



Larry Parkinson Fleming Sr

February 13, 1947 - December 10, 2015

Larry Parkinson Fleming Sr., 68, of Ringgold, Georgia went home to be with his Lord and Savior Thursday December 10, 2015. A lifelong resident of the North Georgia area, he was a member of Chattanooga Valley Baptist Church. Larry was a 1965 graduate of Rossville High School and received his Bachelor's degree from Carson Newman in 1969. He coached football and track for 46 years in Whitfield, Catoosa, Walker and Hamilton Counties. He also served as Youth Minister in several North Georgia area Churches. He is preceded in death by his parents, Roy P. and Mary Louise Dunn Fleming. Larry is survived by his loving wife of 48 years, Deborah Doughty Fleming of Ringgold, GA.; mother-in-law, Billie J. Doughty of Ringgold, GA.; three children, Melanie Blunt (Eddie) of Tishomingo, MS., Laura Teague (Kevin) of Ringgold, GA., and Larry "Chip" Fleming II (Melissa) of Ringgold, GA.; two brothers, Ronnie Fleming (Flavia) of Flintstone, GA., and Darrell Fleming of Ft. Oglethorpe, GA.; eight grandchildren, Peyton Mooney, Micah Mooney, Sara Beth Mooney, Ashton Patterson, Lyndsey Teague, Ansley Grace Teague, Megan Fleming and Caitlyn Fleming; two nieces, Christina Eleton and Ronelle Sellers and one nephew, Chad Fleming. Funeral services will be held 3:00 P.M. Sunday December 13, 2015 at Shiloh Baptist Church in Rossville, Georgia Ronnie Fleming, Rev. Rocky Bradford, Rev. Scott Simmons and Rev. Nathan Galloway officiating. He will lie-in-state at the church Sunday from 2-3 P.M. Entombment will follow at Lakewood Memory Gardens-South. The family will receive friends Saturday from 12-9 P.M. at the funeral home. The family would like to thank Dr. Larry Schlabach, Erlanger Oncology Nurses and Hospice of Chattanooga for their care and kindness for Larry and the family. Arrangements are by Wilson Funeral Home Wallis-Stewart Chapel Ringgold, Georgia.

Cemetery Details

Lakewood Memory Gardens South

325 Greens Lake Road
Rossville, GA 30741
(706) 866-7777

Previous Events

Visitation

DEC 12. 12:00 PM - 9:00 PM (ET)

Wilson Funeral Homes - Ringgold Chapel
443 Boynton Drive
Ringgold, GA 30736
(706) 935-2331
spencer@wilsonfuneralhome.com
<https://www.wilsonfuneralhome.com/>

In State

DEC 13. 2:00 PM - 3:00 PM (ET)

Shiloh Baptist Church
24 Kay Street
Rossville, GA 30742

Funeral Service

DEC 13. 3:00 PM (ET)

Shiloh Baptist Church
24 Kay Street
Rossville, GA 30742

Tribute Wall

BP

“ Coach Fleming was my track coach at Rossville High for four years. He loved his job and his athletes, and he was a man of amazing integrity. After my junior year, when I had worked very hard and made great progress as a middle distance runner, I went to Coach Fleming as an angry, tearful boy who was upset that I had not been given the award for most dedicated track athlete that year. Rather than scolding me for being so self-centered (which I surely was) Coach Fleming calmly admitted to me that he had made a mistake in not giving me this award (which he had not given to anyone at all that year).

I was amazed that he was so humble and so caring. The next year at the athletic awards banquet, Coach Fleming announced to a room full of people that he had made a mistake in not giving me this award my junior year, and he awarded me two plaques, one for the most dedicated runner of 1978 and one for the most dedicated runner of 1979. I have never won an award that I cherish so much. It tells me that he respected me enough to fess up to a small oversight -- because he cared about me and knew how important it was to me. This said a lot more about Coach Fleming's heart and his integrity than it said about my dedication as an athlete.

I will truly miss his crazy, irreverent sense of humor, his love of sports, his love of people, and his belief in the love of God and the power of forgiveness.

*Brett Pelham,
Rossville Class of 1979*

Brett Pelham - January 13, 2016 at 09:17 PM



“ Coach Fleming meant more to me than words on a screen can describe. He taught me the Word of God and showed me what a family that loved the Lord really looked like. I once wrote a paper about the person who impacted my life and ministry the most...and it was Coach. I know I will see him again one day. My love and prayers go out to the whole family. God bless. BJ

Marcus Abernethy - December 31, 2015 at 08:16 PM

CT

“ I'll never forget how much fun I had as a child being a water boy for coach Fleming and my dad (the late Ike Torbett) Coach Fleming would give us boys a team jersey to wear at school on Fridays. The jersey would literally make me feel like a man even though it dragged the ground. He and ran the Rossville pool so I got to see him all the time there. When daddy died in 1999. I'll never forget how when he saw me from a distance in a big crowd inside the funeral home how he came straight to me with no regards to the crowd. He was wearing a blue sports coat and hugged me and cried and told me he loved my daddy and he loved me. while comforting me his dad was across the hall and had also passed. Coach Fleming was across the hall when he saw me. What a selfless man of Christ he was. He's been in or around my life since 5 or 6 years old I love the entire Fleming family and thank you for allowing me to come see him in the hospital just before it turned really bad. Talking about memories of him and my dad was amazing.



God love you guys and be with you

charley Torbett - December 15, 2015 at 10:16 AM

SM

“ Sharon Jones Snider McMurrain lit a candle in memory of Larry Parkinson Fleming Sr



Sharon Jones Snider McMurrain - December 14, 2015 at 03:26 PM

MT

“ Debbie and Family,
Sabrina and I just found out on Sunday of Larry's passing. In fact, we did not know he had been sick. Out thoughts and prayers are with you during this time as we have great memories of being in church together at Shiloh. We know we'll see him again as we have that promise from God.

Mike and Sabrina Tate

Mike Tate - December 14, 2015 at 10:46 AM

DF

Thank you Mike Tate and Sabrina, we love y'all. ...special memories of you and your family!

Debbie Fleming - December 26, 2015 at 09:06 AM

WB

“ Larry was a great man who impacted the lives of many.
My thoughts and prayers are with his family.

Wink Baker

Wink Baker - December 14, 2015 at 08:34 AM

JD

“ he was a great coach at rossville high school

james davis - December 13, 2015 at 08:20 PM

BA

“ Coach Fleming was my first science teacher in middle school. I believe this also had to be one of his first years of teaching. I remember him being so kind and patient with all of us. He could reach the rowdiest boys too. He always had a smile. We have lost one of the best. Rest in peace Coach.



Billie Abney - December 13, 2015 at 06:30 PM

LW

“ So very sorry for your time of grief. I can tell what a wonderful man he was by the legacy and family he leaves behind. I am praying that God will wrap you each in His comforting arms.

leona white - December 13, 2015 at 05:39 PM

DP

“ Mrs Fleming, I wanted to be there to show my love and respect for one of the greatest people ever. My mom has taken a bad turn so I will have to send this via the web. My thoughts and prayers are with you all. Coach Fleming was one of a kind. He will be missed. With much love, Doug Patterson.

Doug Patterson - December 13, 2015 at 03:10 PM

DF

Thank you Doug , you were always such a great player and friend. Thank you and GOD BLESS YOU AND YOUR FAMILY!

Debbie Fleming - December 26, 2015 at 09:08 AM

LT

“ *Debbie and Family,*
So very sad to hear of Larry's passing, but so very happy to know he is with our Saviour now. Our family has many memories of him through Rossville First Baptist and Rossville football. It seems only yesterday. We love you all and will be keeping you in our prayers. We are presently out of town, but would certainly be there today if not. God bless and keep you all in His loving care as you go through the days to follow.

Lewis and Ernestine Templeton - December 13, 2015 at 09:59 AM

NC

“ *I was at Rossville High School from 1973 to 1975, Coach Fleming was one of my favorite coaches. He was always a gentleman, kind, and funny. I don't think anyone wanted to win more than Coach Fleming, and just think now he has won the ultimate prize. His late mother and wife were and are two of the sweetest women anyone could be blessed to know, my thoughts and prayers are with the beloved family he left behind*

Nancy Crane - December 13, 2015 at 09:01 AM

NC

Of course that should read one of my favorite coaches plural not the singular coach,

Nancy Crane - December 13, 2015 at 09:20 AM

JS

Mrs. Fleming and the Fleming Family,

We shall cherish the memories of a great man, whom God has shared with us. Coach Fleming shall always be an example of what a Godly man looks like, because of His Love of God, Family, Friends and Coaching. Thanks for all that you have done in our lives.

*Love Always,
Jeff and Karla Suttle*

Jeff Suttle - December 14, 2015 at 08:55 AM

DF

Thank you Coach and Karla you were always special friends! Thank you.

Debbie Fleming - December 26, 2015 at 09:11 AM

TF

“ *The Academy of Allied Health Family purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Larry Parkinson Fleming Sr.*



The Academy of Allied Health Family - December 12, 2015 at 11:19 PM

DA

“ *I like to thank GOD for sending Coach Fleming my way. He was my Football Coach at Rossville High School in 1976. Coach Fleming helped me to be a better Man. My prayers is to the family my GOD strengthen you all.*

David Harris

David - December 12, 2015 at 03:46 PM

BA

“ *Sorry for your loss we are out of town thinking of y'all. Bill and barbara ; rick and Janice allen*

Bill and Barbara allen - December 12, 2015 at 03:15 PM

DS

“ *I never passed Larry in the hall but what I saw a big smile on his face and the words, "It don't get no better than this." No truer words have been spoken as I think of where he now abides. What a wonderful role model for the student's lives he touched. I am better for having known him.*

Debi Stone - December 12, 2015 at 02:00 PM

JW

“ *Debbie and family, my thoughts and prayers go to each one of you today and in the days to come, I pray for peace, comfort and strength for you all.....I know that if you look the word "hero" up in the dictionary, Larry's picture would be there, as he was a hero to MANY students!! He was a fine man! When your heart is empty, fill it with all of the happy memories that the Lord leaves you with and hold on to each memory and let them guide you all during this sad time....memories are the legacy of love!!*



Judy Weir - December 12, 2015 at 12:38 PM

JB

“ Thank you Coach for all that you have done for so many people. May you rest in peace Sir.



Janice Biskner - December 12, 2015 at 12:30 PM

SF

“ Larry was a good person, good family icon, good teacher, good Christian and good football coach. He was a great mediator and stabilizing force in many teaching and coaching situations. I enjoyed his friendship and his ability to use humor in his work and relationships. He was truly one of a kind and I would have to have many more coworkers and friends like him. He was a great example.

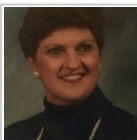
shirley forester - December 12, 2015 at 09:50 AM

KT

“ Debbie, Melanie, Laura and Chip,
We send our love and prayers to you today.

Linda (Fleming) & Gene, Eugenia, Lanette, Kenneth & Chris, Hunter & Mattie Thomas

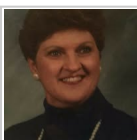
ken thomas - December 12, 2015 at 08:49 AM



“ So sorry for your loss! May God give you comfort and strength during this time and in the days to come.

Ms. Sandra James
Ridgeland High School Alumni

Sandra James - December 11, 2015 at 08:27 PM



“ Sandra James lit a candle in memory of Larry Parkinson Fleming Sr



Sandra James - December 11, 2015 at 08:19 PM

BK

“ Coach was always an inspiration to all..One of my most vivid memories was when he came out at the pep rally before the Lakeview game wearing a Lakeview t-shirt and the entire Football Team ripped it to shreds right off of his back..If THAT wasn't motivation,I don't know what is...Going to miss You Coach...Till we meet again my friend..

Ben Key - December 11, 2015 at 07:20 PM

DF

Thank you for sharing!

Debbie Fleming - December 26, 2015 at 09:15 AM

RD

“ Chip, sure sorry to here about the death of your father. Sure will be praying for your family during your bereavement and beyond. Rock Davis , Mark Davis's father

Rock Davis - December 11, 2015 at 04:19 PM