



Coach Terry Tippett

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Terrell (Terry) Wright Tippett went home to be with the Lord on November 16th, 2024 after a prolonged battle with many health issues.

Services will be held Saturday, November 23rd at First Evangelical Church at 1:00pm with a reception to follow.

Terry was born to John Wright Tippett and Maxine Bollinger Tippett in Cape Girardeau, Missouri on September 1st, 1945.

Basketball was in his blood from an early age thanks to his father loving and playing the game in his high school years. After moving to Memphis, Terry excelled in all sports, especially basketball, at Overton High School where his team went to the state tournament in 1963.

He attended Southeast Missouri College where he played basketball his freshman year. He graduated from Memphis State University obtaining his Master's degree in education.

He began his basketball coaching career at Collierville High School in 1968 and continued coaching at Dyer County High School from 1972 to 1977. He returned to Memphis, coaching at Trezevant High School where his team won a state championship in 1980. Then he coached at White Station from 1986 to 2004 with his teams winning 472 games, finishing state runners up twice, and winning the state tournament four times. He finished his career at ECS in 2018. While there, his team won a state championship in 2011. He was inducted into several Hall of Fames during his career and was humbled as the White Station gym floor was named for him.

In addition to basketball, Terry treasured his family and many friends. He enjoyed traveling to numerous places especially to the New England area to enjoy fall foliage and he looked forward every year to going to the Final Four Basketball Tournament with his buddies. Terry always found time to play golf and even though he knew he wasn't very good, he loved the camaraderie and



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being out in nature. He was a faithful member of First Evangelical Church for many years where he had served as a deacon and was a dedicated BSF attendee.

In life, Terry was preceded in death by his parents and his brother, Bradley. He leaves behind his beloved wife, Nancy, of 53 years, his sister Gwen Hannah (Skip), his brother Mark, and beloved in-laws, nieces, and nephews.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to First Evangelical Church or Fellowship of Christian Athletes.


Memorial Park Funeral Home and Cemetery, 5668 Poplar Ave, Memphis, TN, 38119. (901) 767-8930.

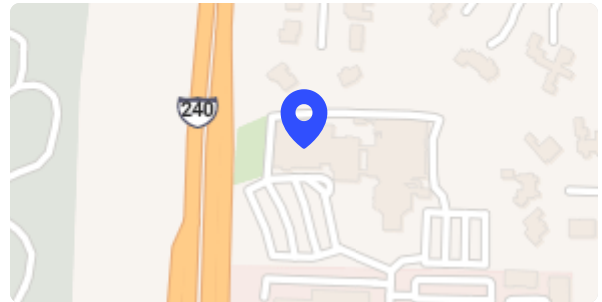


Memorial Service

 **Saturday**, November 23, 2024


 1:00 PM CT

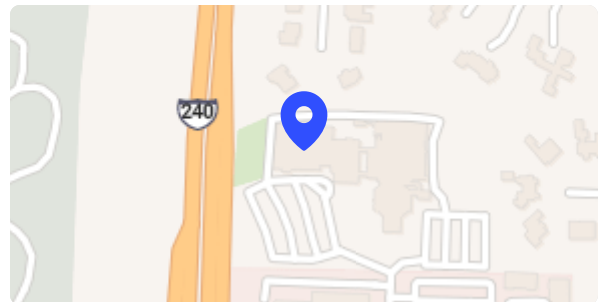
 **First Evangelical Church**
735 Ridgelake Blvd, Memphis TN 38120



Reception following Service


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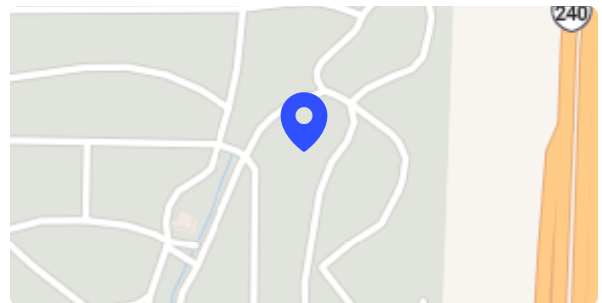
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Cemetery Details

 **Memorial Park Cemetery**
5668 Poplar Ave, Memphis TN 38119

 **(901) 445-8475**





Tribute Wall

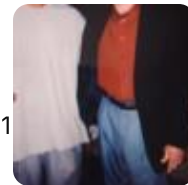
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TH

Telly V Hollowell shared a photo to the **Tribute Wall** album.

RIP Coach Love You....continue 🙏🙏🙏 to Nancy and the entire family...just finished the Memorial service which was beautiful WSHS C/O 93 IYKYK Only player born with 1 hand to get to experience playing for Coach and Coach Vannaman...we keep up during the years and he always got on me on why I'm not a shooting coach...Thank You Coach...Telly



November 23 at 10:30 AM

MT

Mike Tebbe lit a candle in honor of Terry.

Coach Terry Tippet was not only one of Tennessee's "All Time Greatest High School Basketball Coaches," he was renowned nationally as well. In route to winning six TSSAA State Championships, several of his teams were among the highest rated teams in the USA. Terry was more than just an extraordinary coach though, he was an exceptional person. He was not only a champion in basketball, but also in the game of life. We are all better for having known him. He was a truly great coach but also a great man.



November 23 at 4:00 AM

SB

Shaily Bolden And Justice Bolden sent a Beautiful in Blue to the Tippet family.



November 22 at 5:58 PM

SB

Shaily Bolden And Justice Bolden planted a Memorial Tree in honor of Terry.



November 22 at 5:58 PM

FB

Flip Brooks posted:

My 2 children were so fortunate to be students and fans of the basketball team during the 4 championship years Terry enjoyed at White Station in the early 2000's. We were all inspired by Coach's attitude and mentorship to so many kids in those years. It was wonderful to follow his teams to Murfreesboro and cheer them to numerous wins. God has gained a good one in Terry Tippet.

November 22 at 6:16 AM



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Anonymous sent a Beautiful Dreams to the Tippett family.



November 22 at 3:52 AM



Anonymous planted a Memorial Tree in honor of Terry.

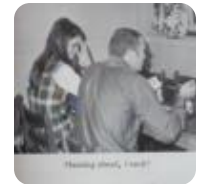


November 22 at 3:52 AM



Stan Mcgroom shared a photo to the **Tribute Wall** album.

Collierville High School 1972 --- Nancy and Terry



November 21 at 9:49 AM



Robert O'Kelley shared a photo to the **Memories with Terry** album.



November 20 at 4:46 PM



Al And Debra Grushkin sent a Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum to the Tippett family.



November 20 at 1:05 PM



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November 20 at 1:05 PM



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His Og Spartan Players 87,88,89 sent a Magnificent Life Spray to the Tippet family.

November 20 at 11:20 AM



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John Crapo posted:

In 1978, Coach Tippet began his time at Trezevant HS. He took a chance on this skinny boy transferring to Trezevant for his Senior yr. Only 1 year with Coach Tippet but the lessons lasted a lifetime. He believed in that skinny timid boy and pushed me to be a better person, over just a better basketball player. He pushed the importance of family. I wish he had gotten the opportunity to meet my family. I remember for Christmas his wife made each player a purple Christmas stocking. I still have mine today. Rest in peace Coach Tippet. You will be missed by many. You deserve to hear "Well done my good and faithful servant". You impacted far more young men than you realize.

November 20 at 9:48 AM



Anonymous sent a Magnificent Life Spray to the Tippet family.

November 20 at 6:59 AM



Anonymous sent a Cheeseboard Gourmet Gift to the Tippet family.

November 20 at 5:55 AM





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George Brandenburg posted:

I have very fond memories of Terry from when we worked together at Bruno's. Some Saturdays after work several of us would go bowling or grab a burger. Those were some good times and a lot of fun. Even though I went to a different high school I would often go to Overton basketball games to watch Terry and Jerry play. I did get to catch up with Terry a few times over the years and I kept up with him through our mutual friend Jerry Chandler. It is with a heavy heart that I send my condolences to Nancy and Terry's family. George Brandenburg

November 20 at 5:25 AM



Tommy Hays And Bo Coley 71 Collierville sent an Emerald Garden Basket to the Tippett family.



November 19 at 10:57 AM



Stan McGroom shared 2 photos to the **Tribute Wall** album.

Terry (Coach Tippett) was an excellent coach --- and an even greater man. Always fond memories and never to be forgotten. He used to call me "OJ McGroom" when I scored touchdowns in Shelby Youth Football. Obviously his basketball career far surpassed my football accomplishments!!! My mom (Joy McGroom) taught along side him and thought the world of him. Thinking his coaching career started at Collierville with both the eighth grade and freshman basketball teams in the 1972 school year. Stan McGroom



November 18 at 10:11 AM



Jane Smith Hardin shared a photo to the **Memories with Terry** album.



November 19 at 3:21 AM



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Jane Smith Hardin posted:

I went to Colonial Jr High and Overton Watkins High School with Terry. He was always happy and kind to all. His memory from his early years thru his 48 years of being "Coach" affected so many with fondness. So glad I was able to see Terry several times these last two years. Nancy, I rejoice with you that Terry is free of pain and sits at the feet of Jesus. You were indeed his earthly rock. May God Bless you as you walk this journey. Jane Smith Hardin

November 19 at 3:11 AM



Ruth Peters posted:

Coach Peters and Coach Tippet shared a mutual admiration friendship. They both admired one another and were grateful that they had a long and memorable time being both friends and competitive coaches. It was so meaningful to Coach Peters to have such a friend as Terry. Blessings to his family. Ruth (Mrs. Jerry) Peters

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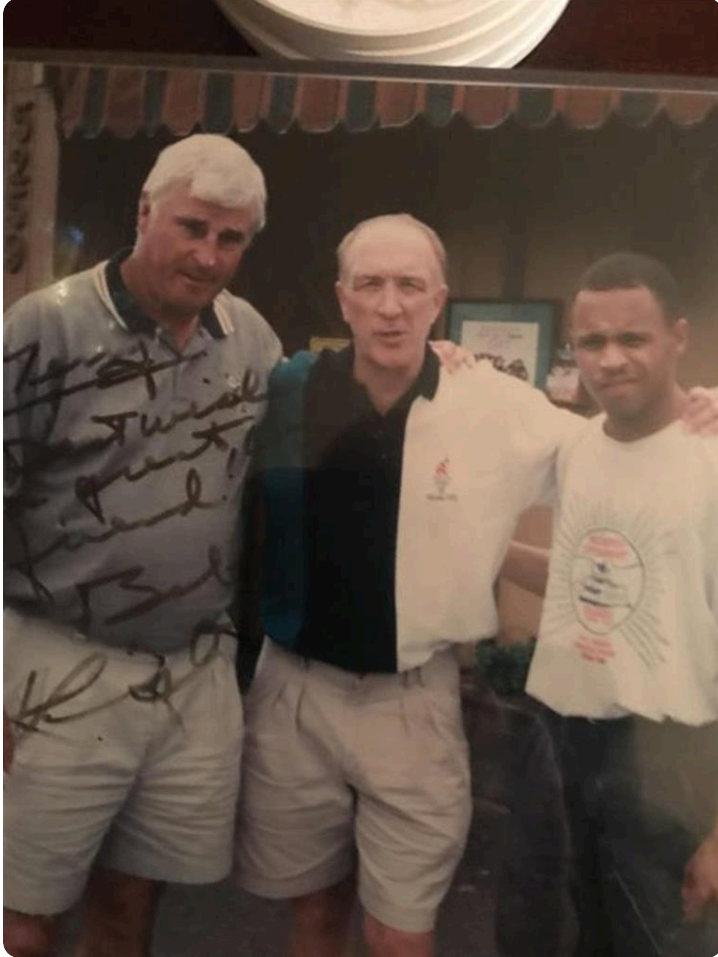


Planning ahead, Coach?



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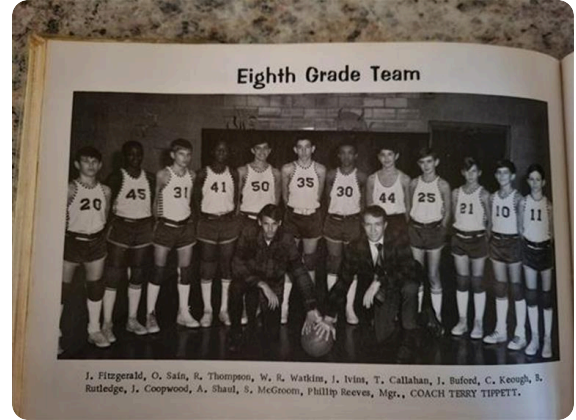
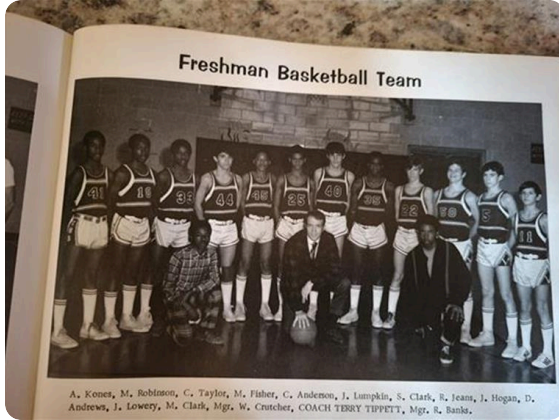


Bobby Knight



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July 2023 gathering Claudine Irby, Jerry Chandler, Terry, Jane Smith Hardin



Memories only last if you share them

Join us in honoring Terry by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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