



## Coach Jack Burton

July 17, 1945 - February 27, 2025

Jack Burton, a devoted husband, father, grandfather, coach, and teacher, went home to be with the Lord on February 27, 2025. Born July 17, 1945, in Anniston, Alabama, Jack lived a life marked by faith, family, and a dedication to shaping young lives.

He graduated from West End High School in 1963 and continued his education at Mississippi State University and Birmingham Southern, where he earned his Bachelor's degree, followed by a Master's degree from UAB. He was a member of Mississippi State's SEC Championship teams in 1965-66 and a draft pick of the Cincinnati Reds. His passion for athletics was evident throughout his life, first as a baseball player, football player and wrestler and later as a coach of various varsity athletics. His coaching passion for baseball and wrestling never wavered as evidenced by his pioneering of wrestling officiating in the State of Alabama, where he became a highly respected wrestling official.

Jack's profound impact on the lives of countless students and athletes spanned nearly five decades. He began his teaching and coaching career for E. B. Erwin High School in 1975, where he dedicated 29 years to mentoring and inspiring young people. His dedication culminated in coaching the AHSAA 5A Wrestling Championship team in 1999. He continued his coaching career at Hewitt-Trussville High School for 15 years, leaving an enduring legacy on the wrestling program.

His contributions to the world of wrestling were recognized with his induction into the inaugural class of the Alabama Chapter of the National Wrestling Hall of Fame, a testament to his skill, dedication, and unwavering commitment to his athletes. He was also inducted into the Alabama Sports Officials Hall of Fame.

A longtime member of Crosspoint Church, Jack's faith was a cornerstone of his life. He is survived by his beloved wife of twenty-two years, Lynne Burton; daughters Lori LaBoone, Kim Crouch (David), Mandy Windham (Philip), Allison Blythe, and Melissa Chappell (Alan); sisters Irene Collins, Jean Wilson, Pam Luker, Susan Harkins (Lee), and Becky Riha (Ray); grandchildren Mason Fannon, Kelcey Fannon, Elaina LaBoone, Kristina LaBoone, Sam Windham, Jacob Windham, Emily Crouch, Logan Crouch, Noah Chappell, Caroline Chappell, and Savannah Chappell; and great-grandson William Fannon. He also leaves behind numerous nieces and nephews, great-nieces and nephews, aunts, uncles, and cousins.

Jack was preceded in death by his parents, B. F. Burton and Julia Cates Burton; brother Benjamin Burton; brothers-in-law Hank Collins, Jerry Wilson, and Tommy Luker; and son-in-law Thomas LaBoone.

A service celebrating Jack's life will be held March 4th at 12PM at Crosspoint Church. Coach Jack Burton's memory will live on through the countless lives he positively impacted and the unwavering legacy he leaves behind.

# Previous Events

## Visitation

MAR 4. 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM (CT)

Crosspoint  
8000 Liles Ln  
Trussville, AL 35173-5281  
(205) 655-0364

## Funeral Service

MAR 4. 12:00 PM (CT)

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Trussville, AL 35173-5281  
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## Private graveside

MAR 4 (CT)

Jefferson Memorial Gardens  
1591 Gadsden Hwy  
Birmingham, AL 35235

# Tribute Wall

AD

“ Lynne and family... I am so very sorry for your great loss but know that Jack is in His presence at this very moment.

Adrienne - March 10, 2025 at 04:48 PM

MW

“ Mike W. planted a grove of 3 [Memorial Trees](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Coach Jack Burton.

Mike W. - March 05, 2025 at 03:59 PM

MW

“ Jack refereed my championship match in 1973, my last match in HS!! We will all miss him and his contribution AL HS wrestling  
Now you can rest in peace my friend!!  
Mike West  
Erwin HS 1973

mike west - March 05, 2025 at 03:55 PM

BB

Jack Burton and myself has some brutal tennis matches I enjoyed playing Jack because of his tenacity with playing the game of singles we had many grinding matches at the swim club in Center Point may you rest in peace Jack Burton you will be missed 🙏🙏

Bill Brown - May 18, 2025 at 09:40 PM

TS

“ So sorry to hear of Coach Burton's passing- sons Corey and Hunter have alot of fond memories on the Hewitt Trussville wrestling team. Prayers for peace and comfort - Greg and Tara Shoop

Tara Shoop - March 04, 2025 at 10:39 AM

DF

“ Davidson and Mastro Families purchased the Simply Elegant S pathiphyllum for the family of Coach Jack Burton.



Davidson and Mastro Families - March 03, 2025 at 03:53 PM



“ *Serene Reflections Bouquet* was purchased for the family of Coach Jack Burton.



March 03, 2025 at 02:24 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Coach Jack Burton.

March 03, 2025 at 02:24 PM

MM

“ *Mark Manning* purchased the *Beautiful in Blue* for the family of Coach Jack Burton.



**Mark Manning** - March 03, 2025 at 01:58 PM

MM

“ *Mark Manning* planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Coach Jack Burton.

**Mark Manning** - March 03, 2025 at 01:58 PM

GV

“ *Ginny Bragan Vardaman* purchased the *Arrive in Style* for the family of Coach Jack Burton.



**Ginny Bragan Vardaman** - March 03, 2025 at 12:18 PM

GV

“ *Ginny Bragan Vardaman* planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Coach Jack Burton.

**Ginny Bragan Vardaman** - March 03, 2025 at 12:18 PM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Coach Jack Burton.



March 03, 2025 at 11:26 AM



“ 107 files added to the album Life Tributes



Deerfoot Memorial Funeral Home - March 03, 2025 at 11:24 AM

LL

“ Love, Your Paddle Up friends for life! purchased the Arrive in Style for the family of Coach Jack Burton.



Love, Your Paddle Up friends for life! - March 02, 2025 at 01:56 PM



“ Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Coach Jack Burton.



March 01, 2025 at 10:14 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Coach Jack Burton.

March 01, 2025 at 10:14 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue* was purchased for the family of Coach Jack Burton.



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March 01, 2025 at 04:33 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Coach Jack Burton.

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March 01, 2025 at 04:33 PM



“ *Tim Windham + Family* purchased the *Arrive in Style* for the family of Coach Jack Burton.



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**Tim Windham + Family** - March 01, 2025 at 02:09 PM