



Charles E. "Coach" Hampton

February 1, 1941 - November 18, 2017

Charles "C.E." "Coach" Hampton, age 76, longtime resident of Grove and loyal Ridgerunner, passed away peacefully on Saturday, November 18, 2017 at his home.

Charles was born on February 1, 1941 to Dale and Rozella Hampton in Grove, OK where he grew up and graduated from Grove High School in 1959. Attending Fort Scott Community College, Northeastern State University and Wichita State University he received Bachelors and Master's Degrees in Education. While attending Fort Scott, Charles met the love of his life, Janet Metcalf, and the couple married on June 16, 1962. Making their initial home together in Kansas, Charles coached football and junior college for 11 years culminating at Coffeyville Community College on a 1976 national championship team. The family returned to Grove where Charles would teach and coach for 20 more years.

Charles' passion was football. He loved the game from the time anyone can remember and he would devote over 30 years professionally teaching and coaching the game he loved. His life-long work impacted countless lives. He was a positive role model, a tremendous coach to the players, a mentor to many students, a great co-worker, and friend. Coach Hampton had the unique ability to make each student feel special and was known affectionately for nicknames given to his students and players many of whom he still called them by decades later.

Charles had an incredible memory and could recall and retell stories people

loved to hear decades later. Behind his quiet voice and thoughtful demeanor, there were years of experience and a heart of gold that touched many lives. He contributed to the community of Grove in many ways. He was a lifelong member of the First United Methodist Church and Choir, the Masonic Lodge, a volunteer at Integris Grove Hospital and as always, a loyal Ridgerunner fan. Although, C.E. retired from Grove Public Schools in 1996, it was not the end of his career. In 2004, he accepted a position coaching football in West Albany, OR, where both of his daughters resided. Coach "Okie" Hampton had great success with the West Albany Bulldogs, winning back to back championships in 2006-2007, and continuing his legacy of mentoring and inspiring young football players and forming many lasting relationships. Charles was preceded in death by his parents and one brother, Don Hampton. Charles is survived by his loving wife, Janet Hampton of the home; their children: Shane Hampton and wife, Sherry of St Charles, IL, Seana Searcy and husband, Tom of Portland, OR, Shana Hains and husband, Chris of Corvallis, OR; siblings: Dale Hampton, Jane Gulley and Esther Reed; grandchildren, Aubrey Zagar, Derek Hampton and James Hampton, many loving nieces, nephews and cousins.

A gathering for family and friends will be from 5-7pm Tuesday, November 21 at Nichols Funeral Service. A Celebration of life will be at 2pm Wednesday, November 22, 2017 at the First United Methodists Church. Pastor's Gary Bishop and Randy Hamill to officiate.

In lieu of flowers donations may be made to: Grove YMCA c/o Nichols Funeral Service 9611 U.S. Hwy 59 N. Grove, OK

Previous Events

Visitation

NOV **21**. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

Nichols-Stephens Funeral and Cremation Service
10201 U.S. Highway 59
Grove, OK 74344
(918) 786-6761
nicholsfunerals@yahoo.com

Celebration of Life

NOV **22**. 2:00 PM (CT)

Church on the Hill
1005 Leisure Rd
Grove, OK 74344

Tribute Wall



“ *Charles E. "Coach" Hampton*

October 04, 2023 at 03:23 PM



“ *So sorry to learn of Charlie's death. I still remember his and Lona's wedding. Both were so happy and beautiful.*



Mary Byard Gilmore - June 24, 2018 at 08:47 PM



“ *Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Charles E. "Coach" Hampton.*



December 04, 2017 at 05:53 PM



“ *Wow too many of these good men (and women) from what I remember as the good old days in Grove are gone. Coach Hampton come to GHS during my last two years and some guys you say improve with age, but C.E. was already there when I met him. Really a pleasure to have known him. God's peace to all the family he left behind. The void he leaves behind can only possibly be dented by the wonderful left he led while here on this Earth.*

Jeff Cotner - November 22, 2017 at 02:44 AM



“ Vivid Recollections was purchased for the family of Charles E. "Coach" Hampton.



November 21, 2017 at 12:57 PM



“ I first met Coach when he took a coaching position at West Albany in 2006, I was a junior on the football team. I will always remember how coach had a nickname for every player on our team and how he would take the time to talk to each one of us individually. He was just as good of a mentor as he was a coach. His great attitude and speeches after every team win is something I will never forget! I'm thinking of you today coach! "Where my dogs at?!?"

Will Murphy - November 20, 2017 at 01:55 PM



“ Kyle Y. Dickehut, Derby, Kansas purchased the A New Sunrise Spray for the family of Charles E. "Coach" Hampton.



Kyle Y. Dickehut, Derby, Kansas - November 20, 2017 at 12:19 PM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Charles E. "Coach" Hampton.



November 20, 2017 at 11:56 AM

DK

“ To Janet and family,
I was fortunate to have had Coach for two years at Coffeyville. I have many, many happy memories of those years. He was a kind, patient, funny, humble and sincere man. It was obvious he cared deeply about his players and his family. I know I carried a lot of Coach Hampton with me in my teaching and coaching career. I was honored to have known him.

Dan Brooks - Topeka, Ks - November 20, 2017 at 11:12 AM

JS

“ My heart is breaking for this wonderful man's family. Many many great memories of happy happy times with Charlie and Janet and all three children. My love to each and everyone of them for their loss. I will never forget you Charlie and the wonderful man that you are!
Jan Proffitt Shumaker

Jan Proffitt Shumaker - November 20, 2017 at 10:34 AM

MM

“ So sorry to hear of Coach's passing. He was quite a guy and an outstanding football coach. I was the fortunate one to have been one of his students of the game and of life! GodSpeed Coach!

*Marty McInerney
Charlotte, NC*

Marty McInern - November 20, 2017 at 10:14 AM

KD

“ i AM VERY SORRY AT THE PASSING OF COACH HAMPTON. I CAN REMEMBER THE VERY DAY HE AND COACH COOPER CAME TO MY HOUSE AND TALKED TO MY MOTHER AND I ABOUT COMING TO COFFEYVILLE TO PLAY FOOTBALL. I DIDN'T TELL THEM YES AT FIRST BUT I KNEW FROM THE BEGINNING THAT I WAS GOING THERE AFTER THEY SPOKE. BUT THAT DIDN'T STOP COACH HAMPTON FROM COMING BACK IN A DRIVING SNOW STORM TO FOLLOW UP WITH ME AND IT WASN'T BECAUSE I WAS THAT GREAT OF A FOOTBALL PLAYER. IT WAS THE KIND OF MAN HE WAS. HE WAS KIND, HUMBLE, SINCERE, GENEROUS, FUNNY AND EVERYTHING ELSE THAT MADE A GREAT MAN. SO CHARLIE HERE'S TO YOU AND I WILL SEE YOU AGAIN ON THE GREATEST SIDELINE OF ALL. SAVE ME A SEAT.

KYLE Y.DICKEHUT
DERBY, KANSAS

KYLE DICKEHUT - November 20, 2017 at 05:43 AM

MG

“ Coach Hamp was a part of everyone's family, Our raspy vocal coach, Your technique was on point. You and Janet made an impact on me. Thank you for never giving up on us 🥺🌹 . Melani Mount-Graham

Melani Mount Graham - November 20, 2017 at 12:26 AM

CL

“ Coeta Ledford lit a candle in memory of Charles E. "Coach" Hampton



Coeta Ledford - November 19, 2017 at 11:33 PM

CL

“ Prayers and fond memories of Charlie are what we have to remember, he was a remarkable guy. Always had a smile for everyone. May the Lord bless and comfort you and your family at this time. Losing someone we love is nothing easy, but know you have been a big part of his life and I know he appreciated that. Rest In Peace My Dear Friend

Coeta Ledford

Coeta Ledford - November 19, 2017 at 07:44 PM

JD

“ My oldest brother Jeff Ditmore and Charlie were the best of friends growing up in Grove. He would organize neighbor hood football games even back in High School. Girls & boys alike got to play!! Fun times!! Love him like a brother!! Jan Ditmore

Jan Ditmore - November 19, 2017 at 06:43 PM

DD

“ Dennis Deakins lit a candle in memory of Charles E. "Coach" Hampton



dennis deakins - November 19, 2017 at 04:12 PM

DD

Da coach! Laconic and laid back, shuffling a little, a mind like a steel trap (and sometimes as hard to pry open), cagey, cool, and quick to warn about 'dat black snake gonna jump up and get you', Charlie could name the tune and artist, or a history date, and see who was holding what cards. He loved bridge (especially when he won, which was most of the time) and the players, and most everything and everybody, especially things that grow. He loved singing, and was a good man, and will be sorely missed.

dennis deakins - November 19, 2017 at 04:20 PM

SO

“ 1 file added to the tribute wall



susie orsborn - November 19, 2017 at 04:10 PM

SO

“ 2 files added to the tribute wall



susie orsborn - November 19, 2017 at 04:07 PM



“ Oh man....so many memories of Coach Hampton. Such an excellent and awesome human being. He never stopped believing in me no matter how much I held myself back from my own success. He always had something positive to say and that meant a lot to me, it typically put me back on the right path. Thank you for being so awesome to me Coach. Somewhere in the back of my mind, I can always hear you saying, "It's always better to win than it is to lose."

Mike Doughty - November 19, 2017 at 01:12 PM



“ We were so lucky to have Charlie and Janet visit their daughter Shana's high school every year. Charlie joined the West ALBANY football coaching staff and made a huge impact on not only our players and coaches but our community as well. At the end of our games he would always say in unison with the players "it's always better to win than it is to lose and where are my dogs at?" The students would respond with a loud enthusiastic and proud hoot. Janet thanks for sharing your amazing husband with us! His legacy will live on in all of our hearts💙💛💙💛 our thoughts and prayers go out to you and your family and all who were touched by the incredible husband, dad, teacher, coach, mentor and friend!! Big hugs and lots of prayers 💙💛🙏💙💛🙏💙💛🙏

susie orsborn - November 19, 2017 at 12:05 PM

JL

“ Coach Hampton always had such great code names for players and coaches. Here were some of his.

Charles Hampton's code name: "Coach Hampton", "Charlie", "Charles", "Silver Back", "Okie".

He had a lot of code names and a lot of roles at West Albany. He was a tremendous line coach for the kids, a mentor to me, a great companion on long bus rides, a great friend to laugh with, and a role model. His commitment to these roles took him cross country and back each year until his body just wouldn't allow it anymore. I will always remember that the things he said in your "good ear" were very important, sometimes food just tastes better in jars, he always knew where his dogs were at, and That it's always better to win than it is to lose! With Coach in our lives, we were all winners.

Jeffrey Louber - November 19, 2017 at 11:23 AM

VH

“ Charlie was a dear heart and a beloved friend. We had lots of fun working together as officers in Delaware County Retired Educators. It was always a laugh a minute with Charlie around! And he could always be depended upon to deliver the goods at the right time too. Bet he has the Glory Land bunch holding their sides and bursting with laughter already. We shall all miss his brightness and goodness in the many places he frequented.

Virginia Hare - November 19, 2017 at 10:50 AM

MH

“ Charles visited Oregon in the fall for several years to coach football at West Albany. I absolutely loved working with him. He was loved by the players and the coaches. God bless you Charles. I will always remember... "It's always better to win than it is to lose."
Mike Haberly

Mike Haberly - November 19, 2017 at 10:21 AM



“ *Cindy Frye lit a candle in memory of Charles E. "Coach" Hampton*



Cindy Frye - November 19, 2017 at 06:31 AM



I loved working with Charles at King C Store. Never a dull moment. We often shared what we affectionately referred to as the "top ten" funniest moments we shared. Janet so sorry for your loss. Charles will be greatly missed.

Cindy Frye - November 19, 2017 at 06:36 AM

NS

“ *One of my favorite memories is of a substitute for Coach Hampton. He spent the day in Charlie's room, marveling at the desk organization and all the sharpened pencils. At the end of the day the substitute accidentally walked off with a pencil. The next day Charlie immediately realized he was short a pencil and asked who substituted. The pencil was returned to organization man Charlie by the shame-faced substitute.*

Nancy Sanders - November 19, 2017 at 06:02 AM

SL

“ Janet I'm so sorry to hear of Charlie's passing. He was such a good person. Him and Bill can be together again telling stories. I can just hear them now. We always had a lot of good times together. He will be missed by many. My thoughts and prayers are with you and your family.

Love you all,
Sharon Limes

Sharon Limes - November 19, 2017 at 01:46 AM

MS

“ I just saw Coach Friday night first I saw mrs Hampton and asked where he was she said he's up those stairs somewhere lol I went up and found him and had a great conversation with him and as everybody knows the man remembers everything he said Spicer hows your Gma and we talked about other things I had forgotten lol you Will be missed coach fly high in heaven because they just gained a great coach I'll see you again someday and I bet you still remember us

mike spicer - November 19, 2017 at 12:38 AM

TV

Coach you will b missed great teacher great coach and friend prayers for the family

Tim Viles - November 19, 2017 at 01:35 AM

PC

“ Penny Clem lit a candle in memory of Charles E. "Coach" Hampton



Penny Clem - November 19, 2017 at 12:30 AM

PC

“ I did not have Charlie as a teacher but years later would see him at the Y he was always very friendly and had a smile on his face. We would chat for a few minutes and sometimes share a laugh. He was a neat person. Prayers for the family during this time of loss. Penny Clem

Penny Clem - November 19, 2017 at 12:29 AM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Charles E. "Coach" Hampton.



November 18, 2017 at 11:27 PM

MH

“ Marty Hamilton lit a candle in memory of Charles E. "Coach" Hampton



Marty Hamilton - November 18, 2017 at 10:51 PM

LD

“ Coach Hampton was my history teacher in high school and I also worked with him out at King C for a short time. He was always such a blessing. He will truly be missed. Thoughts and prayers to his family.

Laurinda Davis - November 18, 2017 at 10:24 PM

LS

“ I had the privilege of coaching with Charles during my years at Grove. C.E. had a big impact on my life. He was old school. The kids loved him because they knew he loved them. I never saw him get mad. I loved Charlie, he was my friend. I am going to miss him.

Larry Shackelford - November 18, 2017 at 10:00 PM



So glad we had lunch together and had a good visit. Charles Hampton was a gentleman's gentleman, loved his classmates, friends and his family was so important to him. He taught us all a lot about kinsmanship and kindness. REST NOW, CHARLIE!!

Marty Hamilton - November 18, 2017 at 10:36 PM

DG

CE was a gtrrat man I had the privilege of having him as a coach back in the 70's. Seen him not to long ago and that man was as sharp as he was back in the day he could tell u stories about your high school years that I had forgot. I have a lot of respect and admiration for him. Gonna miss not seeing him around Grove.

Dewayne Goza - November 19, 2017 at 11:34 AM

 Joshua Miller

“ I fondly remember the man.

Joshua Miller - November 18, 2017 at 09:11 PM

WM

“ Had the honor of having the Mrs. for my kindergarten teacher and the coach in H.S. Heaven has gained a great man.

Wendy 'Martin' Mauldin - November 18, 2017 at 08:34 PM

 Mark
Limes

“ Charlie and my dad were very close friends when we lived in Grove. Our families did a lot of things together. There are so many memories, I could write a novel. Charlie had a great sense of humor and was a great guy. He will be dearly missed. My thoughts and prayers are with the Hampton Family.

Mark Limes - November 18, 2017 at 06:58 PM

SL

*Had wonderful opportunity to teach with Janet in So. Coffeyville in the early 70's. Loved Charlie and their family.
Shirley Lane*

Shirley Lane-Hugill - November 18, 2017 at 09:31 PM

MW

“ Charles and my dad (Bill Berry) went to school together and we all thought so much of both Coach and Janet. They were our teachers as well as my daughter's teachers. It's with a heavy heart I say good bye to him and send loving prayers to the entire Hampton family.
With love, Michelle White

Michelle White - November 18, 2017 at 06:16 PM

BS

“ Gonna miss you "Coach" what a loss to the whole community! He was such a witty guy, painted the house some years back and remodeled his master bedroom and bath a couple years ago... Always liked working for them, both, very good people, ole C.E. had the memory of an elephant, hadn't seen him in years before working for them but he sure remembered me from school, but i don't think many teachers forgot me ;) lol... You'll be missed by many Coach!
R.I.P.

Bill Sievert - November 18, 2017 at 06:03 PM