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“Attitude and Effort”

This is one simple statement that Coach Ron Reed embodied, lived by, and passed on to so many throughout his 79 years of life. Coach Reed’s attitude and effort was apparent every day of this life through the relationships he developed, nurtured, and cherished. Relationships with his family and friends. Relationships with players, coaches, and former students. And most importantly, a strong relationship with his Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. On Thursday, July 25, 2024, Ron passed away at UK Kings Daughters Medical Center. After graduating from Raceland High School, Ron went on to receive his Bachelor’s and Master’s Degrees from Morehead State University where he was also a Graduate Assistant Basketball Coach. This was the first of his many basketball coaching positions.

Coach Ron Reed’s career started at McKell High School. He was the head coach of many area basketball teams including, but not limited to, Anderson County High School, Raceland High School, and Russell High School. Throughout the years, he was Assistant Basketball Coach at The University of Mississippi where he was part of the first ever SEC Championship in the history of the school. He was also Head Coach at his beloved Milligan College, Ohio Southern University, and Kentucky Christian University where he retired from coaching. Ron was also involved with the Fellowship of

Christian Athletes on both the state and national level.

Ron Reed was an avid runner, fan of all sports (especially baseball), lover of the sun, and exceptional storyteller. For the last eight years of his life, he was devoted to his book of memoirs. When not working on his book, Ron would be seen at any and all of his three grandchildren's sporting events where he was known and loved simply as "Coachie" by all.

Ron is preceded in death by his father, Clarence Reed, and his grandmother, Neva Richards. Ron is survived by his wife of 55 years, Joan Lewis Reed; a daughter, Joan-Michael Leadingham (John); a daughter, Holly Stone (Keith); a brother Bill Reed (Cathy); and his grandchildren, Cooper Leadingham, Ann Reed Stone, and Mary Katherine Stone.

Visitation will be held Tuesday July 30, from 11:00 am to 1:00 pm at the Fairview Baptist Church where Ron was a faithful member. The Funeral will begin at 1:00 pm immediately follow the visitation at the Church with Pastor Michael York officiating. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to Russell High School FCA Ron Reed Memorial Scholarship Fund, checks made payable to Russell High School 709 Red Devil Lane Russell, KY 41169. Arrangements are under the direction of Music Family Funeral Home. Online Condolences may be offered at www.mfhfuneralhome.com.

Previous Events

Visitation

JUL **30**. 11:00 AM.

Fairview Baptist Church Where Ron Was A Faithful Member

Funeral

JUL **30**. 1:00 PM.

Fairview Baptist Church

Tribute Wall

DB

“ *Ron was a fine man, prayers to the family and friends.*

Donald Brown - July 28, 2024 at 07:37 PM

HS

Yes he was. Thank you Donald. - Holly

Holly Reed Stone - September 18, 2024 at 07:25 PM

MW

“ *Dear Joan and family, Coach is the greatest builder of character in young men ever to walk the face of this earth other than his Lord and Savior! His student athletes love him dearly! He changed my life forever! I am very grateful! We are in Florida and cannot attend the funeral but know that we are praying for you! In Christ, Mike and Margie Williams*

mike williams - July 27, 2024 at 11:39 AM

HS

Thank you Mike and Margie. Dad loved walking the beach in FL. On last couple trips he was unable and I know he longed to be able to again. I know he is now. -Holly

Holly Reed Stone - September 18, 2024 at 07:27 PM

JH

“ *1 file added to the tribute wall*



John Hutchins - July 27, 2024 at 12:58 AM

JH

A brief visit with coach and some of his Milligan College players. So grateful to have seen him and spend time sharing stories. We love you Coach Reed (and family). His inspiration will be with us always!

John Hutchins - July 27, 2024 at 05:06 AM

HS

This visit meant so much to him and to me. Brings tears to my eyes and he and I talked about how my youngest was the age I was a Milligan and how much we both love you "boys".

Holly Reed Stone - September 18, 2024 at 07:29 PM

TW

*Wow!!! I just found out. I'm glad I was able to talk to Coach last summer before he passed away. He came to Shelbyville to recruit me to Milligan. His first statement to me was, I know you are going to a bigger school but I'm I believe God wants me to talk to you anyway. I broke my leg and coach came and stayed at the hospital with me and my mom. Never talked basketball, but life. Told me, if my leg didn't heal right, he would still give me a scholarship. Needless to say, he became someone I could talk to about life and I went to play for him. Joan, Joan Michael and Holly you all were my family when I came to Tennessee. I am sorry I am just hearing this. I told him last year that the lessons he taught me guided my life.
I love y'all.*

Trevor White - October 04, 2025 at 03:20 PM

KF

“ Mrs. Reed and family,

I'm so sorry for your loss. I am sending you my prayers and thoughts. Coach Reed taught me so much about the game of basketball and also about life and being a decent human being. I will never forget him.

Keith Freeman

Keith Freeman - July 26, 2024 at 11:04 PM

HS

Thank you Keith -Holly

Holly Reed Stone - September 18, 2024 at 07:24 PM



“ *Dear Joan and family,*

This is just a short note of sympathy. There really are no words at a time like this that will ease the pain of loss. Just know there are many "out there" who are holding you and your family in their prayers.

I pray that as you celebrate Ron's life and legacy you will feel the comfort of God's arms wrapped around you and the family.

Mary Mullins Tuttle

Mary Tuttle - July 26, 2024 at 08:59 PM



HS

Thank you-Holly

Holly Reed Stone - September 18, 2024 at 07:29 PM

LA

“ *Sorry for your loss our prayers are with you linda arthur*

linda arthur - July 26, 2024 at 08:02 PM

HS

Thank You- Holly

Holly Reed Stone - September 18, 2024 at 07:30 PM

BR

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bill reed - July 26, 2024 at 12:57 PM

HS

Love you Uncle Bill and Family. Thank you for going out of your way for that last visit. It sure was something special- Love, H

Holly Reed Stone - September 18, 2024 at 07:31 PM

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bill reed - July 26, 2024 at 12:53 PM

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bill reed - July 26, 2024 at 12:48 PM