



Philip Clark

June 28, 1925 - January 7, 2008

Heading: Coach Philip Clark

Dateline: Greer

Coach Philip Lynn Clark, 82, of 110 Ascot Drive, died Monday, January 7, 2008, at the St. Francis Hospital.

A native of Knoxville, TN, son of the late George W. and Maude Phillips Clark, he was a graduate of Wofford College, where he was a member of the Wofford College Hall of Fame and the S.C. Coaches Association Hall of Fame. He earned a Masters degree from USC. He was the head coach in the 1954 North-South All Star game and head coach in the 1964 South Carolina Shrine Bowl Team. The North-South football All Star game was dedicated in his honor in 1996 and the new Greer High School Athletic Complex was named in his honor in 1998. Coach Clark served 27 years at Greer High School as a coach and athletic director. He was a member of Memorial United Methodist Church and was a U.S. Coast Guard Veteran of World War II.

Surviving are his wife, Lynn Niven Duval Clark of the home; a daughter and son-in-law, Susan and Joe Moon of Greer; a son and daughter-in-law, Phil W. and Debbie Clark of Greer; three stepchildren, Lisa and Bob von Sprecken of Holly Springs, N.C., Shannon and Jim Meade of Hartland, WI, and Derek and Lisa Beth Duval of Charlottesville, VA; two brothers, Richard Clark of Jacksonville, FL and Ronald Clark of Spartanburg, SC; a sister, Wanda Hyatt of Spartanburg; eleven grandchildren, Chrissy Moon Lancaster, Robyn Moon Lee, Will Clark, Nathaniel von Sprecken, Learyn von Sprecken, Annalise von

Sprecken, Max Meade, Elizabeth Meade, Emma Meade, Landon Duval, and Laurel Duval; and two great-grandchildren, Catherine Grace Lancaster and Mattison Lancaster.

Mr. Clark's first wife was the late Marian Clark.

A memorial service will be held 1:00 p.m. Thursday at Memorial United Methodist Church, conducted by Rev. Arthur Holt, Rev. George Strait, Rev. John Rush and Mr. Marion Waters.

There will be a private family committal service.

Visitation will be held after the service in the Family Life Center at Memorial United Methodist Church.

Honorary escort will be the Ballanger-Duncan Sunday School Class and the Chancel Choir.

The family is at the home and at the home of the daughter, Susan Moon, 203 Windsor Road, Greer.

Memorial may be made to Memorial United Methodist Church, 201 North Main Street, Greer, S.C. 29650 or to the SSP Scholarship Fund, Phil Clark Scholarship Fund, 1021 Airport Road, Flat Rock, N.C. 28731

Online condolences may be made at www.thewoodmortaury.com

Previous Events

Service

JAN 10. 1:00 PM (ET)

Memorial United Methodist Church
201 N. Main St.
Greer, SC

Visitation

JAN 10. 1:30 PM - 2:30 PM (ET)

Memorial United Methodist Church
201 N. Main St.
Greer, SC

Tribute Wall



“ I have often heard my mother, Dorothy Clark Blasingame, speak of Phil Clark, who was a cousin of hers. My mother died unexpectedly this past May. I offer my condolences to the family of Phil. I have heard so many good things about him.

June Beers

Newnan, GA##imported-begin##June Blasingame

Beers##imported-end##

January 13, 2008 at 09:44 AM



“ I have known "Uncle" Phil my whole life. He and my dad, Fred "Skinny" Powers were the best kind of friends. I have many fond memories of Phil. He is one of the kindest, sweetest, gentlest men I have known. He truly loved my parents and continued a very caring relationship with my mother and all six of us children, long after my father's death. He was one of those people that you know you can count on for anything and I am privileged to have had such a wonderful person in my life. Uncle Phil shared many special times and lots of laughs with me and my family. He will be missed but is in a very special place now with "Skinny" and all the others who have gone on before him. My love and prayers to the family...

Tammy##imported-begin##Tammy Powers Pope##imported-end##

January 12, 2008 at 03:03 PM



“ *My deepest sympathy to your family in the loss of your loved one. He was loved and respected by many and exemplified what a leader of young people should be. He not only had the gift of being a great coach but the students at Greer High knew he truly cared about us. My thoughts and prayers are with you at this difficult time.*
Class of '64
Class of '64###imported-begin##Barbara DeYoung Williams###imported-end##

January 11, 2008 at 02:16 PM



“ *I Graduated in 1958 and I have very good memories of Coach Clark. An incident that comes to mind for me, when I think of coach Clark, is when a friend and I were goofing off in the locker room after gym class (snapping each other with wet towels after Coach Clark had warned us not to) Coach Clark caught us and took us to the equipment room and gave each of us a couple of smacks across the behind and since we had not gotten dressed yet, it was something you don't forget. Coach Clark will always be fondly remembered by me. He was well respected by everyone and a very terrific coach. I left home after high school to go into the Navy and settled here in Pennsylvania but I have kept in contact with my Sisters who still live in Greer and also get emails from the newspapers everyday and that is where I found out about Coach Clark. I had to let you know how much he was loved and respected by all. My condolences to the family.###imported-begin##Richard L Phillips Sr###imported-end##*

January 11, 2008 at 11:46 AM



“ *To the Clark Family.
I offer my regrets and condolences in the passing of the COACH. I was one of the lucky ones that was a student under the Coach. and will never forget him. He did not Coach me in football but I can say he made a difference in my daily life. A man who will never be forgotten. The family will be in heart and prayers.
Doug Wilson '57 Now in Mauldin.##imported-begin##Doug Wilson, Mauldin ##imported-end##*

January 11, 2008 at 10:38 AM



“ *Dear Clark Family,

I was out of town this week, and couldn't attend the services today. I will never forget Phil Clark. He was one of the people at Memorial UMC when we joined that was truly delighted that we were there. He talked to me like an old friend from the first time I met him. I didn't even know I was talking to a legend ! I had the honor of serving him his last communion on Christmas Eve. Now I know he is in Heaven singing bass in the Angel Choir. I was blessed to know him.

Don##imported-begin##Don and DeAnn Louis##imported-end##*

January 10, 2008 at 07:03 PM



“ *To the family:
Thank you so much for sharing Coach Clark with us, the GHS family. He was a part of my life from (literally) day one. He meant so much to our family. We love you all. My prayers for God's comfort and healing are with you in your time of grief. God bless!
Love In Christ,
Marian (Few) Coggins###imported-begin###Marian Coggins###imported-end##*

January 10, 2008 at 10:59 AM



“ *Leon and I offer our deepest sympathy to the entire Clark family. We were fortunate to be students at Greer High School in the 1950's and to be recipients of Coach Clark's influence. Leon has often remarked that Coach Clark was a very good football coach, but more importantly, he was a life coach and made a great difference in the lives of many young men and women in Greer. The community has lost a well-loved and respected member.###imported-begin###Joy Keller McLemore###imported-end##*

January 10, 2008 at 10:28 AM



“ *Please accept my condolences with the passing of Coach Clark. I was in high school during the 'glory years' and was proud to be a part of the graduating class of '64. Coach will be remembered by all of us whose lives he touched. The family has my deepest sympathy during this trying time.###imported-begin###Ann Barbare Reed###imported-end##*

January 10, 2008 at 10:16 AM



“ It is with great sadness that I learned of Coach Clark's death. He was someone that I admired while growing up in Greer and it was always a pleasant surprise, and uplifting experience, to run into him occasionally on my visits back home. I am especially grateful for he and Lynn's friendship with my mother over the years. Greer could not have asked for a finer ambassador. He will be greatly missed. My condolences to his family.##imported-begin##Harold Riordan##imported-end##

January 10, 2008 at 03:27 AM



“ To the family of Coach Clark and especially Susan, I would like to express my appreciation for the priviledge of knowing such a great man as Coach Clark. I will forever cherish the memories that I have of him and how he helped me at Greer High when no one else knew. He was a positive inspiration for all that knew him.

God Bless

Wayne##imported-begin##Wayne Foster##imported-end##

January 09, 2008 at 11:20 PM



“ Lynn,Phil, Susan,Lisa,Shannon Derek My deepest sympathy to the entire family . Phil was a good role model and a great man and we will truly miss him. I know Sonny will truly miss his traveling buddy and their hot dog dinners and his dear friend. May God bless you all. Cindy Addyman-Sizemore, Caitlyn, Joshua and Alex Rhem##imported-begin##Cindy Addyman-Sizemore##imported-end##

January 09, 2008 at 08:38 PM



“ *“Coach” as I called him was a good friend who I will miss. Having worked with him at M&S Chemical's gave me the opportunity to find out how great a man he was. God bless you all on this loss of a loved one.##imported-begin##George Gambrell##imported-end##*

January 09, 2008 at 07:42 PM



“ *We will always remember you with love, Granddaddy. We miss you already.##imported-begin##James, Maxwell, Elizabeth, and Emma Meade##imported-end##*

January 09, 2008 at 05:55 PM



“ *Coach Clark,
Even though I chose music over football, the discipline you taught me on the football field helped me survive the Viet Nam War.
R I P
Tony Heatherly class of 67##imported-begin##Tony M. Heatherly##imported-end##*

January 09, 2008 at 04:45 PM



“ *My thoughts and prayers are with you during this time. He influenced many a student during his stay at Greer High. He will be missed.##imported-begin##Mike Tennis##imported-end##*

January 09, 2008 at 04:02 PM



“ Our thoughts and prayers are with the Clark family in this difficult time. Please accept our condolences.##imported-begin##Endeavor Telecom##imported-end##

January 09, 2008 at 02:11 PM



“ You all are in my thoughts and prayers. Coach Clark and my Dad were friends years ago and anytime I saw him he would always be so kind and iwould ask about our family. He will always be remembered for his kindness to students and to the town of Greer.

Mary Susan (Woodruff) Pearson##imported-begin##Mary Susan Pearson##imported-end##

January 09, 2008 at 01:49 PM



“ My heartfelt condolences to all of Coach Clark's family in his passing. Coach Clark was an inspiration to me as I was a young boy growing up in Greer. He gave a skinny kid the opportunity to play high school football, somrthing I had a strong desire to do. But more than that, I considered him someone I could look up to at a time in my life when I needed that. I also considered Coach Clark a friend. God bless him.##imported-begin##Henry "June" Tucker##imported-end##

January 09, 2008 at 11:21 AM



“ Phil was a long time friend and neighbor. Our heartfelt sympathy to each family member. We shall remember his warm smile and caring ways. He will be greatly missed!##imported-begin##Diane Snow Tuell##imported-end##

January 09, 2008 at 10:09 AM



“ Joyce and I were saddened to learn of Phil's death. He was one of our favorite people when we lived in Greer many years ago. He will be greatly missed. Please know that you all will be in our thoughts and prayers as you go through this sad time.##imported-begin##Richard & Joyce Strawhorn##imported-end##

January 09, 2008 at 08:49 AM



“ Coach Clark was not only a teacher, coach, leader, and friend. He was an outstanding role model for all of those who passed through Greer High School. My deepest sympathy to his family. Carol##imported-begin##Carol Gault Black##imported-end##

January 08, 2008 at 06:09 PM