



KENNETH "BUD" RODNEY BISHOP

August 15, 2023

Kenneth Rodney (Bud) Bishop peacefully passed this past Tuesday, August 15, 2023, after an extended battle with dementia. Bud lived a long, wonderful life and will be missed by many. He grew up in Maytown, Al, graduated from Minor High School and went to Itawamba Junior College on a football scholarship. From there he was recruited to play for the Wyoming Cowboys under Bob Devaney as a defensive lineman. He had a very successful college career, becoming the Skyline Conference Champions, winning the Sun Bowl, and his team being inducted in the Wyoming Football Hall of Fame. He played baseball for the Cowboys as well. He returned to Alabama and pursued a coaching career in football and wrestling. He was one of the first coaches of the then new Berry High School as an assistant coach to Larry Wilson. He left in 1967 to coach at Murray State University in Kentucky for a brief time before returning to the Birmingham area to be head coach at Shades Valley High School from 1970-1976. After coaching, Bishop decided to go into private business. He enjoyed a successful business career at Air Engineers, Southeastern Bolt & Screw, and founded Bessemer Fasteners in the early 1990's. He retired in 2016 when he sold the business to his son, Keith. He was a faithful member of Maytown Baptist Church and enjoyed his later years spending time with friends and family.

Bud was preceded in death by his parents Alton Bishop and Ethel Lee Bishop;

brother A.J. Bishop, sister Betty Dorsett and wife Barabara Bell Bishop. He is survived by his brothers Alvie Lee Bishop and Raymond Bishop (Nan); and his sons Kenny Bishop (Kelli) and Keith Bishop (Gina); grandchildren Steadman Bishop (Kaitlyn), Ashton Bishop, Lily Bishop Commander (Jared), Olivia Bishop, and Mitchell Bishop (Bianca); and great grandchildren Hallie Commander and Lincoln Bishop.

Below is a link to an article written about Bud by the Hoover Buccaneers Athletic Department:

<https://hooverhighathletics.com/2012/09/20/bucs-50-years-of-history-spotlight-coach-bud-bishop/>

The visitation will be from 9:30 AM until 11:00 AM, Saturday, August, 19, 2023, at Peoples Chapel Funeral Home. The funeral service will be at 11:00 AM at the Funeral Home, with Rev. Jimmy King officiating. Burial will follow at Highland Memorial Gardens.

Tribute Wall

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“ Loved coach bishop. He was my 6th grade teacher at midfield elementary. I moved to Berry high the next year and coach was there too. Pretty good paddler also as I remember on my 13th birthday. Miss you coach. Bill deegan

bill deegan - January 13, 2024 at 09:56 PM

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“ I cherish the memory of interviewing Coach Bishop when we met at Bright Star Restaurant some years ago. Having him do a part for the book on Coach Bob Finley and later an article on Coach Bishop himself was so meaningful to me. Of course, other contacts athletically at times is memorable. He was indeed a great man.

Wayne Wood - August 18, 2023 at 08:08 AM



“ Be My Love Bouquet with Red Roses was purchased for the family of KENNETH "BUD" RODNEY BISHOP.



August 18, 2023 at 08:05 AM

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“ Sorry for the loss. He coached at SV in 1967 and 1968. Charles Smith and George Miller coached at SV from 1970-1976.

JG - August 17, 2023 at 05:54 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue* was purchased for the family of
KENNETH "BUD" RODNEY BISHOP.



August 17, 2023 at 04:06 PM