



## Mr. Reese Williamson

June 7, 1953 - June 13, 2022

A visitation for Mr. Reese Williamson, 'Coach Williamson', of Rabbittown, will be on Friday, June 17, 2022 from 5:00 pm – 7:00 pm at Miller Funeral Home.

Reese passed away on June 13, 2022, at the age of 69.

He is survived by his wife, Rhonda Davis Williamson; children, April Barnett (Jason) and Chase Kennedy; grandchildren, Jasey Barnett, Jenna Barnett, Davis Barnett, Evie Barnett; brother, Larry Williamson (Jane); nieces, Beth Bryant, Lara Fagan; mother and father-in-law, Sue and Richard Simmons, and several extended family members and friends.

He is preceded in death by his parents, Alva Reese Williamson Sr. and Dorothy Ford Williamson, and his father-in-law, Tommy 'Coach' Davis.

Reese was born in England and raised in Jacksonville, Alabama. He was a proud graduate of Jacksonville High School 1971, and Jacksonville State University where he received his master's in education.

Reese taught in the Calhoun County School and Oxford School System for 35 years where he touched and impacted the lives of many children. Throughout his career, he taught PE and was a basketball coach. For many years, Reese ran the Oxford City swimming pool.

During his life, Reese was an avid sportsman. He achieved his black belt in karate, was a certified kayak and canoe instructor, enjoyed scuba diving, bow hunting, running, and was in competitive archery. He enjoyed being in the great outdoors, especially at the beach. Reese was passionate about Alabama Football and loved being at and watching the football games.

More than anything in the world, Reese loved being with his family. He enjoyed being with his grandchildren and being active in their sporting and extracurricular activities.

The family would like to extend a heartfelt thank you to Dr. Anthony Esposito, Kindred Hospice, his caretakers: Lovette Shoots, Linda Phipps, and Helena Thompson, the many Gulf Shores friends and neighbors, and to everyone who sent prayers and thoughts to the family during this time.

After his visitation, he will be cremated, and his ashes will be spread at his beloved Rabbittown.

# Previous Events

## Visitation

JUN 17. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

Miller Funeral Home  
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Oxford, AL 36203  
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# Tribute Wall

KG

“ *Enjoyed every day of basketball practice and time spent around Reese. He really inspired me in so many ways. Great coach and person. He will be missed.* ”

Kevin Garrett - July 15, 2022 at 06:44 AM

CB

“ *My Kindergarten students at DeArmanville LOVED Coach! He always had fun activities for them! He'd let the K classes get some extra outside time for our special activities and make sure the older children didn't bother them. It was a joy to work with him! I know he enjoyed his retirement to the fullest! My prayers are with the family!* ”

Connie Brooks - June 17, 2022 at 01:57 PM



“ *196 files added to the album LifeTributes* ”



Miller Funeral Home - June 17, 2022 at 09:47 AM

TA

*Highest respects to Coach Williamson. He had a special talent for teaching students. His students were taught the lesson of compassion and care. Thank you Coach Williamson. Prayer for you precious family. You will surely be irreplaceable in education.*

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**Tangie** - June 21, 2022 at 01:41 AM

CB

“ *Every Friday during football season, Coach would play “Sweet Home Alabama” on the speakers for the students during p.e. He always had the students yell “Roll Tide Roll” while the song was playing. It was priceless! His students loved him, and I enjoyed teaching with him. Coach kept a smile on his face and gave words of encouragement to his fellow teachers.*

*My condolences to his family.  
Cindy Brown*

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**Cindy Brown** - June 16, 2022 at 11:20 PM

TS

“ *Coach Williamson was the greatest coach I ever played for. When he came to DeArmanville in the fall of 1976, he brought with him a new winning attitude and instilled a belief in the players that we could beat any team we played no matter the size of the school. Thank you for the courage and confidence you put into our teenage hearts.*

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**Tim shultz** - June 16, 2022 at 06:38 PM

KG

*I totally agree with what you said. Couch Williamson always had a positive attitude. Great couch and I am honored to have known him.  
R.I.P. Couch*

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**Kevin Garrett** - July 15, 2022 at 06:40 AM

KH

“ Coach you will be deeply missed but never forgotten in my heart. I greatly enjoyed the three years under you playing basketball. The life lessons you gave me still helps me today, from my attitude, weight control and pushing toward a healthier life style mentally and physically. Until we meet again ❤️

Keith Hyatt - June 15, 2022 at 06:38 PM

DK

“ RIH Coach! You will be dearly missed! Class of 83



Debbie Clayton Klein - June 15, 2022 at 05:49 PM

JT

“ RIP Coach . I always have had fun memories of you. You was my basketball coach for 3 years. You help me achieve Co Capt of the team on my final year and you help me with my foot issues. Not only you was a teacher and coach but you was a mentor as well.. you will be missed.

Go DVille Hawks- Class of 89

Jeffrey Thompson - June 15, 2022 at 04:47 PM

LC

“ Mr. Williamson, you were the kindest neighbor to our family. You cheered my boys on when they learned to ride their bikes and you always had a joke or funny story to share. We are blessed to know you and your beautiful family. Lots of love to all of you. ✨

Lacey Childress - June 15, 2022 at 04:40 PM

AR

“ RIP Coach , I never got to play for you . You were always very well respected . We became friends later on in life and I always looked forward to seeing you and you sharing your wisdom with me . Praying for your family . Alan Raughton

Alan Raughton - June 15, 2022 at 04:24 PM

SH

“ I could write a whole book about this gentleman. He taught me PE from the time I was in kindergarten till 9th grade. I learned so much from him💙💙

Sharon - June 15, 2022 at 04:07 PM

PL

“ I remember taking Karate lessons from Coach. He was a wonderful person and an influence in many lives.

Pam Lipscomb - June 15, 2022 at 04:07 PM

AZ

“ RIP Coach. Thank you for being a big impact in my life during my school years. Thank you for always being a shoulder to lean on. You were an amazing man and you will be missed



Amy Zerrusen - June 15, 2022 at 04:03 PM

SB

“ *Sending many thoughts and prayers to coach’s family and friends.* ”



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**Syprina Brown** - June 15, 2022 at 02:59 PM

KP

“ *Kathy Prince lit a candle in memory of Mr. Reese Williamson* ”



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**Kathy Prince** - June 15, 2022 at 02:05 PM