



William Bryan Pigg

December 2, 1935 - June 6, 2017

Coach Billy Pigg passed away Tuesday morning, June 6, 2017, at NHC of Pulaski. He was born in Pulaski on December 2, 1935 and was 81 years old. His career in athletics began in 1947 in junior high and continued to Giles County High School where he played under Coaches Jack Deere and Sonny Cone. Coach Pigg served over 40 years as a teacher and coach here in Giles County where he achieved three girl's softball state championships along with two girl's basketball state championships.

After graduating from Giles County High, he spent his freshman year at Middle Tennessee State University and then transferred to Martin College for his sophomore year. He graduated from David Lipscomb University in 1957 with a bachelor's degree and started his career at the junior high level at the old West Hill High School. He spent the next three summers earning a master's degree at Peabody College. As a teacher and a coach, he impacted an untold number of students spanning from West Hill High School, Bridgeforth Middle School, and finally to Giles County High School. He led by setting an example of loyalty and caring for his students and athletes. His leadership and presence was felt in T-Ball, Pop Warner Football, junior high levels, and at the high school where his legacy of honesty and commitment lives on.

Coach Pigg was also instrumental in the success of the Richland Girls Softball Park. In the early days, he volunteered his time and attention to maintaining the fields, coaching, and successfully helping the park to expand and grow.

He was also a deacon at East Hill Church of Christ for many years. Counting his playing years, Coach Pigg's presence on the sports fields of Giles County spanned 54 years. He touched the lives of so many players, students, parents, and peers. He led by example and his gift to the community lives on.

Visitation will be 4 o'clock until 8 o'clock Thursday, June 8, 2017, at Bennett-May-Giles County Funeral Home.

Funeral Service will be 11 o'clock Friday in the chapel of Bennett-May-Giles County Funeral Home with Bro. Jonathan Burns officiating.

Burial will be in Maplewood Cemetery

Memorial donations in honor of Coach Pigg are suggest to the Charity of Your Choice.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Faydean Landreth Pigg, and parents, William Bryan and Essie White Pigg, Sr. Brother, James Alton Pigg and sister, Jennie Jo Vise.

He is survived by his Son, Phil (Terri) Pigg of Smyrna, TN.

Daughter, Beverly Pigg of Pulaski, TN.

Grandson, Will Pigg of Smyrna, TN.

Sister-in-laws, Judy Landreth and Pam Pigg of Pulaski, TN.

Nieces, Patti (Fred) Abernathy and Dottie (Rob) Liles of Pulaski and Allison Landreth of Nashville, TN.

Great-nieces, Mary Catherine Abernathy of Brentwood, Tn. and Margaret Liles of Knoxville, TN.

Great-nephew, Sam Abernathy of Brentwood, TN.

Sharkey Pigg, Beloved "Granddog" of Smyrna, TN.

Bennett-May-Giles County Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements for Coach Billy Pigg.

Tribute Wall

MF

“ I will be 73 the 18th of this month. I had Mr.Pigg as a freshman on the hill at the old high school.He was a great teacher but he gave me my first and only spanking. We were young and the rest of high school went on a strike I don't even remember what the strike was about but some of the freshman wen t outside with them just to get out of class so they made us go back in and Mr. Pigg was waiting at the door with the paddle we all got 1 swat as we entered the room. Lol But I thought a lot of Mr.Pigg.

Mary Ann (Stafford) Fincher - February 09, 2017 at 06:40 PM

RP

“ Coach Pigg is one of those iconic figures that a young man has the privilege to learn from in life. His contributions to GCHS and the entire education system in Giles County cannot be stated enough. He is, and always will be our coach. Thank you Coach for your dedication to the young people of our beloved county for so long. Your example will live on in all of us you so gracefully impacted. Anyone that played under Coach Pigg's influence is a better person for it.
Thanks Coach,
Robert Price

Robert Price - February 09, 2017 at 06:40 PM

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“ Coach Pigg was a great man and coach. He was always fair and kind to his players and students. I have many years of memories from the first year of the girls softball league at age twelve thru playing basketball for him at Pulaski Junior High and continuing thru my high school years at GCHS as gym teacher. I never saw one incident of inappropriate behavior nor heard of such from Coach Billy Pigg....that's a lot to say about a man these days.He was serious about athletic teams but he was also a gentle man and a gentleman. I'm proud that I got to be a part of the legacy of lives he touched growing up in Pulaski and Giles County. God bless you Beverly and Phil, Tomi Bunn Henderson Class of '79

Tomi Bunn Henderson - February 09, 2017 at 06:40 PM

DA

“ I always admired Coach Pigg, having played freshman football under him at GCHS. He always knew how to say what needed to be said, be it a soft tone, a stern tone, or an adequate swat with his hand to get our attention. The last time I saw him was during college, at one of the high school home football games, and he asked if I'd walked on to join my college team. I laughed.

Coach Pigg was a stand-up gentleman, who blessed us all.

David - February 09, 2017 at 06:40 PM

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“ Lit a candle in memory of William Bryan Pigg

Amy Orr Von Almen - February 09, 2017 at 06:40 PM

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“ So sorry for our loss Was a super guy GOD BLESS YOU R.I.P.
Tommy May

Tommy May - February 09, 2017 at 06:40 PM

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“ Coach was a true man to loving sports, never played for him but against him. I got to know him better when Women started playing softball at Richland park in the 70's. You will be missed R.I.P.Mr.Pigg

Carrie Edward's - February 09, 2017 at 06:40 PM

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“ I really enjoyed getting to know coach Pigg. He was a great man. Thanks for allowing us to take of him at NHC. He meant a lot to many of us at the center!! God bless you all!

Sheila Wells - February 09, 2017 at 06:40 PM