



## Michael "Coach Holt" Holt

April 14, 1956 - August 15, 2021

Michael Paul Holt, "Coach Holt" age 65 of Lynchburg passed away suddenly Sunday, August 15, 2021. He was born April 14, 1956, in Decatur, Indiana to the late Charles and Mary Lou Holt. Besides his parents he is also preceded in death by his brother, Steve Holt.

The family will receive friends Friday, August 20th from 2 p.m. – 6 p.m. and Saturday, August 21st from 10 a.m. – 2 p.m. at Lynchburg Funeral Home. Funeral service will be held at 2 p.m. in the chapel of Lynchburg Funeral Home Saturday, August 21, 2021. Interment will follow in Smith Chapel Cemetery.

Coach Holt started his love of basketball at a very young age with his Father. Coach played high school sports where he ran track and played basketball. He attended Motlow College on a basketball scholarship and earned an Associate's Degree. Coach Holt then started his Bachelor's Degree at Ball State University, in Muncie IN where he was active refereeing multiple inter squad teams. He met the love of his life and married Mary (Okuly) Holt on June 19, 1982. He then finished his degree at Black Hills University in Spearfish, SD. He started his coaching career at Faith High School in Faith, South Dakota where he was an assistant girls basketball coach, head boys basketball coach, assistant track coach and taught computer science. Coach Holt moved to Wisconsin to work on his Master's Degree in Education and was an assistant men's basketball coach under Bo Ryan at UW-Platteville, WI. The family moved to Tullahoma, TN for a year then Lynchburg, TN where

he was the women's basketball coach at Motlow State Community College. Coach Holt was and assistant women's softball coach and later became head coach. He was also the women's head basketball coach. He coached many young people in Little League, Junior Pro, and AAU. Coach Holt then went to Lincoln County High School where he was a teacher, assistant principal, athletic director and head boy's basketball coach. Coach Holt went to Grundy County High School and taught wellness and physical education and was head coach of the boy's basketball program. Coach Holt was assistant boy's basketball coach at Tullahoma High School. Next, Coach was employed by Franklin County High School where he was a teacher and was head coach of both girl's softball and boy's basketball programs. Coach Holt was a family man that was extremely proud of his two sons, Josh and Zach. He loved his grandchildren and learning about their sports adventures.

Coach Holt is survived by his wife of 39 years, Mary Kay Holt; sons, Josh (Lara) and Zach (Jennifer McElyea); grandchildren Logan and Kylee Holt; brothers Ron (Cindy) Holt and Larry Holt (Randy); and beloved nephews and nieces Jesse, Casey, Jenny and Jamie.

# Cemetery Details

## Smith Chapel Cemetery

Hilltop Circle  
Lynchburg, TN 37352

# Previous Events

## Visitation

**AUG 20.** 2:00 PM - 6:00 PM (CT)

Lynchburg Funeral Home  
1630 Fayetteville Hwy  
Lynchburg, TN 37352  
(931) 759-4444  
lynchburgfuneralhome@yahoo.com

## Visitation

**AUG 21.** 10:00 AM - 2:00 PM (CT)

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## Funeral Service

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# Tribute Wall



“ *Michael "Coach Holt" Holt*

January 28, 2023 at 10:24 AM



“ *Praying for family*

**Bobby Sharp** - August 20, 2021 at 08:26 PM



“ *Blue Caribbean Bouquet was purchased for the family of Michael "Coach Holt" Holt.*



August 20, 2021 at 10:07 AM



“ *My condolences to Coach Holt's family. My husband, Barry, taught at FCHS with Coach Holt until his passing last year. Barry was always telling some funny story he and Coach Holt had shared. I will be thinking of you all during the difficult days ahead.*

**Cindy Slack West** - August 19, 2021 at 12:02 PM



“ *Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Michael "Coach Holt" Holt.*



August 19, 2021 at 11:35 AM

GB

“ Mike "Pork" and I were teammates and good Buds in high school and roomed together at Ball State. We spent a lot of time together then and made fond memories, to many to mention. My heart aches for Mike's Family (Mary, Josh, Zach, Ron, Larry and Families) as they grieve their loss. I'll miss you Bro.

God's blessings.

Gil

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**Gil Bearman** - August 19, 2021 at 10:31 AM

VN

“ I first met Coach Holt when I began teaching at Lincoln County High School. Coach was the Assistant Principal and had a larger than life personality. I remember eating lunch with him and listening to him tell one story after another. He was very entertaining and it became apparent to me that he had a great love for basketball. He truly loved the game and the many players he coached over the years. I transferred to Grundy County High School and a few years later Coach showed up there. It was there where I met and married my first husband Shawn "Shaq" DiGianfelice. Coach Holt and Shawn were friends from back in the Motlow Days. Shawn thought the world of Coach Holt and was a constant figure in our lives. He was Shawn's best man in our wedding. He had a heart of gold and went above and beyond for his players and friends. I remember watching teams at Grundy under his leadership. He really brought out teams potential. I can still feel the excitement in the packed gym when Grundy went to the sub state. Coach was humble always giving the players the credit. He was a very talented man and has made positive impressions on many students over the years. He was taken way too soon and he will be sadly missed. Prayers for Mary, Josh, Zach and his many friends and family.



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**Valerie Sitz Nunley** - August 19, 2021 at 04:07 AM



“ 5.5" EBN Kneeling & Praying Angel was purchased for the family of Michael "Coach Holt" Holt.



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August 18, 2021 at 11:08 PM



“ To the family of Mike Holt,  
You have my deepest sympathy on the loss of your husband, father and grandfather. Mike was always enjoyable to talk with, he had some of the greatest stories. He will be missed greatly.  
Jeff Kiess

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**Jeff Kiess** - August 18, 2021 at 08:27 PM



“ Coach Holt was a good man. I met him when I worked at the Elk Valley Times in Fayetteville my first real newspaper job. I remember he knew the rule book back and front and really could take an official to task. To his son Zach, I wish you much luck and success at Franklin County High School. Your father will be proud of whatever you accomplish and Josh as well. I hope the Lord can comfort you in the coming days and weeks and that your friends will be around to comfort you during this time.  
Jeff Neal

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**Jeff Neal** - August 18, 2021 at 05:44 PM



“ *Crystal Cross Bouquet was purchased for the family of Michael "Coach Holt" Holt.*



August 18, 2021 at 03:13 PM



“ *Frances Henderson lit a candle in memory of Michael "Coach Holt" Holt*



**Frances Henderson** - August 18, 2021 at 02:17 PM



“ *Florist Choice Bouquet was purchased for the family of Michael "Coach Holt" Holt.*



August 18, 2021 at 12:38 PM



“ *He was a great fraternity (Theta Chi) brother at Ball State, a great friend and sounds like an even better dad/husband/coach. Likely he was instrumental in a lot of young people's lives as well. At BSU, he was "Porky" to us, the same as his dad was to so many. The stories and fun times are too many to tell. I'll miss ya Pork!*

*Tim Hummel*

**Tim Hummel** - August 18, 2021 at 11:40 AM

VE

“ *Coach Holt was a very good man. He has touched so many lives in a positive way. He will definitely be missed by all the knew him.*



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**Vickie Emmons** - August 18, 2021 at 10:28 AM

SH

“ *Shelia Holden lit a candle in memory of Michael "Coach Holt" Holt*



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**Shelia Holden** - August 17, 2021 at 11:41 PM

LH

“ To my little brother Mike: I will never forget our childhood pranks. "Water works" was a nickname of Mike's when he was picked on by his older brothers because we made him cry. On a Florida vacation from Indiana, I wrote on my etch a sketch: "Mike is a nut." When Mike tried to read what I wrote by leaning in, I shook my etch a sketch to erase the message and chipped his tooth. I will never forget Mike, Mary, and little Josh, and Zach living in Cuba City, Wisconsin when I was a professor at UW-Platteville. Mike got his master's degree at UW-Platteville and worked with Coach Bo Ryan. Mike inherited his love of coaching from our father Coach, Porky Holt. Mike always had a bigger than life laugh. Always happy, always wanting to help his players and students he coached. Mike, a devoted husband, fantastic father, and a person who never stopped giving to others. A life taken to soon. You will be missed. RIP

Love, Larry

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Larry Holt - August 17, 2021 at 10:46 PM



“ Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Michael "Coach Holt" Holt.



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August 17, 2021 at 10:04 PM

AB

“ I remember Coach Holt from his days at UW-Platteville. He was one to be seen smiling that big smile of his and was always trying to be the best advocate for the players that he could be. Of course, I will always remember him singing "Rocky Top Tennessee." Rest easy, Coach Holt. ~ Angie Boldt

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**Angie Boldt** - August 17, 2021 at 09:31 PM

BS

*I met coach Holt and his family when I started work at Motlow and made a friend at that moment. Praying for the family.*

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**Bobby Sharp** - August 18, 2021 at 05:47 PM

PW

*I ran high school cross country and track with Mike. He always gave it all he had and had the results to prove it. Obviously, he lived his whole life in the same manner. Love and prayers for Mike, Mary and their family. God Bless.*

*Phil Wyss*

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**Philip Wyss** - August 31, 2021 at 11:16 PM