



Mr Howard E. Stearns Jr.

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Howard Eugene Stearns Jr., 64, beloved husband, father, grandfather, uncle and coach passed away on Monday, February 3, 2020. Howard, also known as “Coach Stearns,” was born on August 28, 1955, in Chattanooga, Tennessee. He is the son of Howard Eugene Stearns Sr., and the late Olga Stearns.

Coach Stearns was a well respected football coach who coached football for over 30 years. He coached at multiple schools on the college and high school level which can include Eastern New Mexico University (Portales New Mexico), Alabama A&M University (Normal Alabama), Benedict College (Columbia South Carolina), Eastern Arizona College (Thatcher Arizona), Lanett High School (Lanett Alabama), Forest Park High School (Forest Park Georgia) and Dougherty County High School (Albany Georgia). Throughout his coaching career, Coach Stearns was always willing to help anyone who needed a helping hand. He always came across as a tough, no none-sense individual but for those that knew “Coach” understood that Coach Stearns would do anything to help any and every person that crossed his path. Coach Stearns always emphasized sportsmanship, fairness, dedication and commitment, teamwork, humility, confidence, respect and the value of hard work among those individuals closest to him.

Coach Stearns is survived by his loving wife of 44 years, Dawn Stearns; Father Howard Eugene Stearns Sr of Hollywood Alabama; Four Children; Deanna and Michael Richards of Douglasville, Georgia, Tiffany and Javad Watson of Fort Myers, Florida, Tirzhana Stearns of Valley, Alabama and Jamaal and Deedra Stearns of Atlanta, Georgia; Nephew David Stearns of Hollywood, Alabama; Nine Grandchildren, Jamiya Richards, James Richards Jr., Deyante Bennett, Valencia Bennett, Jada Richards, Terrance Bennett Jr., Jamaal Stearns Jr., Christian Richards and Jaylen Stearns; and a host of relatives, friends and former players.

He is preceded in death by his mother Olga Stearns, sister Rosemary Stearns, and nephew Preston Stearns.

Online condolences may be left for the family at www.rudderfuneralhomes.com



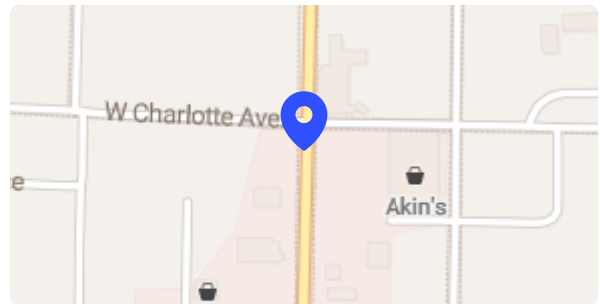
Events

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Visitation

- Friday**, February 7, 2020
- 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM cst
- Rudder Funeral Home - Scottsboro**
716 South Broad Street, Scottsboro AL 35768



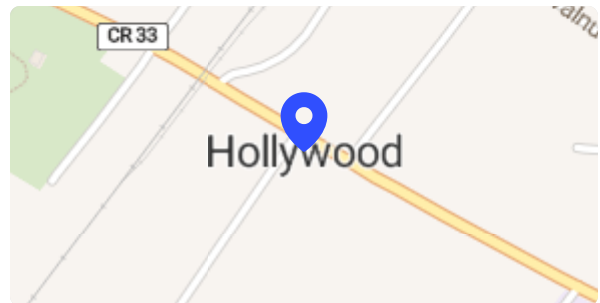
Funeral Service

- Saturday**, February 8, 2020
- 1:00 PM - 2:00 PM cst
- Rudder Funeral Home - Scottsboro**
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Cemetery Details

- Old Baptist Cemetery**
Hollywood AL





Tribute Wall

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Ted Blair posted:

Worked with Howard at Coco-Cola, Clovis NM..I have much respect for him. He was a great boss.. My condolences.Ted Blair-Portales NM

May 8 at 2:36 PM



Regina R. Nicholson lit a candle in honor of Howard.

Deepest condolences and prayers from the Nicholson and Weatherly families.

February 8 at 4:49 PM



Anonymous sent a Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum to the Stearns family.

February 8 at 4:48 AM



The Conner Family sent a Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum to the Stearns family.

February 7 at 8:17 AM



Anonymous sent a Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum to the Stearns family.

February 6 at 1:40 PM



Mel Holland posted:

May God bless Dawn and her family during these times of sadness. May he give you strength and faith! Our deepest condolences! Howard was a great individual and friend which we will be greatly missed. Rest in Peace my dear friend!With our love the Holland family

February 6 at 11:24 AM



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The Holland Family sent a Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum to the Stearns family.

February 6 at 11:04 AM



Olla Wiles lit a candle in honor of Howard.

February 5 at 9:41 AM





Memories only last if you share them

Join us in honoring Howard by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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