



Kem Allen Race

February 4, 1955 - March 14, 2015

Kem “Coach” Race, 60, of Blanch NC, passed away on March 14, 2015.

As a coach, mentor and counselor he was known for leading young athletes to acquire their championship goals on and off the mat. His lifelong impact on the sports of wrestling and Mixed Martial Arts spans South Boston, Eden, and Danville. Kem went the distance in everything he encountered and was inspiring to many in the community. He served in the 82nd Airborne at Fort Bragg, and earned a Master’s Degree in Social Work.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Dale and Judy, and is survived by his wife, Phyllis, two sons, Lucas and Caleb, two brothers, Kirk and Kipp, and four grandchildren, Austin Edwards, Wyatt, Eli, and Alivia Race.

A memorial service will be conducted on Saturday, March 21, 2015 at 11:00 a.m. at the Wrenn-Yeatts Westover Chapel with Mr. Jason Rierson officiating. Military Honors will be conducted by the US Army and the American Legion Dan River Post 1097. The family will receive friends following the service.

In lieu of flowers, the family is asking that contributions be made to Brightstar Grappling and Weight Lifting Club.

Wrenn-Yeatts Westover Chapel is respectfully serving the Race family.

Previous Events

Celebration Of Life

MAR 21. 11:00 AM (ET)

Wrenn-Yeatts Westover Chapel
5858 Riverside Drive
Danville, VA 24541
(434) 793-5511
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Visitation

MAR 21. 11:30 AM (ET)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Run free and be majestic in the Universal flow of the cosmos. Your beauty shines.*
Mary

Mary Pruitt - March 25, 2015 at 11:10 PM



“ *Phyllis and family, I am so sorry for your loss and will keep you in my prayers.* *Sandra (Kralicek) Cook*

Sandra Cook - March 21, 2015 at 11:39 AM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Kem Allen Race.*



March 20, 2015 at 03:45 PM



“ *Morehead Wrestling Community purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Kem Allen Race.*



Morehead Wrestling Community - March 20, 2015 at 09:01 AM

SH

“ *Sande Huemoeller lit a candle in memory of Kem Allen Race*



Sande Huemoeller - March 20, 2015 at 06:09 AM

SH

I worked at SVMHI during the time Kem was doing his master's degree internship. He was an inspiration to both staff & patients. I am terribly sorry for your loss. The wound this creates does NOT go away, but with JESUS & time it's pain not as surface raw. When my husband recently went to JESUS my daughter sent this tidbit off a headstone in Ireland i believe. It spoke volumes to my heart and still does. " Death leaves a wound no one can heal, but LOVE creates a memory no one can steal". Again, i truly am sorry for your loss. May the GOD of ALL comfort enfold you in HIS loving arms, as you find rest for your soul.

Sande Huemoeller - March 20, 2015 at 06:22 AM

GG

“ *GARY, THERESA & LITTLE GARY purchased the Strength & Solace Spray for the family of Kem Allen Race.*



GARY, THERESA & LITTLE GARY - March 19, 2015 at 08:19 PM

PM

“ To Phyllis, Lucas, Caleb, and the entire Race Family:

We cannot begin to express all our sympathy at this sad time. Our most treasured memories of Kem are our family get-togethers with the kids when they were little: swimming in our pool, holiday parties (especially Halloween), and hayrides. The most memorable was caroling with Kem driving the tractor around our rural neighborhood as we sang Christmas carols, sitting on hay bales on the trailer. As we recall, there were 3 generations of us, and it was truly a beautiful time!

Kem will be missed by so many friends, due to his many activities and love for young people. He never let his disability stop him from raising his family, completing his education, and staying involved with his community. We don't believe Kem was a stranger to anyone, and he will live on in the memory of and through his positive influence on each person who had the pleasure of knowing him.

Our whole family is very sorry for your loss.

With love from Pat, Bill, and the McGown-Thompson Family

Pat McGown - March 19, 2015 at 11:30 AM

GM

“ Kem,
It is hard to believe that it has been forty seven years since we first meet in junior high school. Over those years I have meet a lot of really good people, but I must be honest when I say none of them had as many good traits all wrapped up in one person as you. You were always honest, loyal, willing to help your fellow man, and put others before yourself. I know that you were a great husband, father, grandfather, son, brother, friend, and mentor to so many people. I will reflect on all of the good, and a few of the not so good times that we had together, and I will never forget them my friend. I will have an empty space in my world without you in it, but I have faith in God that we will see each other again down the road. I love you my brother. Rest in peace.
Gary L. McMillen

Gary L. McMillen - March 19, 2015 at 12:09 AM

SW

“ Kem,
There was a lot of distance between us, but you were never forgotten. Sending my condolences to your family, wishing I could be there with them.
Cousin,
Sandy Winsett



Sandy Winsett - March 18, 2015 at 11:24 AM

PA

Our heartfelt sorrow for your family. We will treasure Kem's and your friendship through all the years of wrestling with Kiley and Caleb. We will miss him. Love to all.

Pam Armstrong - March 20, 2015 at 12:12 PM

SW

“ 1 file added to the album Cousins



Sandy Winsett - March 18, 2015 at 11:21 AM

DS

“ Debra Smith lit a candle in memory of Kem
Allen Race



Debra Smith - March 16, 2015 at 11:03 PM