



Ralph Ernest Cummins

January 29, 1925 - June 23, 2014

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RR

“Carolyn and family, I just learned of Coach Cummings passing and am so sorry for your loss. Coach was one fine person and a master at Football. He touched many lives and he was a gentleman's gentleman. I thought the world of him. Randy Rakes Roanoke, Virginia July 17, 2014”

Randy Rakes - July 17, 2014 at 01:29 PM

JB

“In addition to playing football (57-61) I was in several of his classes. I looked forward to them and have always felt his influence shaped my life. I maintained contact and last saw him at his brother's funeral here in Richmond. He was a man of character and integrity. I have lost part of my childhood. To his wife and children. He won't be lonely; they have football in Heaven. All of the gone on before former players have been waiting for him to start practice.”

Jimmy Joe Besseck - June 27, 2014 at 07:37 PM

JB

“Carolyn and Family I am so sorry for your loss. May God comfort you all! You will be in my thoughts and prayers. Mr. Cummins was an amazing man, great coach, and wonderful teacher. He was a man of courage, integrity, and honor. His leadership and sportsmanship qualities were the greatest asset to Clintwood High School and the Green Wave football team. He was also a great American Veteran. God bless you all.”

John Baker - June 27, 2014 at 01:21 PM

AF

“So Sorry for your loss”

Ashley France - June 27, 2014 at 11:34 AM

JS

“I graduated from Clintwood High in 1964. I had Coach Cummins for a class and I have always remembered his talk about economics. One example was soap and how he explained that one big company makes the soap and sales it to different soap company. Then the different companies just label it with their name and charge a hugh price. I often think of this when I am searching for a brand name today and several off brands have the same product. It was something that stuck with me all these years. He meant more to the alumni of Clintwood High students than I suppose he ever realized. How were we so fortunate to have him as a teacher, and a coach in our small town. God Bless!”

Jane Moore Sexton - June 26, 2014 at 11:30 PM

FM

“Coach Cummins, to many of us, was more than a coach. I, less than a lot of people, got to know him a bit over the years, and appreciated the knowledge, humor and class that he had. If more of us could be as well-rounded as he was, the world would be a far better place. My prayers and thoughts go up to the family and in particular Mrs. Cummins, I know that they are feeling a great loss, but I would just like to thank them for allowing us to share Coach Cummins with us.”

Freddy McCowan - June 26, 2014 at 06:46 PM

LS

“My prayers go out to this wonderful family. My greatest memories are of the amazing Friday night football games at Ralph Cummins Stadium. The closeness of our students, players, band members, community and fans still rings in my ears with the loud crowd cheers as the Green Waves entered the field. Ralph Cummins made that possible for all us. He was an inspiration to me and my brother Adam or better known as "Blue". A very respected coach, teacher and man! God Bless you.”

Lola Mullins Sturgill - June 26, 2014 at 06:32 PM

JO

“Carolyn and Family - We are sad to know of Ralph's passing from this world. Be sure of our love and prayers. Joanna and Russell Owens”

Joanna Owens - June 26, 2014 at 06:11 PM

IM

“Carolyn and family you all will be in my prayers. May God comfort you all at this time! Coach Cummins was a wonderful person, teacher, coach, mentor and friend. He was an influential figure at Clintwood high school and to the coaching community. Coach Cummins taught his players encouragement, sportsmanship and teamwork. He is truly a legend and will always be remembered.”

Irvine Mullins - June 26, 2014 at 01:18 PM

IN

“Knowing Claudia (and family), Catherine, Chris (and family) and Charles, our thoughts and prayers are with you and the rest of the Cummins Family during this time. We were saddened to hear that Mr. Cummins had passed away, but know that his memories will be forever in your hearts. Dave and Donna Tiller”

in - June 26, 2014 at 12:29 PM

GC

“We all know about Coach Cummins accomplishments in football and in the process teaching life lessons to all his players. At the end of the day, he taught us to do the right thing. So simple yet so powerful. Coach made a big difference in my life at a time when it was sorely needed. Along with being a great football mind, he was also a great Teacher. Anyone who can get a boy from Georges Fork interested in the European Renaissance can really teach! Deepest sympathy to Mrs. Cummins and the generations that followed. Please know that his legacy lives on in many.”

Gary Cox - June 25, 2014 at 03:47 PM

RW

“Cheryl and Family, So sorry to hear about your Father. Everyone knows he was a Legend at Clintwood High School with all of his Football accomplishments with our TEAM. RIP Coach Cummins.”

Roger & Patty Wright - June 25, 2014 at 01:27 PM

FL

“It is so sad to hear of Mr. Cummins. passing. He was a fantastic coach and a wonderful teacher. RIP, Mr. Cummins.”

Freda Light - June 25, 2014 at 10:21 AM

RL

“I will miss Ralph, however, I will always cherish the many memories of the conversations we had during Ralph & Carolyn's annual cookouts and in our church. Although I never participated in school sports, Ralph & I shared the love of a good read. We shared many books through the years and shared a love of history. Both of us being veterans, Ralph shared many events of his service during WW!!. I noticed he was having trouble walking after morning worship services last winter. He told me that his feet were frostbitten during the war and walking was very painful during the cold weather. See you soon on the other side of the river, brother!”

Roger Large - June 25, 2014 at 08:40 AM

KM

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Ken and Betty McCowan - June 25, 2014 at 12:33 AM

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Ken and Betty McCowan - June 25, 2014 at 12:32 AM

DJ

“He was a great friend to me for some years and always supported me in whatever I attempted. He will be missed by all who knew him and I have lost a great friend. May God be with you all at this time and forever more.”

Donny Jenkins - June 24, 2014 at 11:11 PM

PP

“My favorite memories of Coach are the Clintwood United Methodist Church picnics we held in the Cummin's back yard. I also remember the steaks that coach cooked on the grill. No one could fix a steak like coach. I asked him once "How do you decide if a player makes the team or not". Coach said I do not determine that, the player is the one that determines that. Coach never gave up on any one. He had a way about him that brought out the best in everyone he met. During some of the toughest days of my life, coach reminded me that everyone gets knocked down. The secret to winning is to always get back up when life knocks you down. Coach, thank you for the life lessons. You are my hero.”

Pastor John Price - June 24, 2014 at 11:03 PM

KP

“We have lost a great man and friend. proud to have known him for long time. we will miss him at church. and he will be missed by everyone that knew him. he was one of a kind and well liked by all. one could sit and listen to him talk all day . Rest In Peace Ralph. to carolyn and family you all will be in our prayers. may god comfort you at this time. we love you all.”

kerry & punyon phipps - June 24, 2014 at 07:28 PM