



## David Roy Farnham

October 24, 1950 - November 28, 2007

Name: David R. Farnham

Dateline: Greer

David Roy Farnham, 57, of 4226 Jug Factory Road, died November 28, 2007 at home.

A native of Greenville County son of the late Roy and Elizabeth Alexander Farnham, member of Mt. Lebanon Baptist Church, and Head Football Coach for Blue Ridge High School.

Surviving are his wife, Susan Cervera Farnham of the home; three sons, and three daughters David and Carmen Farnham of Conway, Sammy Farnham of Blue Ridge, Elizabeth and Tripp Bridges of Taylors, James Farnham , Jenny Farnham and Millie Farnham all of the home; two sisters, Marianne Rollins of Chicago, IL, and Martha Briggs of Greenville; two grandchildren, Ethan and Wesley; and his step-mother, Sue Ellis Farnham of Greenville.

Memorial Services will be held 3 p.m. Sunday, December 2, 2007 at North Greenville University, Turner Chapel. Burial will be in Mt. Lebanon Baptist Church Cemetery.

The family will receive friends at North Greenville University following the service.

Memorials may be made to Blue Ridge Touchdown Club c/o Blue Ridge High School, 2151 Fews Chapel Road, Greer, SC 29651 Or David Farnham Fund , c/o Greer State Bank, 1111 W. Poinsett St., Greer, SC 29650.

Online condolences may be made at [www.thewoodmortuary.com](http://www.thewoodmortuary.com).



# Previous Events

## Service

DEC 2. 3:00 PM (ET)

North Greenville University, Turner Chapel  
7801 North Tigerville Road  
Tigerville, SC 29688

## Visitation

DEC 2. 3:30 PM - 4:30 PM (ET)

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# Tribute Wall



“ To Susan and family,

*We were saddened by the sudden and unexpected passing of David. To depart this life so young, with much rich family life yet to come—weddings, grandchildren, and other milestones, is indeed tragic. Our love and prayers are with you.##imported-begin##Ruth & George Hanssen##imported-end##*

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December 03, 2007 at 03:42 PM



“ To the Farnhams: Our son, Will, played on the C-team this season and we were all saddened at Coach Farnham's illness and death. We were all deeply impressed with his Christian values and his awesome spirit of service to our Lord! Although he will be missed desperately by his family and so many others, we can't imagine the people's lives who were changed by his life. And now, the Lord will surely use his passing to touch many other unsaved souls. What more could any Christian hope to leave in life! May God richly bless you with His comfort and peace. You are all in our prayers!##imported-begin##Darrell, Kathy, Will and Laura Harrison##imported-end##

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December 03, 2007 at 11:35 AM



“ Our thoughts and prayers are with you all...  
Rick & Sheril Turner##imported-begin##Rick & Sheril Turner##imported-end##

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December 03, 2007 at 10:22 AM



“ *The memorial service was a fitting tribute to a Godly man! My deepest sympathy goes out to the family and the Blue Ridge community.*

*As a Clemson teammate, "Roy" was solid as a rock - on the field and off. As a coach, he was the same. I can relate to the ups and downs professionally that he experienced. Through it all, he continued his work/his mission motivating and teaching all he influenced during his exemplary life.*

*I was blessed to know him. He positively influenced my life and the lives of many, many others. We will miss him, but his influence will live on!##imported-begin##Rick##imported-end##*

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December 03, 2007 at 09:24 AM



“ *Susan,  
I am so sorry to hear about David. My prayers are with you nad the children.And will keep praying, I know it:'s not easy because I lost My Mother In January. I used to work for Dr. Hartman.  
David was a very good man.##imported-begin##Ethel Keller##imported-end##*

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December 03, 2007 at 08:16 AM



“ I am praying for all of you. I lost my own father to a rapidly spreading cancer when he was 37 years old. He also was a great athlete as well as an active member in our local sports community. I remember the first time that I met Coach. My son who played football at Riverside and attended church at Taylor's was going with him and others to an FCA camp in NC. I remember how impressed that I felt when he prayed with the boys and their parents before they left to drive there.

I cannot dare to profess that we ever understand why our loved ones leave us here as they go on to their next destination. All I know, however, is that Coach definitely left his mark in this community. I pray that all of you will be strengthened through the power of the Holy Spirit. I am especially praying for the two children who attend NGU.##imported-begin##Dr. Cathy Sepko##imported-end##

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December 02, 2007 at 10:20 PM



“ I am a 1997 Graduate of Wade Hampton and played football for Coach Farnham. He was a remarkable man that touched many lives. It saddens me greatly to hear of his passing. Please know that my prayers are with your family.##imported-begin##Micah Enloe##imported-end##

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December 02, 2007 at 09:02 PM



“ I played for Coach Farnham at Palmetto High School in 1979-80. His leadership and example in Christ has made such a huge impact on my life. He came into my life at a time where I needed someone to lead me in the right direction. He got me started in church and eventually asked me to lead team devotions every Friday. He took me to FCA camp in Black Mt. NC in his own car. He mentored me in many things. He told me that I should start a scripture notebook which I still have and in that is a verse he would quote, Isaiah 40:31. Coach Farnham is soaring with Eagles Wings now. Heaven is real! Praise God. I cannot wait to see our Savior and share even more stories. I love you Coach Farnham.##imported-begin##John Martin##imported-end##

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December 02, 2007 at 07:56 PM



“ I had coach Farnham @ Carolina High School in 1986, he was my history teacher at that time he was a great history teacher! I remember this one occassion he had a pop quiz on that day I had made a C+ because I had errased so many that I had actually gotten right,he told me when you pick the first answer to always go on your first answer because nine times out of ten it's the right one.##imported-begin##Sherry Bowen Williams##imported-end##

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December 02, 2007 at 05:03 PM



“ Dear Farnham Family,  
We came to know David at Greer High School, Corby played for him on the 2003 team. He was an inspiration to us all and will be truly missed. We will keep you all in our prayers during this difficult time and in the weeks ahead.##imported-begin##Ken, Tammy Corby & Chad Rollins##imported-end##

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December 02, 2007 at 11:35 AM



“ We were certainly shocked and saddened by the news of David. We will be thinking of you all and remembering you in our prayers. We love you,

*Billy and Sonya Dunlap*##imported-begin##*Billy and Sonya Dunlap*##imported-end##

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December 01, 2007 at 08:58 PM



“ May 2005, I walked into Coach Farnham's office, a young man hoping to acquire a job as a football coach. From that day, Coach displayed the type of Christian morals, and character that many people can only hope to achieve, through the utmost faith and belief that the season, people, life was 100% in God's hands, and that God's will be done. In those two short years that I served as a coach on the Blue Ridge staff, I learned an extraordinary amount from this God fearing disciple of Christ. Not only about football, but about Christianity and life. I pray that my selfish remorse could turn to joy as I know that Coach is where he always dreamed of being.##imported-begin##Tim Berklich##imported-end##

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December 01, 2007 at 01:25 PM



“ Mrs. Farnham and family I would like to send my deepest sympathy. Coach Farnham coached me at Carolina in the mid 80's. He always lived a Christ-like life on the field and in the classroom and he always tried to set a good example for all that he came in contact with. I can say that it was definitely a priviledge to have known him. I will keep your whole family in my thoughts and prayers. God bless you all.##imported-begin##Andrew Weatherford##imported-end##

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December 01, 2007 at 11:03 AM



“ Dear Susan and family: Know that we are praying for you at this time as we have been praying over the past weeks in behalf of David and you. We rest in the assurance that David is "absent from his body and present with his Lord." We have comfort in the realization of his trust and belief in our Savior Jesus Christ. David was a great husband, father, grandfather, and a great witness to his school and community. He will be remembered by all of us who have know him. Love, Ellen and Bill###imported-begin##Aunt Ellen and Uncle Bill Palmer in Kingsport, TN###imported-end##

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December 01, 2007 at 10:21 AM



“ We are both so very saddened at your loss and our prayers are with you, Susan, and your beautiful family. We remember David as a sterling witness to His Saving Grace and a love and family devotion second to none. Even though we did not have a lot of time with David we will miss him just knowing what a difference he made in his loved ones. You always reminded us so much of Joan and her six and the similiar family orientation in Christ and His love. Our love, Aunt Dorothy and Uncle Bill###imported-begin##Dorothy and Bill Dunlap###imported-end##

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December 01, 2007 at 09:51 AM



“ Thank you Mrs. Farnham and your wonderful family for sharing Coach with us all,

*My son and daughter will know about him, my players will know about him... and I will never forget him.*

*Blessings are fleeting, but eternal.##imported-begin##Joe, Sally, Griffin and Ella Cobb##imported-end##*

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November 30, 2007 at 11:36 PM



“ Our prayers are with the family. I played football at Clemson with Dave, and I coached against him for many years. He was a fine Christian gentleman and I know he is in the presence of the Lord today. He influenced many in a positive way.##imported-begin##Jack and Lynn King##imported-end##

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November 30, 2007 at 10:25 PM



“ I am sorry to learn of this life tragically cut short. I figured out that this was Marianne's "little brother" that I remembered from being in school with her at Mars Hill College. God bless you all.##imported-begin##Brenda Cummings Spence##imported-end##

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November 30, 2007 at 09:24 PM



“ I send my condolences to your family during this difficult time. My heart and prayers go out to each and every one of you. Coach was a wonderful inspiration to us all. I know none of you have any idea who I am, but I had to share this comment. Coach Farnham taught me ninth grade Civics. This was back in 1978. I will never forget a statement he made in class one day about his legs. He said " don't tell anybody, but I'm bow-legged because of my Mother. When I was little she would put me on a horse to go to school ,but she was always afraid I would fall off. So to prevent that , she tied my ankles together under the horse's belly." Of course, we all thought that was hilarious. That is how I remember him best, no matter what you think is bad or wrong with you, you can always find a reason to laugh or at least smile. He was a teacher/friend who will be deeply missed and loved. My prayers are with you all and God Bless.##imported-begin##Reba Blackwell Talley##imported-end##

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November 30, 2007 at 07:36 PM



“ I was a cheerleader when David was Co-Captain of the T.R. Devildogs football team with Stanley Hopkins. We graduated together (Class of '68). I had not seen David but once since our graduation, but when I heard of his illness, I prayed for him and all of you daily. I am so very sorry for your loss, but I look forward to seeing David again in heaven. God bless you all. You are in my prayers.##imported-begin##Janet Kelly Coleman##imported-end##

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November 30, 2007 at 07:34 PM



“ The family has our sympathy, sure did miss seeing the coach at the tiger football games. We are the ones that sit on the left of yall. THE FAMILY IS IN OUR PRAYERS. Roddey and Cinnamon##imported-begin##Roddey Ashley & Cinnamon Mazzola##imported-end##

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November 30, 2007 at 06:29 PM



“ *The youth at Mt Pleasant Baptist Church were faithful to lift up David Farnham in prayer. They loved him and we wanted to let you know this. We are praying for you all.##imported-begin##Mark and Lynn Wolfe##imported-end##*

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November 30, 2007 at 05:27 PM



“ *Susan and family,  
Our son played for Coach for 2 years. Not only did David teach Ben about football, he also taught his players the way to live their life outside football. We will see you soon Coach!! Our prayers are with you all.##imported-begin##Allen and Kim Johnson##imported-end##*

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November 30, 2007 at 05:12 PM



“ *i love you , and will see you in heaven##imported-begin##david andrew sloan##imported-end##*

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November 30, 2007 at 04:55 PM



“ *My sincerest and heartfelt sympathy goes out to all the family of David. You are not alone in your grief. The entire community of Blue Ridge and the City of Greer grieve with you. Please know you have my prayers and those of the First Presbyterian Church's Jean Smith Prayer Group.*

*May God guide your family towards a future filled with His love and guidance for you.*

*Much Love and Peace,*

*Sarah McIntyre*##imported-begin##Sarah McIntyre##imported-end##

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November 30, 2007 at 04:15 PM



“ *Dear Farnham's,*  
*I am so sorry about your loss, please know that you and your family are in my thoughts and prayers during this difficult time.*##imported-begin##Erin (Fowler) Painter##imported-end##

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November 30, 2007 at 01:22 PM



“ We are deeply saddened to hear of Coach Farnham's passing. My wife, Eunice was a senior at Palmetto High when Dave came to Palmetto in 1978. Although I had graduated a year earlier from Palmetto, I grew to know and admire him when he and family joined Calvary Baptist Church in Williamston at that time period. I have, in the past years gotten to know him even better since I am a Football Official. I have officiated many games in which he coached, and beyond all my doubt, he was the coach who displayed the most integrity not only to me as an official, but to his players and staff. It is obvious what God's plan was for Dave. It was his calling to show God's love to these young people he has worked with all these years. Our loss here on Earth in Heaven's gain today.

Yours in Christ,

*Philip E Williams*

*Eunice C Williams##imported-begin##Philip E Williams##imported-end##*

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November 30, 2007 at 01:04 PM



“ Dear Farnham Family! Coach Farnham will be greatly missed. My sister and I were priviledged to be football trainers when Coach was with WHHS! He was a great man and we all will miss him terribly. Our thoughts and prayers are with all of you at this time! God Bless.##imported-begin##Misty (Yoder) Ritchie##imported-end##

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November 30, 2007 at 11:11 AM



“ I have been a football official in SC for 31 years. In that time I have been privileged of associate with David on many game assignments. He has always been a gentleman who put the welfare of his players over all other considerations and has always acted in the interest of sportsmanship.

*He will be sorely missed*

*Chuck Eaton##imported-begin##Charles F. Eaton##imported-end##*

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November 30, 2007 at 10:58 AM



“ To the Farnham family i send my prayers and thoughts. I had the privelege of being and Carolina High during Coach Farnham's time there and having him as my US History teacher. Coach Farnham was a man of God and had great character. He was able to build team character and school spirit with ease and left a lasting impression on all those who have had the honor of knowing him. coach Farnham touched many lives during his years and will always be remembered and admired for years to come. God bless all of the family. Our thoughts and prayers are with you during this time.##imported-begin##Frankie brown##imported-end##

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November 30, 2007 at 10:28 AM



“ Dear Susan and Family: We were so sorry to hear of David's illness and death. We remember you all so fondly when we were at Mt Lebanon. Hold tight to your memories of David, even death can't take them away. You are in our thought and prayers. God Bless!##imported-begin##Dale and Mary Susan Pearson##imported-end##

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November 30, 2007 at 09:40 AM



“ To the Farnham Family, I want to offer my sincerist condolences on the loss of Coach Farnham. I was a student and Athletic Trainer for him at Carolina High School during the late 1980's when the "C-Train" was rolling. I always admired his strong Christian values. No matter where he was, before each game he had what he called devotion and then prayer. He believed in God, and I know that God has received him home. Alway remember the good times. "Weeping endureth for the night but joy comes in the morning" God Bless You all.##imported-begin##David P. Donald / Richmond Virginia##imported-end##

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November 30, 2007 at 09:26 AM



“ I was truly saddened to hear of Coach Farnham's passing. He was my 11th Grade Civics teacher at Westminster High School, (1977)and I was also in the band and was always involved with football aspect of WHS. He was respected and loved as a coach and involved in all aspects of the church I attended. He will be missed by all that loved him. I remember him fondly. My thoughts and prayers are with you all.##imported-begin##Anne Gillespie Mize##imported-end##

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November 30, 2007 at 09:21 AM



“ Coach Farnham was the head football coach at Carolina when I was there from 1985-1989. My heart and prayers go out to your whole family during this time. He was truly a wonderful and admirable man.##imported-begin##Angela Burgess##imported-end##

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November 30, 2007 at 09:20 AM



“ I was privileged to work with Coach Farnham for one year at Greer. He was a man of God, who inspired me to always strive to be a Godly leader. He prayed with me one day at school that God would open my womb and grant my husband and I a child, as we were struggling with infertility. God answered that prayer 2 months later. I will miss David, as will many whose lives he deeply touched. I am comforted to know that he is with his saviour, and is watching over all of us now. May God bless the Farnham family, and the Greer/Blue Ridge community.##imported-begin##Heather Hester##imported-end##

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November 30, 2007 at 08:35 AM



“ David will be soley missed he was a great insperation to all who knew him.  
Our symphy goes out to the Family.##imported-begin##Carroll Wyatt##imported-end##

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November 30, 2007 at 07:04 AM



“ I was a girlfriend of Coach Farnham's football players at Westminster High School in 1975! I will never forget him for being such a great coach & friend of all of his team! We admired him then andeven more since that time-31 years ago! He was certainlyly a man of God then, and I know that his faith grew stronger over the years! He will be missed by many of the people that he had contact with over the last few years! He will be missed by everyone that ever knew him!##imported-begin##Mike & Debbie Smith##imported-end##

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November 30, 2007 at 12:26 AM



“ Coach Farnham will be sorely missed. I was a student at Wade Hampton and absolutely loved being around him. I am so sorry for your loss.##imported-begin##Martina Durham##imported-end##

November 30, 2007 at 12:00 AM



“ Your family is in our thoughts and prayers during this difficult time. Lean on your family and friends and feel the presence of God during the days ahead. The community mourns your loss. Coach Farnham will be truly missed by many because he was so many things to so many people. He was a living example of a Christian man, husband, father, brother, grandfather and teacher.##imported-begin##Angie, David and Derek Pitman and Austin Johnson##imported-end##

November 29, 2007 at 10:08 PM



“ Susan and family,  
You all are in our thoughts and prayers, and we love you all dearly. This is a great loss for all that knew and love David, and he will be greatly missed! I will treasure all my memories of David as we grew up, the times he came to Grandma Farnham's and we played at the barn, and all the funny things he did. He was truly a great person ! I know you all do, but take comfort that he is with the Lord that he served and loved, and with Uncle Roy and Aunt Lib.  
We love you all and are here for you if there is anything you need - just call.  
May God's peace be with you.  
Teresa & Family##imported-begin##Teresa & Tommy Quinn, Amy, Tre'. Layne, Carter & Anderson Kirkland##imported-end##

November 29, 2007 at 08:00 PM



“ God Bless your family during this time. The coach was a great servant to the folks of Greer and Blue Ridge. He will be missed, but always remembered.##imported-begin##Hobart Lewis##imported-end##

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November 29, 2007 at 05:34 PM



“ Our thoughts and prayers are with you during this very difficult time.##imported-begin##Gary & Carole Bridwell##imported-end##

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November 29, 2007 at 05:17 PM