



John Truman DeVore

March 30, 1943 - January 12, 2013

The passing of Coach John DeVore has left a void in the coaching of baseball. Coach DeVore passed away January 12th after an extended illness. John was 69 years old.

John was the son of the late Fred and Lala DeVore of Crabapple, Ga. He is survived by his wife of (46) years, Fayron Savelle DeVore, his son, Dusty DeVore, his granddaughter, Taylor DeVore, three sisters, Juanita Matthews of Blanchard, La, Ann Austin of Alpharetta, Ga., Sarah and Ralph Rucker of Alpharetta, and a number of close nieces and nephews.

John attended West Ga. College (now the University of West Georgia) in 1962-1965 where he pitched for the West Georgia Braves. He was All-American in 1964 & 1965. He later became one of the first inductees into the West Ga. Hall of Fame and later inducted into the Georgia High School Hall of Fame.

John signed with the Mets Class A after college but, as he said, "I didn't throw hard but I threw strikes. You know how the pros are; they like guys who throw hard." He was released due to injury but went on to teach and coach in DeKalb County for 30 years where he became one of the winningest coaches to date with a 377-232 record. He coached at Southwest DeKalb until 1980 and then went to Shamrock High School where he was named their Teacher of the Year. He retired in 1996. At his retirement, DeKalb County honored him with the naming of the John DeVore Field at Druid Hills Middle School. ..then Shamrock High School.

Coach DeVore was an instructor at the Georgia Tech Pitcher Catcher camp for 20 years. He was renowned for building baseball fields. He built SWD's first baseball field and made Shamrock's facility the county's best. He once stated, "A field can even help a team, because kids seem to play better and take more pride when playing on a good field."

Coach Devore's players knew that he was their friend, but not their buddy, that he would do what he could to help. He never lacked respect, not only from players, but from other coaches as well.

He loved coaching, but his love of teaching and helping kids was his first priority. He has had over a hundred of his players go to college or the pros, not counting kids from other schools that he helped.

On January 12, 2013 John DeVore was in the bottom of the ninth and won the ultimate game.

In lieu of flowers donations may be made to The University of West GA Baseball program or the GA Dugout Club.

Cemetery Details

Sikorski Funeral Home

3630 West George Street
Chicago, IL

Previous Events

Visitation

JAN 14. 5:00 PM - 7:30 PM (ET)

The Devore House
34 Church Street
Alpharetta, GA

Service

JAN 15. 2:00 PM (ET)

Northside Chapel Funeral Directors & Crematory
12050 Crabapple Road
Roswell, GA

Tribute Wall



“ *John Truman DeVore*

October 08, 2022 at 11:37 AM



“ *Fayron and Dusty,*

I am so sorry to hear about Johnny's passing. It was wonderful to read about all of his amazing accomplishments and contributions. It is obvious he touched many, many lives and I know he will be sorely missed. You are in my thoughts and prayers.

Love,

Tara DeVore Berry

Panama City Beach, FL##imported-begin##Tara DeVore

Berry##imported-end##

January 15, 2013 at 07:37 PM



“ *I am so sorry about John's death. It was a true pleasure to have him as a teammate at West Georgia. He touched many lives with his coaching and helped numerous boys find fun in baseball and life.##imported-begin##Jim Blackwell##imported-end##*

January 14, 2013 at 11:12 PM



“ *To the Devore Family:
Jean and I send our sympathy to all of ya'll. We have some good memories of the baseball and football teams and your family at Clarkston High School.
Sincerely,
Roy Sparks*##imported-begin##*Roy Sparks*##imported-end##

January 14, 2013 at 10:59 AM



“ *Fayron and Dusty,
We were so sorry to read of John's death. Please accept our deepest sympathy.
Sincerely,
Jane and Terry Sparks*##imported-begin##*Jane and Terry Sparks*##imported-end##

January 13, 2013 at 08:55 PM



“ *Fayron, my thoughts and prayers are with you and your family during this most difficult time. I was so sorry to read of Johnny's passing in the paper today but pray that you will find comfort and peace through all of the wonderful memories of your 46 years together and the happy times you had and through knowing that so many are praying for you. May God continue to bless you and keep you in His bountiful care.*##imported-begin##*Carroll Parkman Wills*##imported-end##

January 13, 2013 at 05:41 PM



“ I knew this day would come when another great man in my life would transition. Coach DeVore taught me many things while I was a student and baseball player at Shamrock High from 1988-1992. One of the most important things he helped me understand was give more than enough and what the end result.

Now, he lives on in the many lives of young men and women he touched during his time here.##imported-begin##Willis Moody##imported-end##

January 12, 2013 at 11:47 PM