



David Hunter Manley

July 17, 1957 - January 24, 2021

Coleman Funeral Home of Southaven

David Hunter Manley, 63, passed away peacefully on January 24, 2021, at his home in Southaven, MS, surrounded by his loving family who read scripture and sang hymns to him. David was born July 17, 1957, in Union City, TN, and at the time of his birth he held the record for the biggest baby born at that hospital, weighing just over thirteen (13) pounds.

Mr. Manley met his beloved wife Tony 46 years ago while in high school. As a truly devoted husband, David never stopped dotting on his high school sweetheart and loved her as Christ loves his Church. Together they raised three boys, instilling in them the value of a good name, wise financial stewardship (i.e. how to not spend money), and how to live all of life to the glory of God.

Mr. Manley served as a longtime administrator at Northpoint Christian School (NCS). He began his career with NCS (then called SBEC) in 1978 as an assistant football coach. He went on to be a teacher, coach, principal, headmaster, and president; and in each role he was a real-life embodiment of biblical life principles. His spirit of humble service, integrity, and a disciplined life inspired the NCS faculty and staff he lovingly led, along with the thousands of SBEC/NCS students who both respected and occasionally feared Mr.

Manley. He also served as a Committee Head for TSSAA and a former Chairman of the Board for ACSI.

He retired from Northpoint Christian School after 39 years but remained active as NCS President Emeritus. His legacy continues at Northpoint Christian School through the David H. Manley Golf Tournament and the David H. Manley Scholarship that awards a scholarship to a graduating senior of NCS.

Above all, David genuinely loved Christ, his wife, his children, his grandchildren, Broadway Baptist Church and SBEC/NCS. He will be remembered as being a faithful husband, Godly father, and loving grandfather.

David is preceded in death by his parents, Orville Baxter and Nancy Carolyn Manley.

He is survived by his devoted wife of 43 years, Tonya Manley, of Southaven; his three sons Nick Manley (Maggie) of Southaven, Josh Manley (Jenny) of The United Arab Emirates (UAE), and Kyle Manley (Megan) of Dallas, TX; his sister Carole Hanson of Memphis, TN; his brother Steve Manley of Florida; and eleven grandchildren: Sara Louise Manley and Frances Manley of Southaven; Reeves Manley, Caroline Manley, Miriam Manley, Harper Faith Manley, and George Manley of UAE; Baxter Manley, Betsy Grace Manley, Susanna Manley, and John Daniel Manley of Dallas.

The visitation will be Saturday, January 30, from 4:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. at the NCS Gym on Manley Court. The funeral celebration of David's life will be Sunday, January 31, at 1:30 p.m. at Broadway Baptist Church. Coleman Funeral Home of Southaven is in charge of arrangements.

In lieu of flowers, donations in honor of Mr. Manley may be made to the David H. Manley Scholarship through Northpoint Christian School (<http://weblink.don>

orperfect.com/ManleyScholarship) or to Broadway Baptist Church (<https://broadwaychurch.org/give>).

Online condolences may be left on his Tribute Wall at www.colemanfuneralhome.com.

Cemetery Details

Desoto Memorial Gardens

630 Star Landing Rd E
Southaven, MS 38672

Previous Events

Visitation

JAN **30**. 4:00 PM - 6:00 PM (CT)

Northpoint Christian School
7400 Getwell Road
Southaven , MS 38672

Tribute Wall



“ Coleman Funeral Home of Oxford created a Tribute Video in memory of David Hunter Manley



Coleman Funeral Home - January 28, 2021 at 03:37 PM

TH

He was a man “for such a time as this” at SBEC, and I am thankful to be a part of that time...

Tommie Holbrook - January 28, 2021 at 04:15 PM

EJ

Tony, Nick, Josh and Kyle and your children meant the world to David. I am praying for all of you during this time. Tony, he loved you so much. He told me he knew all of you loved Jesus and that he was so proud of that. I am thankful I had the privilege of teaching the boys. Serving alongside David for 35 years as a teacher and him an Administrator blessed my life. His prayers always brought me closer to God. I love all of you and will continue to pray for you in the days ahead!

Elaine Jenkins - January 30, 2021 at 10:12 PM

CM

“ If I had to choose one word to describe my baby brother, David Manley, it would be, 'Charismatic'. He was an outstanding and profound presence. I always knew that whatever David pursued, he would be at the top of his craft. I was his "Big Sister" however, he was my role model. As his precious granddaughter, Caroline said, "I will miss him." I will miss him, too. Fly high, Sweet Angel.

Carole Baxter Manley

Carole Manley - February 07, 2021 at 01:20 PM

DW

“ David Manley was a very rare human being with whom not many compare. I always admired him and looked up to him. His legacy is and will be for many years outstanding. I was involved with him a good bit by volunteer coaching at SBEC. (then) He sense of fairness was very important to him. And in coaching that sometimes can be hard to do. On a lighter note, when he was coaching his own boys tried to so careful with that, I wanted tell him, David you should playing your boys more. I bet his boys remember that. haha Anyway, David, a gentleman whom few compare. Love to your family David, Dwight Wilkins

Dwight Wilkins - February 03, 2021 at 10:50 AM

EJ

“ Tony, Nick, Josh, Kyle and children, I am so sorry for your loss of David. He was such a Godly man who loved his family greatly. He was so proud of all of you and shared this with me many times. He was such a Godly man whose prayers touched me every time he prayed. I was always hearing my students talk of their respect for him. I loved serving along side him as a teacher and he as administrator. I spent 34 years under his leadership. He was always an encouragement to me and his office door was always open to me. He gave me the freedom to teach my students and hopefully make an impact on them. I am praying for all of you and asking God to grant you mercy and peace as you miss him daily. I love all of you!.

Elaine Jenkins - January 31, 2021 at 10:53 AM

CD

“ I met David at Hillcrest High School and got to know him through sports activities and his brother, Steve Manley, whom I graduated with. He always had a friendly smile when I saw him and never had a harsh word to say about anyone or anything. He was a great competitor in the field of athletics and was a friend to all. It was an honor to know you. God Bless you and your family.

Craig DeCrow - January 30, 2021 at 07:47 PM

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“ We all are so sad to hear of the passing of Mr. Manley. He was a great man that we all had great respect for and a little fear of by my children, lol. Always willing and ready to help. My two younger children, River and Will both had Tony Manley for their teacher and she remains their favorite and still talked about teacher to this day. Our prayers go out to Mrs. Manley, her family, their friends, and all the lives that Mr. Manley touched. He will be greatly missed by all of us on this earthly planet. But our Lord has him now and I feel great comfort in that!

Angela Billings (Lozier) - January 29, 2021 at 11:51 PM

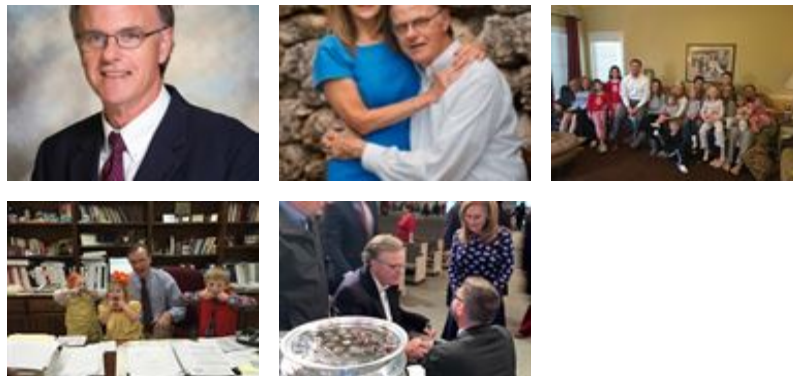
KB

“ We enjoyed every time my family saw Manley at NCS. He was one of the most sincere and friendliest soul we ever had encountered at NCS

karen buchanan - January 28, 2021 at 09:22 PM



“ 57 files added to the album Life Tributes



Coleman Funeral Home - January 28, 2021 at 02:26 PM

MS

“ Our sincere sympathies to the family. David was a great guy and sincere Christian Man. I enjoyed talking with him at Broadway and also on the times we met up at the DAC. I also appreciate all he did for Andrew Jones and our granddaughter Jordan Mayes while they were in school.

Michael and Corrine Sondag

Michael Robert Sondag - January 28, 2021 at 12:09 PM

TR

“ David and his stoic presence will be missed immensely. I had the pleasure of being his Hairstylist for many years, and I enjoyed our conversations and the wisdom he shared. His decline absolutely broke my heart, but I will always remember him as a man of great stature and tremendous character. He inspired me in a way that will help me live the rest of my life and I am grateful to have known him. May the family take comfort in knowing he left behind a legacy and a Christian example to so many.

Trish Rainey - January 27, 2021 at 09:50 PM

TW

“ The Family of Jesse and Irene Wisley purchased the Blue & White Sympathy Standing Spray for the family of David Hunter Manley.



The Family of Jesse and Irene Wisley - January 27, 2021 at 05:26 PM

JC

“ Joel and Judi, Ron and Carol, & Tom and Cathy purchased the Dish Garden with Fresh Cut Flowers for the family of David Hunter Manley.



Joel and Judi, Ron and Carol, & Tom and Cathy - January 27, 2021 at 02:11 PM

DS

“ Mr. Manley was such a wonderful role model for not only the kids at SBEC/Northpoint but to all of us.

What a life well lived!

Debbie Sharp - January 27, 2021 at 09:54 AM



“ Healing Tears - All White was purchased for the family of David Hunter Manley.



January 27, 2021 at 09:48 AM

TR

“ I met David and Toney at the DAC loved talking with David every time I saw him. Even though his condition was evident his hope in Jesus and his eternal home were more. Prayers for the family in this time of loss and rejoicing that David faith has now become sight!

Todd Rawson - January 26, 2021 at 11:02 AM

JT

“ Mr Manley was a father figure to me growing up. Nick, Josh and Kyle were like my brothers. He showed me how to be a godly man. When Mr Manley spoke, I always listened! He had so much wisdom and I had so much respect for him. He truly groomed me into the Christian man I am today. He showed me how to respect people. He showed me how to be a Christian by his actions. Mr. Manley was so much like a dad to me when I didn't have anybody to look up to. He was the best father figure I could have had in my life and I will never forget it. He made me the man I am today. He showed me how to be a man that loves Jesus with all my heart and sole. I love the Manley family so much! The more I think back about how important he was in my life. My heart hurts but I know he is not in pain anymore. He is the old Mr Manley that could do anything he wanted to. He is pain free and in a much better place. You will be missed and I Love You Mr. Manley!!

Jack Thornton - January 26, 2021 at 10:14 AM

SM

“David was an accident. Our Parents had only expected to have two children. Our Mother hadn't been feeling well for about a week, and our Father suggested she see a doctor. After her doctor visit, our Father asked our Mother if everything was okay, and she said, “Everything will be fine in about seven months!”

David Hunter Manley arrived in the late afternoon of Wednesday, July 17, 1957. At birth, he weighed 11 pounds and 6 ounces! He held the weight record of Obion County General Hospital until 2012 when another baby was born weighing in at just under 15 pounds.

As a young Toddler, David had long golden locks, and people called him ‘Jenny’, and they offered to put pink bows around his head.

Also when David was a toddler, we had a housekeeper and ‘surrogate’ Mother named, Essie Mae. She called David, “Day Day”, and that moniker stayed with him until he was a teenager.

David was a West Tennessee All American High School Football Player during his Junior and Senior year at Hillcrest High School in Memphis. He was offered many college scholarships to prestigious universities like Wake Forest and Auburn University. He was also awarded a full ride scholarship to the Naval Academy. But David didn't accept any of those offerings because he was fervently in love with a young lady by the name of Tonya Wisely. He couldn't stand the thought of being separated from her after he graduated from Hillcrest.

David and I made a road trip to Minneapolis in the summer of 1976. It started off with the obvious anticipation and excitement of two brothers making their first long-distance road trip together. But after the first couple of days of being in Minneapolis, David was terribly ‘love sick’ from missing Tony. We were supposed to be there for a full week, but after five days, he convinced me to drive back to Memphis early. We left Minneapolis at 6am on the morning of our departure with the goal of making it to St. Louis to spend the night.

But once again, David convinced me to keep going past St. Louis. I was exhausted by the time we reached Cape Girardeau, and I told him we had to pull over and get some sleep. We had been on the road for 18 hours. I woke up to road noise. David had decided to keep driving until he was finally reunited with Tony about 3am in the morning.

Such was the life of David Manley. He was a selfless achiever. He led by example. He never asked for, or expected recognition for his many accomplishments. He was a simple man with a massive penchant for serving Jesus and everyone he ever came into contact with. David was madly in love with Tony Manley, and it was obvious to everyone how devoted they were to each other.

This is one of those unwritten love stories that will forever rest only in the minds of those who interacted with, and loved David. Earth has lost a great Man, and Heaven has become a better and more meaningful place.

David's legacy will live on through Tony and his incredible sons and their families. And David will always look down on us with his loving Spirit and his everlasting servitude.

David Hunter Manley will live forever in our hearts and our souls until we meet him once again in Paradise.

Respectfully,

Stephen Logan Manley

Stephen Logan Manley - January 25, 2021 at 01:41 PM

SM

Thank you sharing this wonderful tribute to a great Christian man!

Steve Miller - January 25, 2021 at 05:23 PM



“ *David and I shared an apartment for a brief period when we both attended Memphis State. As I recall - we are also in the same fraternity. He was then and by all accounts has been a faithful servant.*

My sincere condolences to the family and friends.

Rick Harwell

College Station, Texas

Rick Harwell - January 25, 2021 at 12:15 PM