



Bruce "COACH" Clark

April 4, 1960 - December 21, 2021

Alton Bruce (COACH) Clark passed away December 21, 2021, from injuries sustained in an automobile accident. Born April 4, 1960, in Burlington, NC, Bruce was the son of Curtis Clark, Jr. and the late Mary Lou Frazier Clark of Mebane, NC.

After graduating from Eastern Alamance High School, Bruce graduated from Wingate University. He taught History and coached baseball and football at North Gaston High School and Kings Mountain High School, and ended his coaching career at Boiling Springs High School, where he served as head football coach and Athletic Director. Bruce had the gift of teaching and coaching. He could motivate his students and athletes to always achieve their best.

After leaving a legendary coaching legacy, Bruce then followed his dream and opened Game Day BBQ in Duncan, SC, where he received great satisfaction from serving the Duncan and surrounding communities, and from catering for countless high schools and colleges. He made a connection with each of his customers and was lovingly called COACH by everyone who was served at Game Day BBQ.

Bruce is survived by his father, Curtis Clark, Jr; his loving wife, Pamela Clark of Chesnee, SC and his sons, Joshua Clark of Chesnee, SC, and Justin Clark of Dallas, NC. He is also survived by his sister, Vicky Pruitt of Winston Salem, NC, his mother-in-law, Barb Pastor of Brentwood, CA, his brother-in-law Rick (Patty) Pastor of College Station, Texas, and nephews, Phillip and Michael

Pruitt.

In addition to his mother, he was predeceased by his brother-in-law, John Pruitt of Winston Salem, NC.

Coach Clark lived his life just as he taught the thousands of young people to do so; to discover your purpose in life never wavering from it and pursuing it with all you have, to be a person of faith, and to always help those in need.

A Celebration of Life service will be held on Saturday, January 15, 2022, at 11:00 a.m. at First Baptist Church of Spartanburg, 250 East Main Street, Spartanburg SC 29306.

In lieu of flowers, contributions can be made to Southeastern Children's Home, P. O. Box 339, Duncan SC 29334.

Wood Mortuary of Greer, SC, is in charge of arrangements.

An online guest register is available at www.thewoodmortuary.com

Previous Events

Celebration of Life

JAN 15. 11:00 AM (ET)

First Baptist Church Spartanburg
250 E Main Street
Spartanburg, SC 29306

Tribute Wall

PA

“ Knowing Coach Clark was a blessing. His time at BSMS was wonderful because of his passion for making an impact on people. He always had a smile and a word of encouragement. Our school was brighter with him on staff. I loved our conversations about football and life. The number of lives he touched are immeasurable. Blessed to have called him a friend. Penny Atkinson (Mrs. A-as Coach called me)

Penny Atkinson - January 19, 2022 at 07:18 PM

KF

“ Coach Clark was my history teacher at North Gaston. He was an awesome teacher. He was straightforward but encouraging. He truly had a heart for mentoring young people and building character. Such a kind and caring man. Rest In Peace!

Kim Fulbright - January 14, 2022 at 09:59 PM

BS

“ Boiling Springs High School purchased the Strength & Solace Spray for the family of Bruce "COACH" Clark.



Boiling Springs High School - January 14, 2022 at 09:50 AM



“ *Strength & Solace Spray was purchased for the family of Bruce "COACH" Clark.*



January 13, 2022 at 03:40 PM



“ *Linda Bridges lit a candle in memory of Bruce "COACH" Clark*



Linda Bridges - January 11, 2022 at 10:09 PM

SS

“ I am heartbroken. Coach Clark had such an influence on my life. He was my baseball coach for only one year in 1989. It's amazing what kind of impact someone can have on your life in such a short period of time. He was a great coach and the best motivator I have ever known. He loved and cared for his players and he was more proud of our life successes than he was for our highlights on the field. We had a 30 year reunion in 2019 and it was obvious that he loved us and we loved him. There's nobody better. I will forever be grateful for that one year that he was my coach.

20 strong for 7 full... we will never forget.

Stuart Spires



Stuart Spires - January 11, 2022 at 03:05 PM

JP

“ Jeff Taylor, Taylor Boys Produce purchased the S imply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Bruce "COACH" Clark.



Jeff Taylor, Taylor Boys Produce - January 05, 2022 at 03:03 PM

TC

“Wow!! Bruce’s death was so sudden! We don’t know his wife, but do know his sons, his dad, and his precious sister. Our prayers are with them forever. God, our Lord and Savior guide you all through this tragedy.💕💕. Tom and Trudy Compton.

trudy compton - January 04, 2022 at 05:10 PM

LG

“Coach Clark was an amazing man. He showed me Guidance and was always there to greet everyone with a smile. I remember one day I was sad and he was able to bring a smile to my face. You will be missed dearly! Prayers for your whole family! #BSHS



Lisa Green - December 29, 2021 at 07:47 PM

JG

“Pam, I'm so sorry to here about Bruce. You will be in my thoughts and Prayers.

Janice Green - December 29, 2021 at 08:05 AM



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December 29, 2021 at 12:30 AM

RM

“ You were a very special person. You did so much for the kids at BSHS. I enjoyed all the years we worked together in the Athletic Booster Club at BS. You really turned the kids and community in to a different mind set. I will never forget how good you were at writing letters for the kids scholarships. I will definitely miss having you here but I know you are walking tall in heaven. Prayers and love to the family. Love you all. RHONDA MABRY

Rhonda Mabry - December 28, 2021 at 07:24 PM

NR

“ So sorry for your loss. Praying and thinking about yall. I have awesome memories of him. Love yall. I am Eddie and Gail Herndon's daughter. He meant a lot to my family.

Nikki Herndon Radford

Nicole Radford - December 28, 2021 at 06:10 PM