

Mr. Jerry Cospers Crawford

November 23, 1934 - December 30, 2015

Jerry Cospers Crawford, age 81, of Bowdon, Georgia, passed away on December 30, 2015. He was a member of Bowdon Baptist Church. He was born in Randolph County, Alabama on November 23, 1934, the son of Loy H. Crawford Sr. and Essie Fay Crawford. He graduated from Woodland High School in 1953. He attended West Georgia College from 1954 to 1956 where he played college basketball. He received his B.S. Degree from Jacksonville State University in 1958, and also completed his Master of Education Degree there in 1965. He taught Biology at Bowdon High School and affectionately became known as "The Frog." He also taught P.E. and coached the boys and girls basketball teams at Bowdon High School from 1957 to 1960. He then taught high school Biology and was the Head Varsity Football and Basketball Coach for Tallapoosa City School from 1960 to 1963. He was also the summer Recreation Director.

He returned to Bowdon High School in 1964, where he coached high school basketball and was an assistant football coach. He was the Recreation Director in Bowdon from 1964 to 1966. He was the Assistant Principal for Bowdon High School from 1969 to 1972, and was Principal from 1972 to 1978. In 1979, he transferred to Bowdon Elementary in Administration, where he remained until his retirement in 1990.

He was a member of G.A.E., a member of P.A.G.E., a member of N.E.A., and a past member of Carroll County Retired Teachers Association.

He was a member of Bowdon Baptist Church since 1959, a past member of

the Fellowship Sunday School Class, and a past Superintendent of the Young Peoples Class.

He was a member of Bowdon Lions Club, holding several offices – Secretary, Treasurer, and a past Lions President.

He coached Bowdon Baptist Tri-Hi-Y boys' basketball in 1992 and 1993.

He was a member of the Bowdon Area Historical Society.

He enjoyed cattle farming on his farm, and playing his guitar. His grandchildren were his pride and joy. He loved spending time with them. Besides his parents he was preceded in death by his brother, Larry Joe Crawford in 1982, and his sister-in-law, Faye Crawford in 2001, of Douglasville, Georgia.

Survivors include his high school sweetheart, Wynelle Smith Crawford, whom he married November 16, 1956; sons and daughters-in-law, Keith and Peggy Crawford and Kevin and Tiffany Crawford; grandchildren, Brianna Crawford and Logan Crawford; two step-grandchildren, Jeff Styles and Diane Styles Smith; four great step-grandchildren, Eli Durham-Styles, Lucas Durham-Styles, Payton Smith and Anna Smith; and one brother, Loy H. Crawford and his wife, Lou.

Those servicing as pallbearers will be Logan Crawford, Neal Crawford, Paul Crawford, Steve Crawford, Randy Smith and Rick Norton.

Family will receive friends for visitation on Saturday morning January 2nd, 2016 at 10:00am. The Funeral services will also be Saturday morning January 2nd, 2016 at 12:00 noon. Both services will be held at Rainwater Funeral Home, Bowdon, Georgia. Graveside services will be held at Pine Hill Christian Church Cemetery in Graham Alabama following funeral.

Cemetery Details

Pine Hill Christian Church Cemetery

4014 County Road 92
Graham, AL 36263

Previous Events

Visitation

JAN 2. 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM (ET)

Rainwater Funeral Home
317 North Carroll Street
Bowdon, GA 30108
(770) 258-7239
info@rainwaterfuneralhome.com
<https://www.rainwaterfuneralhome.com>

Funeral Service

JAN 2. 12:00 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall

JT

“ I cant believe it has been almost a year and i just found out that Jerry is gone. I remember many times as a little girl going to Aunt Fay and Uncle Loy's and Jerry would carry me on his shoulders down to see the new baby chicks! He took me on rides on the tractor! Special memories. Love and condolences from Sharon Cospert Truitt.



Jacqueline Sharon Cospert Truitt - October 29, 2016 at 09:11 AM

AA

“ Ann Anderson lit a candle in memory of Mr. Jerry Cospert Crawford



Ann Anderson - January 07, 2016 at 09:04 PM

MN

“ One of the sweetest men I had a privilege of knowing, as well as his sweet wife! Prayers going out to you Ms. Wyllene and family during ths time. i



Melinda Cole Newton - January 06, 2016 at 10:09 PM

KS

“ *Kenneth & Gita Spratlin lit a candle in memory of Mr. Jerry Cospers Crawford*



Kenneth & Gita Spratlin - January 03, 2016 at 02:50 PM

KS

“ *Your family is in our prayers. May the Lord provide comfort and peace. Kenneth & Gita Spratlin*

Kenneth & Gita Spratlin - January 03, 2016 at 02:49 PM

ML

“ *Very Sorry about his passing. He was a very good Principal during high school. I remember when Jerry, my dad and some other would meet up to play their guitars on the weekend. Ya'll will be in our prayers. Mark Lolley and family*

MARK W. LOLLEY - January 02, 2016 at 10:37 AM

AW

“ *A great friend and colleague who will leave a wonderful legacy! Jerry will be missed by all of us!*

Anthony Wilkins

Anthony Wilkins - January 02, 2016 at 09:53 AM

PA

“ *Patty Akin lit a candle in memory of Mr. Jerry Cospers Crawford*



Patty Akin - January 02, 2016 at 06:15 AM

D6

“ *Denver Morgan Class Of 64 lit a candle in memory of Mr. Jerry Cospers Crawford*



Denver Morgan Class of 64 - January 01, 2016 at 10:37 PM

D6

“ *Deepest sympathy ! Coach Crawford influenced my life . Positive role model and excellent teacher- coach. Proud to have played for COACH . God Bless*

Denver Morgan Class of 64 - January 01, 2016 at 10:30 PM



“ *So sorry to hear about Jerry's passing
God Bless
Carolyn Henderson*

Carolyn Henderson - January 01, 2016 at 09:32 PM

CA

“ Wynelle, Keith, and Kevin,
So sorry to hear about Jerry's passing and you guys are in our
prayers
God Bless,
Carolyn, Tony, Tim and Jeff Henderson

Carolyn - January 01, 2016 at 09:28 PM

BR

“ Barbara And Scottie Rollins lit a candle in
memory of Mr. Jerry Cospers Crawford



Barbara and Scottie Rollins - January 01, 2016 at 07:31 PM

BH

“ Brenda Hilton lit a candle in memory of Mr.
Jerry Cospers Crawford



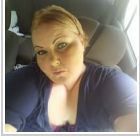
Brenda Hilton - January 01, 2016 at 11:32 AM

MS

“ Always loved Coach Crawford. Your family is
in my thoughts and prayers; love you all!



Madge South - January 01, 2016 at 11:03 AM



“ *Melody Blair lit a candle in memory of Mr. Jerry Cosper Crawford*



Melody Blair - January 01, 2016 at 09:10 AM



“ *Janie & Phillip Meadows lit a candle in memory of Mr. Jerry Cosper Crawford*



Janie & Phillip Meadows - January 01, 2016 at 09:01 AM



“ *Edith Powers lit a candle in memory of Mr. Jerry Cosper Crawford*



Edith Powers - January 01, 2016 at 07:26 AM



“ *Brandy Cheeks lit a candle in memory of Mr. Jerry Cosper Crawford*



Brandy Cheeks - January 01, 2016 at 05:56 AM

CB

“ *My thoughts are with the family. God be with you in this trying time.*



Cynthia Gresham Balazs - January 01, 2016 at 12:29 AM

DK

“ *Debbie Knowles lit a candle in memory of Mr. Jerry Cospers Crawford*



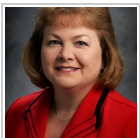
Debbie Knowles - December 31, 2015 at 09:05 PM

NH

“ *Nadine Henderson Henley lit a candle in memory of Mr. Jerry Cospers Crawford*



Nadine Henderson Henley - December 31, 2015 at 09:03 PM



“ *Jane Williams Smith lit a candle in memory of Mr. Jerry Cospers Crawford*



Jane Williams Smith - December 31, 2015 at 08:05 PM

LF

“ *LaDonna Newell Fryar lit a candle in memory of Mr. Jerry Cosper Crawford*



LaDonna Newell Fryar - December 31, 2015 at 07:16 PM

TC

“ *Tommy & Judy Cantrell lit a candle in memory of Mr. Jerry Cosper Crawford*



Tommy & Judy Cantrell - December 31, 2015 at 06:56 PM

SH

“ *Mrs Crawford, Keith, Kevin my prayers are with you. Coach Crawford played an important role in my life as my teacher, coach, friend and neighbor...as a child I was always welcome at your home whether playing football or basketball in your front yard or Mrs Crawford offering something to drink...I'll never forget him saying (whistle) Stanley on the court....May God bless you during these trying times but God is good*

Stan Holloway - December 31, 2015 at 06:51 PM

MG

“ *Maureen Garber lit a candle in memory of Mr. Jerry Cosper Crawford*



Maureen Garber - December 31, 2015 at 06:46 PM

DH

“ Dwight And Sherri Hochstetler lit a candle in memory of Mr. Jerry Cospers Crawford



Dwight and Sherri Hochstetler - December 31, 2015 at 06:44 PM

SG

“ Susan McCaghren Gibbs lit a candle in memory of Mr. Jerry Cospers Crawford



Susan McCaghren Gibbs - December 31, 2015 at 06:33 PM

SE

“ So sorry to hear this. Thinking of you. ...Joe and SueEason.

Sue & Joe Eason - December 31, 2015 at 06:19 PM

VT

“ Velinda Herren Tilton lit a candle in memory of Mr. Jerry Cospers Crawford



Velinda Herren Tilton - December 31, 2015 at 06:05 PM

SS

“ *Sherry Scales lit a candle in memory of Mr. Jerry Cosper Crawford*



Sherry Scales - December 31, 2015 at 06:02 PM

SS

I will really miss Mr. Crawford. He was my basketball coach in 1964-65. Always saw him in Piggly Wiggly and he always, always asked me how I was doing. Our little community will miss his smiling face!

Sherry Scales - December 31, 2015 at 06:07 PM

CJ

“ *Charles&Judie Jackson lit a candle in memory of Mr. Jerry Cosper Crawford*



Charles&Judie Jackson - December 31, 2015 at 05:35 PM

DC

“ I am so sorry to hear of Coach Crawford's passing. He was an educator, mentor, disciplinarian, leader and friend to so many Bowdon High students. I was honored to have had Coach Crawford, Mrs. Roach, Mrs. Brock, Mrs. Williams, Roger Landers, Betty Jane Landers, Warren Powell, Valdena Deas, Winifred English, Coach Phagan, Coach Perkins, Coach Simpkins, Dr Padgett, Mrs Edmondson, Mr Key, and so many more who touched my life and were inspirations to me then and now. I will always love them as they WERE Bowdon High School. Maybe someday I will see Coach Crawford in Heaven and he will play "Teddy Bear" for me to sing one more time. I am praying for the Crawford family during this difficult time.



Dottie Cavender - December 31, 2015 at 05:26 PM

DC

“ I'm so sorry to hear of Coach Crawford's passing. He was a leader, educator, disciplinarian, mentor, friend and wonderful example to so many Bowdon High students. He along with Coach Perkins, Dr Padgett, Warren Powell, Roger Landers, Betty Jane Landers, Winifred English, Mrs Edmondson, Mrs Brock, Mrs. Valdena Deas, MrsRoach, Mrs. Demerval Lovvorn, Mrs Williams, Ms Pearlle Mae Kelly, Coach Phagan and Coach Simpkins and so many more-were my inspirations. I will always love them and am an honored graduate of BHS thanks to them. Maybe one day in Heaven, Coach Crawford will play "Teddy Bear" for me so we can sing together again. I loved him and his whole family. I am praying for the Crawford family during this most difficult time.

Dottie Grizzard Cavender - December 31, 2015 at 05:07 PM