



## Mr. Frank Allan Guthrie

June 9, 1950 - May 16, 2020

Allan Guthrie, age 69, of Roswell passed away on May 16, 2020 peacefully at home. He was a lifelong resident of Roswell. He was a graduate of Roswell High School, where he played on the first undefeated football team in the school's history in 1968. He worked for his father in the auto body business for several years and then went on to become an assembly line worker for the Ford Motor Company for over 20 years. He was an avid fan of automobile racing whether it by in person or on television. He will be deeply missed and loved by his friends and family. He was preceded in death by his parents, Frank and Ann Guthrie and brother, Wayne Guthrie. He is survived by his son, Blake Guthrie (Sarah); aunt, May Jo Vickery; niece, Tracy Maddox and several cousins. A graveside service is scheduled for Sunday, May 24, 2020 at 2:00pm at Green Lawn Cemetery in Roswell. There will be a private family visitation on Sunday from 12:00PM to 1:30PM at Northside Chapel Funeral Directors.

# Cemetery

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## Green Lawn Cemetery

10993 Alpharetta Hwy

Roswell, GA,

# Events

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**Graveside**

02:00PM

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10993 Alpharetta Hwy, Roswell, GA, US

# Comments

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“ I was a 14 yr old "pink cheeked" Freshman freezing at the State Championship Football game played at Roswell High in December of 1968. Allan had always caught my eye as I watched our Hornets play throughout that season. I still vividly recall watching Allan sack Irwin County's FSU bound QB stripping him of the ball and scooped up by a team mate for an early 7-0 lead. The rout was on. After returning to RHS as a Coach, I would run into Allan over the years. I was always struck by his warm, strong, silent and humble approach. "Stillwater" truly runs deep. My deepest regrets to Family and Friends and many thanks to Allan for bringing a 14 yr. old kid some lasting, great memories.

John Coen - May 24 at 11:10 AM

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“ Of course Charlie (Coach Horne) is not with us anymore but I will say on his behalf that he spoke of Allan and what a great player he was and as tough as they come. Charlie loved talking about this 1968 team and the closeness they had. He was so proud to be a part of it. It was all because of the great young men you were. May Allan's family find peace knowing what a good person he was. My sincere sympathy to the family. If I was home I would certainly be there. Sheri Horne

Sheridan Sanders Horne - May 24 at 09:42 AM

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“ I was a very young varsity assistant coach on the 1968 State Championship Team. What I knew about coaching football at that time could fill a small cup, but what I didn't know would fill a pickup truck. But, I did know what a great football player was, and that's what Allan Guthrie was in every play in every game.

He was a totally relentless, physical player that never gave in and expected the same from his teammates. He had the complete respect of every player/coach of every team that he was part of at Roswell High School. I am sure opposing players watching film knew that they were in for a long, punishing night. And they were, on every snap until the game ended.

He will be missed by many, but never forgotten as one of the great players in Roswell High School history.

Coach Ray Manus

Raymond Manus - May 23 at 08:50 PM

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“ My parents moved our family to Roswell in 1964 - it certainly was one of the best and most important decisions ever made by them. I was fortunate to attend Roswell High from 8th grade to my senior year with Allan. We spent a lot of time together, especially playing football & baseball. I remember that he had a nice car - I believe that it was red, fast, and he kept it in immaculate shape. I went with him to a race one Saturday night and saw not only a race, but a demolition derby. Allan was a good person. He was somewhat quiet (most of the time!) and a genuinely nice guy. On the football field - well, that was a different story. He was kind of like Clark Kent - quiet and unassuming off the field, but when he put a helmet on, #75 became a dynamo on the field. He became a starter at defensive end during the 1965 season, his 9th grade year, and by his senior year was a dominant player. He was one of the cornerstones of the 1968 State Championship team that finished with a perfect record of 13 - 0 ( the only undefeated football team in school history) and that gave up only 58 points in 13 games. I never played with anyone that was more aggressive or a more physical football player. He jumped over more would-be blockers than anyone that I ever watched. Blocked punts, forced fumbles, sacked quarterbacks - he was a disruptor of opposing offenses. Against Irwin County in the State Championship game, on the 4th play of the game, Allan initiated the 1st Hornet touchdown of the game when he sacked the QB, causing a fumble that was returned by the Hornets for a touchdown. Just a typical play by Allan! He was one of the best to ever wear the green and white. Allan always gave 100% effort on EVERY play - he never knew anything but full speed ahead. He NEVER took a play off. I was honored to have known him and thankful that he was a friend and a teammate. God bless you, Allan.

Thanks for the memories - Tom Bower

**Tom Bower** - May 23 at 05:25 PM



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**Sheridan Sanders Horne** - May 23 at 08:48 PM