



MORRIS CULLEN HIGGINBOTHAM

June 6, 1925 - June 6, 2011

HIGGINBOTHAM, MORRIS CULLEN, born June 6, 1925 passed away June 13, 2011. Coach Higginbotham a native of Birmingham served his country in the Air Force from 1943-1946. Returning home he earned his degree from the University of Alabama. He began his coaching career in 1952, and 27 years later retired with 190 wins, 5 state championships, 2 football fields named after him, and a member of the Alabama High School Sports Hall of Fame. Besides his great lifelong football success Morris Higginbotham influenced thousands of young men in becoming better people and citizens. One of his gifts to countless young men was to elevate their expectations in themselves and help guide them in finding their lifelong goals. Good coaches win games; great coaches win games, influence and inspire players for a lifetime. It's these qualities that carry young men forward and help them prepare for the hardships, which are surely to come in life. He was preceded in death by his parents George Cullen and Arie Savage Higginbotham and his sister Ann Langner. He is survived by his beloved wife: Billie Cooper Higginbotham; sister: Mary Francis Kendrick; sons: Robert (Lori), Steve (Cindy), and Frank Higginbotham; grandsons: Wes and Tyler Higginbotham. Visitation will be held on Tuesday June 14, 2011 from 5-7:00 PM at Peoples Chapel Funeral Home. Funeral services will be held at 10:30 AM on Wednesday June 15, 2011 at the funeral home with burial to follow in Elmwood Cemetery. The family would like to give special thanks to Alacare Hospice for their Wonderful service they provided and to Miss Mary Cox for her loving care for the entire family. In lieu

of flowers please send donations to the Salvation Army Tornado Relief Fund.

Tribute Wall

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“ So sorry to hear about Morris. I am Bonnie & Don Benham's daughter. Just heard about his death this evening and won't be able to attend the funeral. Please know that my sympathy and love goes out to Billie and all of the family.

Donald Benham Harrell - June 14, 2011 at 09:02 PM

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“ Dearest Billie and boys, I just heard about Morris this afternoon (Tuesday). I would have come to the visitation had I known sooner. I won't be able to come to the funeral either, but my love and prayers are with you. I remember as a child thinking how handsome Morris was. I thought the world of him then and I do now still. He was a very special man. I am so very sorry for your loss.

Anne Ely (Overall) Massey - June 14, 2011 at 08:54 PM

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Donald Benham Harrell - January 01, 1753 at 08:57 PM