



Homer T. Underwood, Sr.

August 19, 1924 - November 14, 2020

Mr. Homer T. Underwood, age 96 passed away, Saturday, November 14, 2020, peacefully after a short illness at South East Medical Center.

He was born August 19, 1924 near Slocomb, AL to the late E.C. and Mattie Graham Underwood and was raised on their Geneva County farm.

He received his education from Slocomb, AL upon graduating high school he entered military service with the United States Army. He served during World War II in the European Theatre and was SSGT

In the 275th Infantry Regiment. During the war he earned multiple service medals for his combat duties including 2 Bronze Stars.

Upon return from service to his country, he attended the University of Alabama earning his BS in Physical Education and Biology. He later continued his studies at Troy University and obtained a Masters degree.

He spent his career as an educator starting as a high school football coach. He started at Ariton, AL, then Midland City, AL and Geneva High School before moving to Graceville High School in 1956 as head coach. He spent 10 years as coach followed by Principal, Supervising Principal and his final 10 years in the Jackson County School Board Office. He always loved his players and students, encouraging them to do their best and be forthright in life. He

was affectionately known as “Coach” by all who knew him.

He was preceded in death by his parents, sisters Winifred Underwood, Mildred Newsome and brother Ewell Underwood.

He is survived by his sons Homer T. “Toby” Underwood, Jr., Steven L. (Kim) Underwood , six grandchildren Amy, Elizabeth, Steven, Kelly, Terril and Sarah, eleven great grandchildren and one great great grandchild, nephew Joel (Carolyn) Underwood and special friend JoAnne Devane.

A private family viewing will be held on Wednesday, November 18, 2020 following a graveside service will be held at 2 p.m., with Dr. Jerry Windsor, Bro. Naethan Hendrix and Bro. Stevie Harris officiating, James & Lipford Funeral Home directing.

Previous Events

Graveside

NOV 18. 2:00 PM (CT)

Marvin Chapel Cemetery
1048 White Avenue
Graceville, FL 32440

Tribute Wall



Charles
Musser

“ *Homer Underwood was the epitomy of the name coach. To help you realize your potential within you that you did not realize you had. I had no idea I could be anything other than an ordinary athlete but because of him and Coach Ross I got a college education. He will always be remembered in so many ways.*
Chales "Moose" Musser

Charles Musser - November 19, 2020 at 02:29 AM

RH

“ *Sorry for the family. Homer was a special friend and co-worker. I worked under him ar Graceville Middle School a d beside him at county office. He was a great educator and administrator. I always enjoyed working and fellowships with him.*

Ralph Harrison - November 18, 2020 at 10:24 PM

RI

“ *He taught me in High School, He was the best! A truly great man.*

Richard IVEY - November 18, 2020 at 09:36 PM

SH

“ *Great Memories of Mr. Underwood in all aspects I knew him, principal and church friend! Always gracious and caring! So glad I had him in my life!*

Sherry Heywood - November 18, 2020 at 06:02 PM

LB

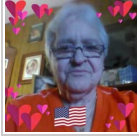
“ Coach Underwood taught me lessons about sports and life I have never forgotten....the importance of practicing good health habits and how to respond when life became difficult. He also shamed me about not giving my best in the sport I loved the best. I will never forget his kind and gentle spirit. He was the perfect example of someone who could be both "tough and tender." I will be eternally grateful for his influence on my life and thank God I had the privilege of having him as both a Coach and role model in my life.
Ladon Brackin

Ladon Brackin - November 18, 2020 at 01:57 PM

JH

Homer and my late husband, Ebby Harris worked with each other at the School Board Office and became special friends. They often had lunch together and we frequently socialized attending college football games and special performances at the Panama City Civic Center. Homer was a true southern gentleman, He was fun to be with, had a great sense of humor, was respected by all and his friendship was a blessing to Ebby and me.
Jean Harris

Jean. Harris - November 22, 2020 at 04:23 AM



“ *Rip Mr. Underwood you will always be remembered as the only principle that gave me my one and only paddling. You will be missed, may God bless and comfort you during these trying times.*

Pam Hartzog - November 18, 2020 at 08:10 AM

LB

“ *Coach Underwood taught me lessons about sports and life I have never forgotten....
The importance of practicing good health habits and how to respond when life became difficult. He also shamed me about not giving my best efforts in the sport I loved the most. For his kind and gentle spirit and the genuine interest he showed about my life, I will be eternally grateful. I Thank God I had the privilege of having him as both a Coach and example in my life.*

Ladon Brackin

Ladon Brackin - November 17, 2020 at 10:45 PM

JR

“ *He was always a great role model and teacher, even after I graduated his classes and had the privilege of working for him. His advice and model of a professional and good man will never be forgotten by me.*

John Rhodes - November 17, 2020 at 09:52 PM

LC

“ Coach taught me more than sports. He modeled and taught lessons for life. I’ll always remember that he would ask me during basketball practice: “ Are you tired?” If I answered, “yes” Coach would say, “you’re not in shape!”. If I answered, “no” he would say, “ you’re loafing then”; give me ten more half court sprints” Either way I answered I was going to run some more! Thank you Coach for making me a better basketball player and a better person!

Lamar Creel - November 17, 2020 at 01:00 PM

JH

Coach Underwood was a fine man, a gentleman, and an excellent role model. The world needs more like him.

Jane Campbell Hayes - December 22, 2020 at 08:30 AM