



## Mike Easterwood

June 18, 1948 - August 29, 2015

Mike "Coach" Easterwood, 67, passed away on Saturday, August 29, 2015 in Brady, TX.

Michael Joe Easterwood was born on June 18, 1948 in Brownfield, TX to Joel Douglas and Ruby Rosetta (Floyd) Easterwood Keith. He married the love of his life Connie Burklund on August 23, 1969 in Brady, TX. Mike and Connie were proud graduates of Angelo State University. He had a very extensive and successful coaching career, where he mentored the minds and souls of many young athletes across the great state of Texas. He started his coaching legacy in Robert Lee, then onto Devine, Mexia, Colorado City, Brady, Junction, San Saba, and finally retiring from Caldwell. Mike was blessed with the honor of getting to coach with his son, Shay, in San Saba and Caldwell. In order for the kids to differentiate between the coaches, they would often call him, "Old Coach", or "Papa Easterwood". Coach Easterwood had the ability to motivate and encourage each young life that he touched to be the very best that they could be in anything that they did. When he wasn't on the field or the court and could find the time he loved to go fishing with his family and friends. Family was always first and foremost in his life. His two beautiful granddaughters, Addyson and Emmerson, were his pride and joy, and they lovingly called him either, "Gee or Grandaddy". Coach Easterwood leaves behind a legacy that will forever be cherished by all of the lives that he has touched. He was a beloved, Husband, Father, Grandaddy, Brother, Coach and Friend he will be greatly missed by all who had the honor to know and love

him.

He is preceded in death by his parents, Joel Douglas Easterwood and Ruby Easterwood Keith.

Survivors include his wife Connie of Brady; son Shay Easterwood and wife Brandi of Brownwood, Billie Davis of Brady; sister, Pam Cavaness and husband Larry of Mason; two step brothers, Shane Keith and wife Laura of Mason and Carl Keith of Brady; one sister in law, Carrie Burklund; two granddaughters, Addyson and Emmerson Easterwood of Brownwood; two nephews, Doug and Chris Cavaness; one niece, Shelia Cavaness; as well as numerous extended family and friends.

# Tribute Wall

CC

“ Connie,

*An awesome husband, grandfather, coach/mentor and Child of God is in heaven now.*

*May the comfort of God be with you. Please let me know if I can do anything.*

*Curt Counts*

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**Curt Counts** - September 04, 2015 at 01:41 PM

BL

“ *I only knew "Papa Easterwood" for two years but what an impact he had on my two sons but to so many. His legacy is obvious in his son, Shay and his wife Brandi who were wonderful leaders, and mentors as well. May God continue to wrap your arms around you all and walk with you in the days ahead!*

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**Beverly Lillie** - September 02, 2015 at 10:42 PM

TW

“ *Even though I didn't know Mike personally, like so many I will forever be grateful that this man crossed my son's path. He was there to mentor and guide Reid through his first years as a coach at Caldwell. Mike and Shay were his family when he was so far from home learning many things. Reid's respect for Old Coach was evident in the way he spoke of him and I couldn't help but love your family too.*

*My sincere condolences to all of you!*

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**Tracy Ware** - September 02, 2015 at 12:58 PM

JG

“ *Rest in Peace, Coach. Joe Daniel Gobeia, Class of 1987.*

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**Joe Daniel Gobeia** - September 01, 2015 at 10:07 PM

JQ

“ *So sorry for your loss. My thoughts and prayers are with you all.... Coach Easterwood was one of the greatest men I knew. He was one of a kind. He taught me a lot. He will be greatly missed...*

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**Janell Vaughn Queen** - August 31, 2015 at 10:22 PM

JM

“ *Dear Connie,  
I'm so sorry to hear of Mike's death. May God give you comfort and peace that passeth all understanding.*

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**Jana Hill Miery** - August 31, 2015 at 08:19 PM

AC

“ *I have a couple years' worth of great memories of Coach Easterwood. He was a great man, and when he put that big arm around the back of my shoulders & said, "you can do it"...I believed him! There were a few teachers I couldn't have made it without, and he was one of them. I couldn't have asked for a better guide & mentor, as I slogged thru the teen years. Thank you, Coach... Rest in Peace.*

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**Andrea Bayless Corley** - August 31, 2015 at 04:21 PM

GM

“ *Dear Connie, my heartfelt sympathies for the loss of your best friend and partner in life. I pray that the good Lord will give you the strength to adjust to this loss and that all the wonderful memories will sustain you in the future. With love, Gloria*

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**Gloria Hernandez Mize** - August 31, 2015 at 03:06 PM