



Royce Springer Hughes

March 22, 1943 - May 23, 2016

Coach Royce Hughes of Pulaski passed away on Monday, May 23, 2016 at Southern Tennessee Regional Healthcare System in Pulaski. She was born on March 22, 1943 in Pulaski and was 73 years old.

She was a loving wife, mother, and grandmother, and a member of Second Street Church of Christ. Royce graduated from Giles County High School in 1961, and attended Martin Methodist College during her Junior and Senior year of high school. She began her teaching career at Rogers High in Green Hill Alabama and starting teaching at Martin Methodist College in 1968 until 2009. She attended Peabody College and Middle Tennessee State University. Coach Hughes has coached tennis, basketball and softball, cheerleading and served as Athletic Trainer at Martin College and director of the Curry Christian Life Center and manager of the Grace Grissom Natatorium. Coach Hughes served alongside 84 different athletic department staff members and touched the lives of an estimated 8,000 student-athletes.

Visitation will be on Wednesday, May 25th from 12:00pm until 8:00pm at Bennett-May-Giles County Funeral Home

Funeral Service will take place on Thursday, May 26th at 2:00pm in the Chapel of Bennett-May-Giles County Funeral Home with Rev. Lee Stevenson officiating.

Burial will follow in Maplewood Cemetery.

Memorial Donations are suggested by the family to Martin Methodist College East Campus, 433 West Madison Street, Pulaski, TN. 38478.

She was preceded in death by her, parents, Roy Thurman and Ara Knight Springer.

She is survived by her,

Husband of 49 years, Terry Hughes of Pulaski

Daughter, Tancy Hughes of Pulaski

Son, Troy Hughes and wife Andrea of Pulaski

Grandchildren, Clay Hughes and Victoria Highes

Step-grandchildren, Courtney Pettus and A. J. Pettus

Bennett-May-Giles County Funeral Home in charge of arrangements for

Coach Royce Hughes.

Tribute Wall

LR

“ Prayers for comfort.

Lynne Richard - February 09, 2016 at 09:52 PM

NO

“ So true. I remember her patience with me. She really was a caring human dynamo.

Nancy Rebecca Olson - February 09, 2016 at 09:52 PM

TL

“ Coach Royce was much loved by the MMC water aerobics group that she tried her best to keep in line--especially when we talked more than we worked out. We all had a tough time watching her health decline. We know that she was looking forward to the new body promised us in Heaven. She worked hard. She coached tough. She loved sports and was a compassionate lady. She will be missed.

Toni Locke - February 09, 2016 at 09:52 PM

KN

“ Coach Hughes was someone who had time for anyone and genuinely was interested on how they were. Coach will be very dearly missed.

Kirk BamBam Newnham - February 09, 2016 at 09:52 PM

JT

“ Thoughts and prayers are with the Hughes family.

Jeanette Thomas

Jeanette Thomas - February 09, 2016 at 09:52 PM

SK

“ Thanks for teaching me to be lifeguard. A profession I used for 5 years. What a great teacher you were. You will be missed. -
Stephen Kohl

Stephen Kohl - February 09, 2016 at 09:52 PM

LE

“ I am saddened to hear of the passing of Coach Hughes. I was a young, wet behind the ears, youth minister when I first met coach Hughes. At first I didn't know how to take her but soon we grew on each other. She was such a blessing to me the years that I spent in Pulaski. We are praying for her family. She was a wonderful lady who touched many lives.

Lewis - February 09, 2016 at 09:52 PM

K1

“ My heart goes out to Mr. Terry Hughes and the entire family. Mrs. Hughes was my coach, teacher, mentor and my mother away from home. The legacy she left at MMC is immeasurable and I hope for all those whose path she crossed an eternal light will shine. Coach Royce Hughes you will always be in my heart.

Karen Crain Class of 1977 - February 09, 2016 at 09:52 PM

MA

“ Sent a gift in memory of Royce Springer Hughes

Mary - February 09, 2016 at 09:52 PM

CS

“ Royce loved people and her pets....This is DodgerBlue

Caroline Scoggin - February 09, 2016 at 09:52 PM

KW

“ *Our thoughts and prayers are with you!*

Ken and Barbara White - February 09, 2016 at 09:52 PM

CA

“ *Lit a candle in memory of Royce Springer Hughes*

caroline - February 09, 2016 at 09:52 PM

CS

“ *1 file added to the tribute wall*

Caroline Scoggin - February 09, 2016 at 09:52 PM

MA

“ *Coach Hughes there is so much I want to say, and if only you can see my heart. Coach made it so easy for so many of us far away from home. She took care of me, my husband Peter my children Corel and Jhelysse. You will never understand until you get to meet and know her. She is my pillar, my friend and most especially a mother to me. Coach will always be a big part of my life, because she thought me how to be patient, and understanding. She gave me hope and she help us pursue our educational dreams. Nothing was too much for her to give. She had the biggest heart. She was an angel placed here on earth to show others how to give and love. She took to me as if she had known me all her life. I would forever be grateful for her and her beautiful family. Mr. Terry, Tancy, Troy, and her loves Clay and Victoria. Always loved to see her with a new hairstyle, handbag and not to mention her jewelry. Coach Royce Hughes The best memory I had at mmc, my home away from home.*

Michelle Chinalbert Anthony - February 09, 2016 at 09:52 PM

CH

“ Grew up beside the Hughes and Royce was an wonderful neighbor and friend. Fond memories of my childhood include her. Her tennis lessons at Martin taught me so much and her patience of us neighborhood kids was met with kindness and laughter. Continued prayers for Tancy, Troy, Terry and the entire family. She will be missed by so many.

Caroline Holley Hannah - February 09, 2016 at 09:52 PM

JD

“ It was a pleasure getting to know you. You will be missed by all who have had the opportunity to get to know you.

Jess Dicus - February 09, 2016 at 09:52 PM

CN

“ Was one of her students in 1971, thought a lot of her and her family will miss her.

Clarence Nelson - February 09, 2016 at 09:52 PM

TW

“ Thanks for being such a wonderful person u taught us a lot u will truly be missed RIP...

Teresa Young Williams - February 09, 2016 at 09:52 PM