



David Craft

September 12, 1955 - July 25, 2008

Heading: David Craft

Dateline: Lyman

Walter David Craft, 52, died July 25, 2008 at his home.

A native of Fort Benning, Georgia, he was a son of Lena Louise Phillips Craft of Duncan and the late Oscar Craft. Mr. Craft received his masters degree from U.S.C. and his bachelors degree from Freed-Hardeman College. He was employed by Spartanburg County School District One and was the principal for Holly Springs-Motlow Elementary School. Mr. Craft served as a reserve police officer for the City of Greer for 10 years. He was a member of Greer Church of Christ.

Surviving are Laura Craft of Covington, Tennessee; a son, Adam Craft of Wellford; a daughter and son-in-law, Morgan Leigh and Clint Smith of Cordova, Tennessee; two brothers and sisters-in-law, James A. and Holly Craft of Lawrenceville, Georgia and Philip A. and Kim Craft of Moore; a sister, Joyce C. Griffin of Moore; and a grandson, Caleb.

Mr. Craft was predeceased by one brother, Robert Paul Craft.

Funeral services will be held 11:00 a.m. Tuesday at the Wood Mortuary, conducted by Minister Richard McWilliams. Burial will follow in Duncan Church of Christ Cemetery.

Visitation will be held 6:00-8:30 p.m. Monday at the Wood Mortuary.

The family is at the home of his mother, Louise Craft, 113 Edgewood Drive, Duncan.

Those desiring may make memorials to Freed-Hardeman University,
Henderson, Tennessee 38340 or Children's Need Fund-Supporters of District
1, P.O. Box 218, Campobello, S.C. 29322.

Online condolences may be made at www.thewoodmortuary.com.

Previous Events

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THE WOOD MORTUARY CHAPEL

300 West Poinsett Street

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Tribute Wall



“ Adam,

I'm deeply sorry to hear of your father's death. Your father was an honest, down-to-earth guy who I always enjoyed talking to at the gym or football games. Sarah and I will keep you and your family in our prayers during this time of sorrow.##imported-begin##Jeff Boland##imported-end##

August 02, 2008 at 09:23 PM



“ We're so sorry to hear this. I saw it on the school site. We live in Michigan & visit our grandson in Inman every winter. Mr. Craft was always so nice when we attended the grandparents luncheon he really made us feel welcome. Our thoughts & prayers go out to the family.##imported-begin##Tom & Viann Clementson##imported-end##

August 02, 2008 at 12:20 PM



“ Adam and family- I am so very sorry for your loss. Please know that you are in our thoughts and prayers.##imported-begin##Amy Southern##imported-end##

July 30, 2008 at 02:11 PM



“ Mr. Craft was a wonderful principal and friend to his students. May your family find comfort knowing you are all in our prayers.##imported-begin##The Likes Family##imported-end##

July 30, 2008 at 10:36 AM



“ We are so sorry for your loss. There was no other man like David. Both Marcus and I enjoyed the talks that we always had with David while at the Police Dept. We know he is in a much better place. We will be praying for you all.##imported-begin##Marcus and Amy O'Shields##imported-end##

July 30, 2008 at 09:46 AM



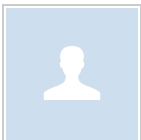
“ We are so heartbroken over Mr. Craft's passing. It will be hard to imagine Holly Springs-Motlow without him, but we know he will always be looking down on the students and faculty from heaven. Our prayers are with the Craft family.##imported-begin##Lee, Cindy, Brittany, Brandon Adams##imported-end##

July 29, 2008 at 07:29 PM



“ We are very sorry for your loss. Mr Craft was a wonderful person and a great principal. He always made me pull out of line so he could tell me a joke that would always start my day off with a laugh. We will all miss him greatly and our prayers are with you.##imported-begin##Jay, Amy, & Stormi Hayes##imported-end##

July 29, 2008 at 02:08 PM



“ Mr.Craft will be truly missed by the school and the community. My child is a student at HSM and will miss seeing his smile everyday. Things will never be the same at the school. Our thoughts and Prayers are with you.##imported-begin##Matthew, Shannon and Reagan Bradley##imported-end##

July 29, 2008 at 10:30 AM



“ I was one of Mr. Craft's students when he first came to Holly Springs Motlow (I was in the third grade at the time). I can still remember to this day the care and compassion he showed to all of the students and staff. Please accept my condolences at your time of loss.##imported-begin##Trish Mason Frasier##imported-end##

July 29, 2008 at 10:27 AM



“ I am so sorry for your loss and my prayers are with your family. My name is Cindi Pope and I was a teacher at Holly Springs when David first came to the school. He was a wonderful principal and I enjoyed working for him. My sister-in-law still lives in the area and called me the sad news. I will keep your family in my prayers.##imported-begin##Cindi Pope##imported-end##

July 29, 2008 at 10:16 AM



“ Mr. Craft was my principal from kindergarten to sixth grade. He was always the one who would always compliment me in the hall and the classroom. His encouragement always lifted me up and brought me to do my absolute best. My thoughts and prayers are with you in this time of sorrow.
Alex Williams##imported-begin##Alex Williams##imported-end##

July 29, 2008 at 09:58 AM



“ You all are in my thoughts and prayers during this time of mourning.##imported-begin##Cheryle Thompson##imported-end##

July 29, 2008 at 08:09 AM



“ Adam,
I am so sorry for your loss. You and your family will be in my thoughts and prayers.##imported-begin##Tonia Thompson##imported-end##

July 29, 2008 at 07:24 AM



“ May God continue to comfort each of you as you reflect on your loss.##imported-begin##Ginny and David Norwood##imported-end##

July 29, 2008 at 05:07 AM



“ To the Craft family, When I heard about Mr. Crafts passing, I felt a great loss. He was a Hero to many students. I looked up to him when I attended HSM. He will be missed and I hope that his work will live on. From the Duncan family, our thoughts and prayers go to you. My God give you strength through these times.##imported-begin##Dwayne, Courtney, Joshua, Max Duncan##imported-end##

July 28, 2008 at 11:03 PM



“ Dear Craft Family,
We were so sorry to here of Mr. Craft's passing. It was such a blessing to see him outside the school every morning and afternoon. It gave us comfort to know that my husband and I were leaving our gifts from God with someone that cared for them as if they were his own. Know that Mr. Craft was so much more to this school, community, and our family than just a district employee.....He was family and he will be sincerely missed. Words fail to express our appreciation for his being a part of our lives. The Brackett's##imported-begin##Kenny, Tina, Christian, Madison, Emily & Amanda Brackett##imported-end##

July 28, 2008 at 10:15 PM



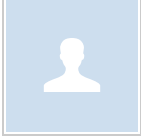
“ I want to extend my condolences to the Craft family. I will keep you in my prayers##imported-begin##Lauri Mitro##imported-end##

July 28, 2008 at 09:52 PM



“ It is with sincere sadness and a heavy heart I write this entry. I've only known David for about 3 years but feel as though I've known him forever. During my time of employment in District One, he made me laugh each time I saw him. He reminded us all not to take life too seriously. He always had a great joke to tell and often told stories of when he was a young boy. He had a way of putting everyone at ease in his presence. He will be greatly missed by many colleagues, students, teachers, parents, and friends.##imported-begin##Parmala Farmer##imported-end##

July 28, 2008 at 09:25 PM



“ Morgan- I am so sorry for your loss. You and your family are in my thoughts and prayers.##imported-begin##Carla Burlison Frazier##imported-end##

July 28, 2008 at 08:12 PM



“ Mr. Craft was a wonderful Principal. My children are students at HSM and thought the world of him. He always had the students best interest at heart and always met you with a smile. The school and the community will not be the same without him. Our thoughts and prayers are with you in this time of sorrow.##imported-begin##Jim, Mandy, Hailey, Trey, Mackenzie and Matthew Lyons##imported-end##

July 28, 2008 at 08:00 PM



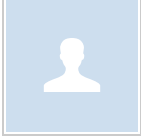
“ We love you more thn words could ever say. I was 1 of your first students at Duncan Elementary and you Touched my son's life at Holly6 Springs, You will be forever missed. Love Sharon Rocheville Staggs and Lane Friel##imported-begin##Mr Craft##imported-end##

July 28, 2008 at 07:33 PM



“ Words seem inadequate to express the sadness and shock we feel about David's death. He touched the lives of hundreds of chidren and families in the Holly Springs community.He will truly be missed. With sincere sympathy,##imported-begin##Jenny McGurk and family##imported-end##

July 28, 2008 at 06:49 PM



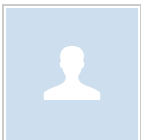
“ Dear Craft Family, I am so sorry to hear of Mr. Craft's passing. He was a dear principal. My kids loved him. He was always smiling and laughing. Your family is in our thoughts and prayers. We will miss Mr. Craft dearly. HSM will not be the same.##imported-begin##Amy, Parker, Payton Hannah##imported-end##

July 28, 2008 at 04:51 PM



“ Adam and Morgan and family, We are so sorry for your loss. Hunter is 16, Hannah is 13 and Heath will be in his last year at HSM this year. We are all so sad. We loved him as the principal. He laid such a foundation for my children. When Heath was 3, we would go in the school and Heath would tell him that he didn't like him and he wasn't going to come to school there. After just a few months, he had warmed up to him and David was carrying him around in his arms and was his best friend. We will truly miss him.
Pam, Hunter, Hannah, and Heath##imported-begin##Pamala Jordan Huffling, Hunter, Hannah, and Heath Jordan##imported-end##

July 28, 2008 at 04:50 PM



“ Our great grandson, Skylar Dunning, who attends H. S. M. School, admired and respected Mr. Craft who had such a positive and happy influence on him, other children, and their families. He made everyone feel special. We will always have wonderful memories of Mr. Craft.##imported-begin##John and Patsy Sloan Turner##imported-end##

July 28, 2008 at 04:48 PM



“ Brenda, David & Jamie, We are very sorry for the passing of David. I took care of the fish tank in the school for the past 6 yrs. David always had a kind word to say and was a great principle. I will surely miss the conversations we had and I know the rest of Holly Springs Motlow will too. But I know he is in a better place now. Rest in peace. God Bless.##imported-begin##David McClintock##imported-end##

July 28, 2008 at 03:40 PM



“ Our deepest sympathy goes out to the Craft Family. David was a wonderful principal and friend. The district 1 Family will miss him and his smile very much.

With Deepest Sympathy,
Kathy & Moriah##imported-begin##Kathy & Moriah##imported-end##

July 28, 2008 at 02:37 PM



“ Adam, Morgan, and Family it is with a great sense of loss I send my sorrow for the loss your father. David Craft leaves behind him a tremendous legacy. He touched so many lives and in this he will live forever in those lives. It was a blessing to call him my friend. May God send his Holy Spirit to comfort you in the coming days and keep you until we all meet again in the place of promise.##imported-begin##Bryan, Rachel, Adam, and Caleb Wilkins##imported-end##

July 28, 2008 at 02:21 PM



“ I was so sorry to hear of Mr. Craft's passing. Your family will be in my thoughts and prayers in this difficult time.##imported-begin##Erin Gaines##imported-end##

July 28, 2008 at 02:18 PM



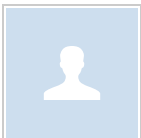
“ I am deeply saddened by such a loss, especially for the entire Craft family. Adam, you are in my thoughts and prayers.....
Chris##imported-begin##Christina Keller##imported-end##

July 28, 2008 at 02:07 PM



“ Dear Craft Family,
When we moved to district one and my children started to attend Holly Springs, I was truly thankful to find such a friendly and open principal. Not every school is that lucky. Mr. Craft always made time to know his students and their parents and he will truly be missed. Our prayers are with your family.##imported-begin##Jill, Terry, Taylor and Alex Brock##imported-end##

July 28, 2008 at 01:29 PM



“ Louise & family, I am so sorry to hear of David's death. You are all in my thoughts & prayers. Love Jeannie##imported-begin##Jeannie Inskeep##imported-end##

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“ CRAFT FAMILY,
ALL OF OUR PRAYERS
ARE WITH YOU & FAMILY.

IN CHRISTIAN LOVE
GRANT, CRYSTAL,
LYDIA, ABBY &
MELEA EDMONDS##imported-begin##GRANT
EDMONDS##imported-end##

July 28, 2008 at 12:46 PM



“ Family, our thoughts and prayers are with you. MR. Craft was my son Robbie's principle for the last two years and my son Tyler's for one year, my kids thought alot of him and so did we. He will truly be missed at Holly Springs Elem.##imported-begin##Sally, Robbie, Tyler and Ray ##imported-end##

July 28, 2008 at 12:02 PM



“ Our thoughts and prayers are with you during this difficult time. The community is deeply saddened by this loss. God bless.##imported-begin##Dawn, Jeff, Feenix, and Shyann##imported-end##

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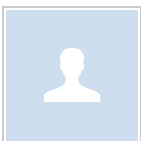
“ Dear Craft Family,
We are so saddened to hear of the loss of Mr Craft. My daughters go to Holly Springs- Motlow and it will not be the same without him. He was truly a genuine, honest man and we feel blessed to have been able to know him. He was very caring of our children and he always had their best interest at heart. I don't know if we'll ever be able to find another one like him. Please know that you are in our thought and prayers. He will never be forgotten.
God Bless you all,
Cindy, Kaylee & Kinzie Sellars###imported-begin##Cindy Sellars###imported-end##

July 28, 2008 at 11:45 AM



“ To the family, I am so sorry for your loss. I am one of those students that David touched throughout his many years at Holly Springs. He became principal when I was in 1st grade. He was a kind man and a wonderful principal. The one thing I remember most is his smile. He had a great impact on my life as well as many others. He will be truly missed. You are in my thought and prayers.###imported-begin##Stacy Champion Dittimore###imported-end##

July 28, 2008 at 11:40 AM



“ To the family,
We are so sorry to hear that Mr. Craft passed away. He was Lance and Lynette's principal through elementary school. He was a wonderful friend as well as a great principal. We will miss him very much. We will keep you in our prayers.

-Jack, Wilda, Lance, and Lynette Rolan###imported-begin##Jack, Wilda, Lance, and Lynette Rolan###imported-end##

July 28, 2008 at 11:23 AM



“ Though I only knew Mr. Craft in related meetings at Campobello-Gramling School, he always came with his smiling face. I will remember your family as you adjust to your loss.##imported-begin##Marnie Smith##imported-end##

July 28, 2008 at 11:13 AM



“ Our thoughts and prayers are with you at this time. Kenneth attended Holly Springs Motlow from 1994-2000. Mr . Craft helped keep him on the straightj and narrow. We've kept in touch with him ever since then. District one has lost a truly good person and principal. He will be greataly missed.##imported-begin##Roscoe, Glenda & Kenneth Kyle##imported-end##

July 28, 2008 at 11:07 AM



“ Laura, Adam, Morgan & family,
We were so sorry to hear about the loss of your loved one. You are all in our prayers. I will always remember the first time I met David. We were in a quick lube in Covington. I had no idea who he was, but we began to talk. I was impressed with his gentleness, intelligence, and overall personality. He was a fine man and he will be missed by everyone. --Mike Rogers, Minister Covington church of Christ.##imported-begin##Mike, Bonita, Mitch, Justin & Ashli Rogers##imported-end##

July 28, 2008 at 10:31 AM



“ My name is Julia Winters, formerly Julia Rumsey. I attended Holly Springs Motlow Elementary and I thought the world of Mr. Craft. My thoughts and prayers are with you.##imported-begin##Julia Rumsey Winters##imported-end##

July 28, 2008 at 10:26 AM



“ We will miss Mr. Craft terribly. He was a great principal and person. He always made the parents feel welcome and the children feel special.

Our prayers are with the family. We are deeply sorry for your loss.##imported-begin##The St. Louis Family##imported-end##

July 28, 2008 at 10:04 AM



“ Adam, you and your family are in my thoughts and prayers. I will be thinking about you..##imported-begin##Crystal Senn ##imported-end##

July 28, 2008 at 10:00 AM



“ To the family, our deepest sympathies. David will be terribly missed and remembered often. Our prayers and thoughts are with all who loved him.##imported-begin##Julie, Olivia & Wes Shelton##imported-end##

July 28, 2008 at 09:20 AM



“ We are so sorry for your loss. We have been praying for you. Our young daughter was truly saddened when we heard the news! He took the time to speak with the children at the school and made them feel welcome. Alexis enjoyed getting out of the car many mornings and giving him a huge hug to say "Good morning!" Our son would sit in the car and wait for him to say, "Good morning little man!"
###imported-begin##Michael, Amanda, Alexis and Jerrett Hodge##imported-end##

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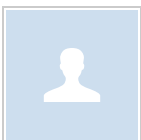
“ To the family im so sorry for your lose . David help me in so many ways if it wasn't for him i wouldn't be where i am now. He is one of thr greatest men i've ever known he will be greatly missed .
##imported-begin##Lance Loveridge##imported-end##

July 28, 2008 at 08:28 AM



“ My heartfelt prayers are with your family. David was such a wonderman and influenced the lives of so many children. We will all miss him more than we can say, but he will live on in the lives of so many children.
Our prayers will continue for you and your family during this time.
##imported-begin##Sarabeth Short##imported-end##

July 28, 2008 at 08:22 AM



“ Please know that you are in our prayers and thoughts. Our community (Holly Springs Motlow) will miss your dad and son. He was a wonderful man.
##imported-begin##Trish, Amber, Dustin, and Todd Shifflett##imported-end##

July 28, 2008 at 07:08 AM



“ I am so sorry for your loss. Mr. Craft was both my principal and my son's principal. He will be missed not only at HSM, but in the community as well. May God comfort you during your time of sorrow.##imported-begin##Cindy Yarbrough##imported-end##

July 28, 2008 at 02:18 AM



“ I am so sorry for your lose. I have known David for 10 years now. He has helped my get my oldest son to high school this year and was there if I needed him with my youngest. We all are gonna miss him very much, I know that it will be hard for me and my kids not seeing him every morning, his smile and his jokes. If you need anything please let me know, your dad ment the world to alot of people and will be missed dearly. Our thoughts and prayers go out to the family and the kids.

Dawn, Buster, Michael, and Matthew Rogers##imported-begin##
Dawn Rogers and family##imported-end##

July 28, 2008 at 12:15 AM



“ Laura, Morgan & Adam,
Our deepest sympathy is with you during your time of loss. Keep David's warm smile and generous spirit in your hearts. He will be missed by all the childrens lives that he has touched throughout the years. Our thoughts and prayers are with you during this time.##imported-begin##Joe & Dee Dee Moore##imported-end##

July 27, 2008 at 11:11 PM



“ *The District One family has lost another dedicated and caring principal. Your family is in our thoughts and prayers. The Holly Springs school community will greatly miss David.##imported-begin##Julie & Randy Settle##imported-end##*

July 27, 2008 at 11:10 PM



“ *Family: We have you in our hearts and prayers. We were so blessed to have such a caring principal for our children. We will miss Mr. Craft.##imported-begin##The Abernathy Family##imported-end##*

July 27, 2008 at 10:20 PM



“ *Adam, Morgan, and Family,
Your Dad was a very special friend for many years as we served together in District One.
He always had such a positive attitude, and we could never leave him without a good laugh at one of his capers. He will be surely missed!!!*

As we live in the Holly Springs Community we have heard so many positive stories about how David touch the lives of the young students at H.S. Elem. School. His legacy will live on!!!

God bless you all. David loved his family and never failed to mention some accomplishment of his children. Take comfort in this love....##imported-begin##David and Joyce White##imported-end##

July 27, 2008 at 08:56 PM



“ It was with deepest regret that I heard of David's untimely passing this weekend. My heartflet sympathies to the family and to his son Adam. David was an outstanding individual who served the Greater Greer community for many years as an educator and also as a Reserve Police Officer. I had the honor and privelege of working with David as a fellow Police Officer in Greer. He will be greatly missed by all. God Bless the Family at this very difficult time.

Dean Crisp###imported-begin##Dean Crisp###imported-end##

July 27, 2008 at 08:28 PM



“ Adam, Morgan and family,
We were so sorry to hear about David. He was a good friend. I had many memorable times with him at Holly Springs. He will be missed. Our thoughts and prayers are with you all.

Darrell###imported-begin##Darrell and Jane Lewis###imported-end##

July 27, 2008 at 05:10 PM



“ We are so very sorry for your loss. I have known David for 30 years. We lost touch here & there but he was the Principal for both my 26 year old and my 13 year old. He will be missed. May God Bless you during this time.

The Williams Family

Wellford SC###imported-begin##Tammy Williams###imported-end##

July 27, 2008 at 04:56 PM



“ To the family,

You have our sympathy on the loss of David. He was a wonderful person that will be greatly missed by all who knew him.##imported-begin##Kenneth, Sue, & Cassie Fowler##imported-end##

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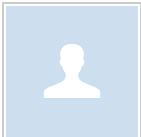


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Sue and Cassie Fowler##imported-begin##cassie and sue fowler##imported-end##

July 27, 2008 at 04:18 PM



“ Adam, Morgan, Laura & Louise,

We wanted to let you know how very sorry we are for your loss. I cut Davids hair every two weeks for about 12 years. He always had a story or a joke to make me laugh! He was a wonderful man and a dear friend and will be missed so much. You all are in our thoughts and prayers.

Roger, Angela & Jessica Dimsdale##imported-begin##Angela Dimsdale##imported-end##

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