



Herman Ray Hardin

November 4, 1952 - March 6, 2022

Herman Ray Hardin, age 69, passed peacefully in his sleep early Sunday, March 6, 2022. Herman was born in DeLeon, Texas on November 4, 1952 to Herman Joseph and Opal Pearl (Eades) Hardin. Herman, a proud DeLeon Bearcat, graduated in 1971 with many honors, including national recognition as ranking in the top 2% of the country's high school junior and senior classes. Herman is a National Merit Scholar and is listed in the 1970 Who's Who among American High School Students. Herman lettered freshman through senior year in football and basketball, sophomore through senior year in track, was senior Football Captain and made the All-District Basketball team junior and senior years. Herman discovered his calling to coach in DeLeon before the age of twenty. When he moved his family to Moore County he continued to coach every time the opportunity presented itself, coaching the sports his children participated in, along with AAU athletics. Herman was an electrician at AEDC Air Force Base in Tullahoma until he was offered the position as the Lady Falcons Basketball coach at Lincoln County High School in Fayetteville, Tennessee, where he taught Career Management Success and Personal Finance. Coaching was Herman's passion, he loved it and he loved his players. To quote a colleague, "Coach Hardin is the winningest basketball coach in Lincoln County High School history."

He is preceded in death by his sister, Judy Hardin.

Herman is survived by his wife Michele Lawson Hardin; daughter Tricia (Doug) Davis of Fort Worth, TX, son Heath Hardin of Smyrna, TN, grandsons

Bryce McCoy, Tyler McCoy, Alexander Loboazzo, and Andrew Davis and granddaughters Kaitlyn McCoy (deceased) and Rocksea Hardin; sisters Mary Ann Alix and Linda Sue Flora of Delon, TX and many adoring nieces and nephews.

Visitation with the family is Saturday, March 19, 2022 from 2:00 to 4:00pm at Lynchburg Funeral Home, Memorial Service following at 4:00pm. Herman's wish was for his ashes to be scattered under the live oak trees on his parent's home place in Texas.

Previous Events

Visitation

MAR 19. 2:00 PM - 4:00 PM (CT)

Lynchburg Funeral Home
1630 Fayetteville Hwy
Lynchburg, TN 37352
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lynchburgfuneralhome@yahoo.com

Memorial Service

MAR 19. 4:00 PM (CT)

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Tribute Wall



“ *I was sorry to hear about Coach Hardin's passing. He was my high school personal finance teacher. He was friendly. I was one of the first in my class to get done with the assignments, and he would regularly let me leave class early to go to the library with some of my friends.*

Matthew - August 23, 2023 at 03:01 PM



“ *Herman Ray Hardin*

January 28, 2023 at 10:24 AM

“ Only this past weekend did I learn of my beloved brother Herman's passing last March. As others who knew him well have already written, Herman was a giant of a man, both physically and in his gregarious and big-hearted personality.

I first met Herman on the UT-Austin Gregory Gym hardwoods where we battled underneath the basket in bruising pick-up basketball games. At the time, summer 1970, Herman was representing DeLeon and me Belton at Texas Boys State. In that short week we became bosom buddies all the while remarking at how similar we appeared as if we were indeed biological brothers.

Less than two and one-half years later in January 1973, by happenstance we became sophomore college roommates at Howard Payne University. Herman was quite the roommate that spring, regaling me with nonstop stories of his exploits as a DeLeon Bearcat and as a North Texas State freshman QB football player. Invariably Herman accented his tales with expressions like "that was cold, George!" and "that was coldblooded, George!" And when I tried to coax him out of bed and get to class, he would bellow "ahh George" and tumble to one side, pulling his blanket over him.

He delighted in taking me to DeLeon to meet his parents and see the Hardin family farm. Got to meet terrific high school buddies of his as well and traveled with several of them to his wedding in Amarillo. Sadly, if I remember correctly, the day before his grandmother passed. At the wake, family and friends mistook me for Herman -- that is how close we resembled each other.

The wedding in Amarillo was a wonderful celebration. Unfortunately, as happens too often, Herman and I went our separate ways and never saw each other again. Just a tremendous loss for me as I truly cherished him.

Judging from what others wrote, Herman had a tremendous impact on the young people of Lincoln County, especially the Lady Falcons

basketball team of Lincoln County High School. I'm sure his players, their parents, and the entire LCHS community cherished Coach Hardin.

It was a tremendous blessing knowing him and being his friend and roommate if but for a short period in our lives.

*George Aldridge
Belton, Texas
October 31, 2022*

George Aldridge - October 31, 2022 at 12:53 PM

SH

“ *Shelia & Scott Holden lit a candle in memory of Herman Ray Hardin*



Shelia & Scott Holden - March 22, 2022 at 12:27 AM

JR

“ After hearing about Herman's passing, I started thinking back over our time in school together in De Leon, Texas. I don't really recall having any particular classmate who was more of a favorite than others until about the third or fourth grade, and Herman was one of the first ones in that category. One fond memory I have occurred one cold winter day when we were in the fourth grade. Since it was so cold, and there was snow on the ground, it had been decided that students should remain inside during the normal outside recess times. Herman, Lanny Spruill, and I were sort of a trio of friends at that time, and we were making the most of recess as best we could inside the classroom. I don't recall what we were doing, but I remember our teacher, Miss Katy Kuhn, suddenly suggesting very strongly that the three of us should go outside and "cool off". We put on our coats, tucked our tails between our legs, and headed outside. We hadn't walked too far from the door when we heard a sound behind us, turned around, and saw a couple of other guys from class coming out the door; followed soon by two or three more, and so on, until all the boys in class were outside, having a great time in the snow!

Jackie Robinett - March 19, 2022 at 06:15 PM

JJ

“ The Jeffries family was saddened to hear of the passing of Coach Hardin. He will be sorely missed by family and friends. I think back to all of our golf experiences including the co-planning of the yearly fund raiser for the basketball teams. A lot of "firsts" occurred during his coaching era with the Lincoln County girls' basketball program. At the top of the list would be the THREE wins in a single season over the powerhouse Shelbyville Eaglettes. We attribute our daughter's strong work ethic to Herman's coaching techniques especially with regard to discipline and high expectations. Heaven is rejoicing....they have just filled a new coaching position.

John Jeffries - March 18, 2022 at 02:03 PM



“ *Basket of Memories was purchased for the family of Herman Ray Hardin.*



March 16, 2022 at 12:18 PM



“ *Rainbow Of Remembrance Spray was purchased for the family of Herman Ray Hardin.*



March 16, 2022 at 11:24 AM



“ *I believe the greatest quarterback to come out of De Leon Tx High School. His family and mine were all close knit. God bless his family. Oske Wow Wow De Leon*

Glen Davis - March 14, 2022 at 09:57 PM



“ *This gentle giant of a man was a true gentleman, classmate, teammate and friend. He loved every team and player he every coached and wanted every player to be the best they could be both on and off the court. His infectious smile, personality and care of others might be his greatest legacy. I will always remember our last visit at my house; one that lasted over two hours. Family and friends, you have so much to be proud of. Rest in peace my friend.*

Mike Huddleston - March 14, 2022 at 09:53 PM

KW

“ Herman was an outstanding guy. Went to school with him all 12 years in DeLeon. Easy going, funny and super smart in class. Great at sports, all round class mate. Prayers for the family. Kathy Johnson Class of 71.

Kathy Johnson Webb - March 14, 2022 at 09:08 PM

JS

“ Michele, through good times and tough times, you and Herman were truly a dynamic duo. I have so many fond memories of that gentle giant with a sharp sense of humor and a huge heart. Thank you for being part of my life! I am sending you caring energy for this difficult time. Best wishes, Julianne Stout

Julianne Stout - March 13, 2022 at 10:36 PM

AD

“ Such wonderful memories of us playing on the farm. How sad that after growing up so close to each other, we grew & moved so far apart. You were like my little brother. Playing under that oak tree on the farm and we girls and you having such a time. I miss those days and will certainly miss you!

Ann Moore Decker - March 13, 2022 at 04:09 PM



“ Express Sympathy and Condolences "I Have You in My Heart" with Butterfly Wind Chime was purchased for the family of Herman Ray Hardin.



March 12, 2022 at 02:52 PM

HH

“ Coach Hardin was truly a class person. He loved working with kids and was a tremendous role model. He was a good friend and will be missed by many people. He loved his family. My prayers are with his family. God Bless the Hardin family.

Herb Horton - March 11, 2022 at 10:43 PM

BH

“ My condolences and comfort to the Herman Hardin family and friends.💔 Herman and I played softball together and remained friends afterwards. He will be sadly missed. Rest in Peace my friend!!

Bobby Henderson - March 10, 2022 at 11:27 PM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Herman Ray Hardin.



March 10, 2022 at 01:01 PM

WF

“ With love, Your TN Team Pride family purchased the A New Sunrise Spray for the family of Herman Ray Hardin.



With love, Your TN Team Pride family - March 10, 2022 at 11:45 AM

GS

“ Oh, Michele, I am so very sorry for your loss. I can't even imagine the depth of your grief with losing Herman so soon after your mom. Sending you love and hugs through the air. Gwen Spain



Gwen Spain - March 09, 2022 at 02:13 PM