela Williams - March 08 at 08:45 PM



“ David was a dedicated teacher and coach. My thoughts and prayers are with you and the boys. Sharon Worsham

Sharon Worsham - March 08 at 08:16 PM



“ Coach Giddens was an amazing coach but an even more amazing man. I treasure the time I got to spend with him. Sending all my love.

Tara (Yaun) Dugan - March 08 at 05:52 PM



“ He was a sweet first cousin of mine. I know the family will miss him very much. May God give all of you comfort and peace. Jennie Huckaby

Jennie Huckaby - March 08 at 05:02 PM



“ David and I were related through our dad's but we knew each other and became friends through our mother's families as my mother's sister Odell married his mother's brother Howard Faircloth. He became a dear friend and we created many great memories together during our younger years. David was the most relaxed and calm person I believe I have ever known. I know he is in a better place now and I look forward to renewing our friendship later down the line. Our prayers and thoughts go out to Shari and the family.

Hal Giddens - March 08 at 04:18 PM



“ Ben, I am so sorry for the lose of your Dad.

Nancy Nix - March 09 at 08:57 AM



“ I have fond memories shared with David & Shari going to live folk singing Savannah & playing guitar and singing. A special couple & Christian friends, a godly man and family glad to have spent our time together special! Looking forward to Heaven even more we'll meet up yonder in a little while. Bill Smith Susan's dad

Bill Smith - March 09 at 03:43 PM



“ Sheri, our hearts go out to you and the boys. Working with David at Richmond Hill High School for many years was a delight. Our girls played softball and basketball under a great Coach. You will be sadly missed. Lovingly, Cliff and Peggy Finley

Clifford & Peggy Finley - March 09 at 05:40 PM



“ I remember David and Shari singing in the Corinth Baptist Church choir with me. He had a great sense of humor. He attended Sunday and Wednesday night services and was very knowledgeable about the Bible. My daughter Pam loved "Coach," as she called him. David knew how to communicate with children and keep their attention. He was meek and mild and considerate of others' feelings. I enjoyed my visit with David and Shari in their home in October, 2020. I know that David is singing and worshiping at the feet of Jesus now. Eileen Newman



Eileen Newman - March 08 at 03:45 PM



“ This is from Barbara Owens {Rock Steady Boxing} I am so sorry to hear about David. I will be praying for you.

Barbara Owens - March 08 at 02:55 PM