



## Larry "LD" Ross

November 6, 1932 - March 7, 2016

Larry Ross, 83, of Lake Panasoffkee, FL passed away Monday, March 7, 2016 at Southeast Alabama Medical Center in Dothan, AL. Funeral service will be 2 p.m (CST), Saturday, March 12, 2016 at Salem United Methodist Church with Rev. Chester Padgett officiating. Burial is to follow in Marvin Chapel Cemetery with U.S. Military Honors by Ft. Rucker, James & Lipford Funeral Home in Graceville directing. A Celebration of Life will be held at a later date at his home church, Lake Panasoffkee United Methodist Church. Flowers accepted or family request those wishing to make memorials may send to Salem United Methodist Church, 262 Tri-County Road, Graceville, FL 32440 or Lake Panasoffkee United Methodist Church, 589 North County Road 470, Lake Panasoffkee, FL 33538. Larry, affectionately known as "Coach Ross" to many, was born in Prattville, AL, to the late Duncan and Vera Powell Ross. He was a 1951 graduate of Autauga County High School in Prattville, AL. A U.S. Army Korean War Veteran, Larry received both his Bachelor's and Master's Degrees from Troy State University in Troy, AL. During the forty-one years of his educational career, he was a history teacher, basketball and football coach, principal and retired as Director of Secondary Education with the Sumter County, Florida School System. His teaching and coaching career began in Green Cove Springs, FL at Clay County High School and continued at Suwanee County High School in Live Oak, FL. Beginning in 1963, Larry spent many years at Graceville High School as a history teacher, basketball and football coach and principal. In 1977, he moved to Lake Panasoffkee as

principal of South Sumter High School in Bushnell, FL and retired in Sumter County. Larry was an active member of Lake Panasoffkee United Methodist Church. Predeceased by his parents and mother-in-law Tootsie Williams. He is survived by his beloved wife Louise Williams Ross; sons: John Ross (Julie), Ocala, FL, Stephen "Stump" Ross (Linda), Panama City, FL, Tim McGinnis (Nicky), Clearwater, FL; daughter Cindy "CJ" Mekkelsen (Mick), Ecuador; sister Patsy Struthers (Howard), Montgomery, AL; grandchildren: Tiffany Woodham(Kyle), Lindsey Daniels (David), Capt. Christopher Ross (Liesl), USAF, Matthew Ross (Rachel), Abby Ross, Amber McGinnis, Autumn McGinnis; four great grandchildren: Crews Woodham, Brogan Woodham, Addie Daniels, Adaleigh Ross; father-in-law Arthur Williams; brother-in-law Art Williams (B.T.); niece Lynn Struthers, nephew Craig Struthers (Jill).

# Tribute Wall

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“ *Mr. Ross was a wonderful teacher to both his students and his faculty. I consider it an honor to have worked with both him and his wife, Louise. He will be missed.*

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**Elberta Ritchie** - March 12, 2016 at 12:00 AM

NC

“ *It is hard to let someone go who means so much to so many people. Let the memories warm your heart and know that the entire family is thought of with love , prayers and sympathy.*

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**Norman and June Crutchfield** - March 10, 2016 at 12:00 AM

SL

“ *Dear Louise and Family, Bill and I send our deepest sympathy for the loss of your beloved Larry. You always have been such a sweet and outgoing couple. Larry will be miss by so many people....we as educators touch more lives than we can count or even know. Please know our Prayers are with you at this time for Comfort and Strength. Sincerely, Bill and Linda Farmer*

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**Sheriff Bill Farmer and Linda** - March 10, 2016 at 12:00 AM

MS

“ *Louise, my heart goes out to you and your family during this sad time. Larry was well respected and loved by many. I only have good memories of him as my principal and friend. My sympathy and condolences. Love you, MRS*

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**Minnie Ruth Stumborg** - March 09, 2016 at 12:00 AM

DK

“ My thoughts and prayers are with you Louise and your family. Mr. Ross was truly a staple in the Sumter County School system and loved by many. Praying for peace and comfort.

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**Dion & Julie Knight** - March 09, 2016 at 12:00 AM

CA

“ Louise and Family , we send all our love. Sincere sympathy.

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**Charlene & Jim Allen** - March 09, 2016 at 12:00 AM

JH

“ Coach Ross influenced many, many young lives in positive ways. Some became coaches because of him. He is often mentioned when his students gather, as no doubt they will, at the funeral. I offer my sympathy to the Ross family and prayers for your strength and comfort at this time of your great loss. Jane Campbell Hayes

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**JANE HAYES** - March 09, 2016 at 12:00 AM

CB

“ I thank you for the things you taught me on the football field, that later helped me on the field of life. God Bless you Coach Ross,  
Respectfully, Charlie Bedsole

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**Charlie Bedsole** - March 09, 2016 at 12:00 AM

LW

“ Louise, sending our sincere sympathy and love to you and all of your family. Larry was loved and admired by so many in the Wildwood community. I have fond memories of working with him at Wildwood High School when he was principal. Praying all the wonderful memories of Larry will provide you a measure of comfort.  
Linda Winchester

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**Linda Winchester of Wildwood** - March 09, 2016 at 12:00 AM

LW

“ Louise, We have you and your family in our thoughts and prayers. Larry left a legacy of service and he was a dear friend of ours. He was admired and loved by his students and staff when he served as principal of Wildwood High School. We will miss him always. Love, Linda and Larry

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**Linda and Larry Winchester** - March 09, 2016 at 12:00 AM