



Dr. Robert B. Fox

June 2, 1930 - April 1, 2015

Dr. Robert B. Fox, 84, of Wauchula, passed away April 1, 2015 at his home. Bob was born on June 2, 1930 in Earlington, KY to the late Lonnie and Artie Fox. He came to Hardee County in 2009 from Madisonville, KY.

Bob was a successful high school coach in Kentucky. In 1967, his squad went 38-1 to the Sweet Sixteen in Lexington and won the Kentucky State Tournament. During his nine years of coaching, Coach Fox compiled a record of 227-57 and was voted Coach of the Year by the Associated Press, The United Press, and the Courier Journal. He was inducted into the Kentucky Hall of Fame and was a Kentucky Colonel. In 1968, Bob received his Doctorate in Education from the University of Kentucky; he retired as a tenured professor at Murray State University, Murray, Kentucky.

Bob served four years in the U.S. Navy during the Korean War and was aboard the U.S.S. Kearsarge. He was a member of the American Legion Post #2 in Wauchula, and the First Baptist Church of Wauchula. Bob loved his Lord, his family, and his ballplayers. He enjoyed all sports and especially the University of Kentucky men's basketball.

In addition to his parents he was preceded in death by his sister, Clara Vaughn.

He is survived by his wife of 58 years, Pat Fox; his daughter, Kim Davis (Larry) and his son, Greg Fox (Jane); grandchildren, Derrick, Dustie, Dawn, and Dalton Davis; Rachel and James Collins; Jill and Robert Fox; brother, Bill Fox (Jean); and several nieces and nephews. His family is grateful to Cindy Rangel, his night caregiver and to Good Shepherd Hospice.

Memorial services will be held on Saturday, April 11, 2015 at 11:00 AM in the chapel of the First Baptist Church of Wauchula, with visitation from 10-11 AM. Marcus Shackelford and Rev. Joe Butler are officiating.

In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made to Good Shepherd Hospice, 1110 Hammock Rd., Sebring, FL 33870, or to the Parkinson's Foundation.

Previous Events

Visitation

APR **11**. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

First Baptist Church of Wauchula
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Wauchula, FL 33873
(863) 773-4182
<http://www.fbcwauchula.org/>

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Tribute Wall

CO

“ Coach Fox became Head Coach in 1959 in my hometown, Smiths Grove, Kentucky. He set our basketball program on fire; we became winners overnight. I was his Team Manager starting my 8th Grade for three years before he returned to coach his hometown team, Earlington. In four short years, his team won the Kentucky High School Basketball State Championship. Coach Fox was always a teacher first and a coach second with his students. I also had him for a Freshman class teacher. I was a poor student but he told me how important education was. It did not surprise me to hear that he left Coaching at the top of his game to go to the University of Kentucky to earn his PHD. My wife and I were able to stop by and visit with Bob and Pat after he retired in Earlington. After 4 years in the Air Force and 6 years of retail work, I too went to College receiving both my Bachelor's and my Master's Degree in 4 years with Honors. I give Coach Fox a lot of the credit for implanting the belief that I could do it.

MaryGrace and I give our deepest condolences to Pat and family.

Chester Oakes, Goodyear, Arizona

Chester Oakes - April 13, 2017 at 12:26 PM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Dr. Robert B. Fox.



April 09, 2015 at 05:51 PM

MK

“ Sorry for your loss. I will always remember what a great man, Coach Fox was. Fantastic teacher, principal, coach and role model. I think I became a teacher, partially because of him. I always looked up to him. He will be missed by all. You and your family will be in our prayers. So glad we got to see you and visit in Jan. Love and hugs, Margaret Jordan Keller and David Keller

Margaret Keller - April 06, 2015 at 04:32 PM

BW

“ Pat and family,
So sorry for your loss. I will remember Bob and all the good times he gave me as my principal and coach. Prayers to all of you in your time of loss.
Bud Walker



bud walker - April 05, 2015 at 07:49 AM

BA

“ Becky Foster Adams lit a candle in memory of Dr. Robert B. Fox



Becky Foster Adams - April 04, 2015 at 09:34 AM

SB

“ What a good man he was everyone in Earlington he touched when he was here. Will surely miss him We will be praying for you .

Steve Babb - April 04, 2015 at 07:54 AM

PH

“ *Patricia Hawkins lit a candle in memory of Dr. Robert B. Fox*



Patricia Hawkins - April 03, 2015 at 09:26 PM

PD

“ *Patsy Suthard Daugherty lit a candle in memory of Dr. Robert B. Fox*



Patsy Suthard Daugherty - April 03, 2015 at 08:51 PM

JC

“ *I cherish the time I spent sitting beside Coach as Team Mgr my Sr. year, his first year as coach at good old EHS. He meant a lot to me. He will be greatly missed by all whose lives he touched and everyone who knew him.*



Jerry Coffman, class of '63

Jerry Coffman - April 03, 2015 at 02:14 PM

DS

“ *My sincere sympathy and prayers to the Fox Family.....Bob was certainly an outstanding person, coach and friend.....and will surely be missed by all that knew him*

Devra Steckler - April 03, 2015 at 09:51 AM

RO

“ Rosalee lit a candle in memory of Dr. Robert B. Fox



Rosalee - April 03, 2015 at 08:26 AM

DJ

“ Mrs. Pat and Family,

Just a note to, first of all, let you know that your family is in our hearts and prayers at this time. Coach, as we will always remember Bob Fox, had one of the greatest impacts upon the youth of Earlington that I have ever known. I was on both the basketball and baseball teams under him (1966 Graduate) and he taught me much about how to be a winner. Your loss is our loss. I know that we do not suffer as you suffer but know that we suffer with you. May our Lord bless and keep you and yours in the days that follow.

*David and Barbara (Simons) Johnston
Laurens, SC
pastorjohnston@gmail.com*

David and Barbara Johnston - April 03, 2015 at 08:05 AM

JW

“ Janet Wyatt lit a candle in memory of Dr. Robert B. Fox



janet wyatt - April 03, 2015 at 07:57 AM

JW

“ *Our love and Prayers are with the Family. Mel and Janet Wyatt*

janet wyatt - April 03, 2015 at 07:56 AM

TL

“ *Coach Fox was one of the finest men I ever had the privilege of knowing. He certainly helped shape my life as a high school student and I always considered him a role model. He always demanded that you give your best in life - academics, sports, relationships...*

I can't even imagine how many lives he effected in a very positive way. What a tremendous legacy he leaves.

My sincere condolences and best wishes go to Pat and all of his family.

Tom Little

Tom Little - April 03, 2015 at 07:46 AM

AC

“ *Coach Fox was a wonderful leader for our school and team. He had the ability to lead well and still maintain a very approachable demeanor. I loved the twinkle in his eye and his ready laugh. He and Pat were both so kind to me while they were in Lexington at UK. Coach Fox will be greatly missed by all of us. God bless you, Pat, with His loving presence during this time.*

Anne Cummings - April 02, 2015 at 11:35 PM

 Carlton
Collins

“ While it is sad to see Dr. Robert Fox leave this world, we can rejoice in his new life in the ever-after and also in his brilliant legacy...his wonderful children and grandchildren represent earthly seeds that will continue to shine...our world is undoubtedly brighter because of Dr. Fox, and I expect that heaven is now shining a bit brighter as well...

Carlton Collins - April 02, 2015 at 10:29 PM

CF

“ Have great memories of Coach Fox. He was tough but was well respected. Prayers for the family. He will not be forgotten.

Carolyn Browning Foster

Carolyn Foster - April 02, 2015 at 09:27 PM

AG

“ With Coach Fox's passing we have lost a legacy in both Earlington and the commonwealth. He was such a part of so many lives. It is difficult to imagine our world without him. It was such a joy to hear his comments on E'ton stories and hear how much the Newsletter & Post meant. We are all saddened by the news of a man so many called their friend. God bless you, Pat, and your family.

Ann Gipson - April 02, 2015 at 09:20 PM

SW

“ Just to let you all know that we are thinking of you. Our prayers are with you today, tomorrow, and always. Please remember the good times and try to forget the sad times. His suffering is over and he is in a better place. Love to you all, Susanne, Arnold and family



Susanne Walker - April 02, 2015 at 01:23 PM

BS

“ *Our thoughts and prayers go out to the family.
He was an outstanding man who will be
missed by all those who knew him.*

Bill and Donna Sharp



Bill Sharp - April 02, 2015 at 10:05 AM