



## Carl Joseph Kuluz

June 1, 1962 - November 27, 2018

Coleman Funeral Home of Olive Branch

Carl Joseph Kuluz, age 56, a proud business owner and long-time resident of Olive Branch, Mississippi died unexpectedly on November 27, 2018 at Methodist Germantown Hospital.

Carl Kuluz was born in Biloxi, Mississippi on June 1, 1962. He graduated from Notre Dame High School in 1980 as a star baseball and football player. In 1980, the baseball team won the State Championship with Carl Kuluz as the winning pitcher in both games of the state finals. Throughout his life, Carl was a passionate tennis player, church member and business owner. He was an active member of Maples Memorial United Methodist Church where he enjoyed serving the church and community with his friends in the Mens Club. Some of Carl's favorite memories were spent on the Mississippi Gulf Coast and on the tennis court with his family and friends.

Carl was preceded in death by his father Peter James Kuluz, Sr., grandparents Vincent (Visco) and Marguerite Kuluz; and Bill and Clara Cosmich; in laws, C.T. and Katherine Gilreath and cousin Matthew Kuluz, Jr.

Carl is survived by his mother Patricia Kuluz; his wife of 28 years, Belinda Gilreath Kuluz; his daughter, Madeline Kuluz and son, Regan Kuluz; his

brothers Peter James Kuluz, Jr., Kenny Kuluz, Tommy (Lynn) Kuluz, Kurt (Laurie) Kuluz, Sr., Kevin (Bridgette) Kuluz and sister Karen Kuluz White. He is also survived by many nieces, nephews, family members and friends.

The family would like to thank Dr. Paxton Dickson, Dr. Brad Somer, Jerry McClarty, RNP and all the nurses and staff of Germantown Methodist Hospital and the West Clinic for the compassionate care they provided.

Visitation will be on Friday, November 30, 2018 from 9am till 11am with a Funeral Service beginning at 11am at Maples Memorial United Methodist Church in Olive Branch, Mississippi. A private burial service will be the following day at Crestlawn Memorial Park in Ocean Springs, Mississippi. A celebration of Carl's life will be held at St. Michael Catholic Church Family Life Center in Biloxi, Mississippi at 11 am, following private burial.

In lieu of flowers the family asks that donations be made to the Olive Branch Food Ministry (662-895-2913) and Maples Memorial United Methodist Church ([www.mapleschurch.org](http://www.mapleschurch.org)).

# Previous Events

## Visitation

NOV **30**. 9:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

Maples Memorial United Methodist Church  
8745 Goodman Road  
Olive Branch, MS 38654

## Funeral Service

NOV **30**. 11:00 AM (CT)

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8745 Goodman Road  
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# Tribute Wall

RG

“ *Patsy and Carl's family. I am sorry you have lost Carl from this earth. I remember him as a small boy when our families got together. He was always friendly and personable. Even if we hadn't seen each other in years, he would smile and welcome me with a hug. There are people on this earth who show us the love God has for each of us. Carl was one of those people. I have prayed for him since I heard he was diagnosed. I am lifting him and you in prayer still. I ask Our Lord to hold him today and give you peace and comfort to know that he is in His arms.*

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**Robin (Mallett) Gannon** - November 30, 2018 at 12:00 PM



“ *Serene Retreat was purchased for the family of Carl Joseph Kuluz.*



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November 29, 2018 at 04:33 PM



“ *Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Carl Joseph Kuluz.*

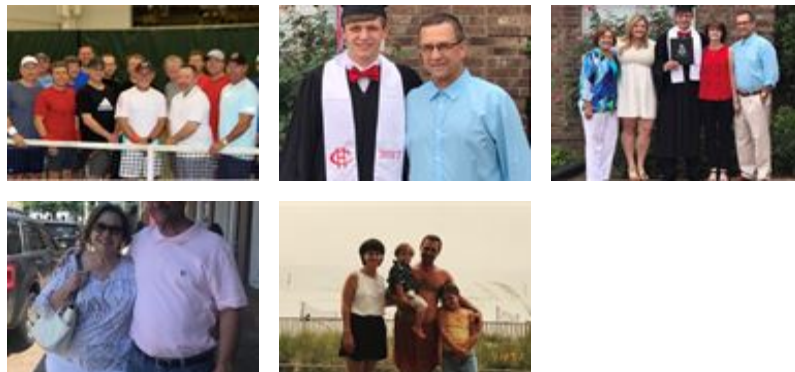


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November 29, 2018 at 03:58 PM



“ 87 files added to the album Life Tributes



Coleman Funeral Home - November 29, 2018 at 12:36 PM

TP

“ Carl was a great man and a faithful follower of Christ. I met Carl well over ten years ago, not long after he opened the Abner's restaurant in Cordova, where I live. My family and friends have dined there more times than I can count. I loved his passion for good food and his love of college football and sports in general. Most of all, I appreciated his humility and serving heart. He regularly offered to cater lunch for my staff at Bott Radio Network/WCRV where I work. He never asked anything for doing this. He just wanted to let us know how much he appreciated the work that we did. That was Carl. I will always love this man and I am comforted knowing where he is and that we will be reunited in glory soon. May God bless his family, the good folks at Maples, and his team at Abner's!

Todd Payne - November 29, 2018 at 10:36 AM

JH

“ Carl was such a kind man and I always enjoyed working with him at Maples. My heart hurts for you Brenda and your family. You will continue to be in my prayers. May God comfort you and cover you with His grace through this difficult time.



Joy Henderson

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**Joy Henderson** - November 29, 2018 at 08:23 AM

GM

“ Patsy and family, my heartfelt condolences to all of you regarding Carl's passing. We certainly don't understand God's Will but we know we are all on God's time. Carl will join Peter for a joyful Christmas. They will be young and whole with no pain or suffering.

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**Georgette Mattina** - November 28, 2018 at 09:21 PM

MB

“ A few years ago, I received a call from Carl and he told me he was new to DeSoto county and wanted to get involved in the local tennis. From that day on, our friendship grew as did our on court time in the USTA league and recreational tennis. Each of my friends contribute a part of their lives to me which in turn makes me a better man.

Carl and I talked tennis, but when life dealt him a difficult hand, he never once complained. The tennis guys kept up with him through group messaging, and instead of talking about the steep hill he had to climb, he talked about his love for his family. He spoke of his unconditional support from Belinda, the happiness watching Regan play baseball, and Madiline's achievements in college. If Carl's bright light had shone, it would have lit 100 Christmas trees. He told me he was going to be ready for league play and we would be back on the court in the spring.

I don't think Carl would mind me sharing one of the last messages I received. It was his typical open loving way. "Feeling pretty good. Been through a couple of procedures to shrink tumor. Just need to be patient. Pray for Belinda. Mike, through suffering I love her more everyday. Not once has she complained. Hope to see you on the courts soon."

We shared stories about life, his father, my family, and he came and supported my son-in-law's band and loved my wife on the keyboards. I've shed tears with the loss of this friend, and there will be a void spot where Carl once stood.

From the group of tennis guys who loved Carl, we made a place for him in our hearts long before God called him home.

Mike Brannon and the tennis men of DeSoto and Tunica County.





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**Michael Brannon** - November 28, 2018 at 09:09 PM

TP

“ *You will be missed greatly brother Carl. You and I had many good times playing tennis at Gulf Hills Racquet Club and I know the Lord will have open arms for you my friend.*

*Prayers for your family*

*Ted Pattison*

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**Ted Pattison** - November 28, 2018 at 08:34 PM

SP

“ *Rest in peace Carl.*

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**Steven Pluff** - November 28, 2018 at 08:07 PM

JN

“ *Julia Nosser purchased the Full Of Love Bouquet for the family of Carl Joseph Kuluz.*



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**Julia Nosser** - November 28, 2018 at 05:17 PM

AC

“ Carl grew up in my neighborhood, down the street from me. He was friends with my children and at my house often. Have not seen him in a couple years but will always remember him Also know his whole family very well. I will keep all of you in my prayers and thoughts.

So sorry..  
*Allene Brown-Chatham*

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**Allene Brown- Chatham** - November 28, 2018 at 04:28 PM

BM

*Patsy, deepest sympathy.*

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**Brenda Mareno** - November 29, 2018 at 11:53 AM



“ Sacred Garden Spray was purchased for the family of Carl Joseph Kuluz.



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November 28, 2018 at 04:04 PM



“ Small Garden Dish was purchased for the family of Carl Joseph Kuluz.



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November 28, 2018 at 03:30 PM



“ *Medium Dish Garden was purchased for the family of Carl Joseph Kuluz.*



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November 28, 2018 at 03:19 PM



“ *Beautiful Dreams was purchased for the family of Carl Joseph Kuluz.*



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November 28, 2018 at 02:54 PM