



Ernest Lorenz

July 6, 1951 - January 19, 2010

Obituary of Ernest Lorenz Lorenz - Loving husband, father, grandfather, brother and uncle, educator and coach ...Ernest H. "Ernie" Lorenz III, 58, of Ocala died January 19, 2010. He was born in Berlin, Germany, July 6, 1951, while his father was stationed there. In 1959, they moved to Clermont, FL. He graduated from Clermont HS in 1969, where he was involved in academics, football, basketball, and track. He was an honor roll student, Class Top Ten, and Beta Club. Ernie entered college at the University of Florida in 1969 and played basketball as a walk-on. He then received a basketball scholarship at UF, and later transferred to Armstrong State in Savannah, Ga. While there, he served as Student Body President & graduated with a degree in History. In 1974, he began his teaching and coaching career at Lake Weir High School. As assistant coach, the 1974-75 basketball team won the first Kingdom of the Sun Tournament and the State Championship. In 1987, he transferred to Wildwood High School where he taught honors classes in social studies, economics, and history. He coached the basketball team of 1989-1990 that won the Regional Championship. He retired from teaching in 2003, after teaching and coaching for thirty years. He is survived by his wife, Christine ("Chris") Lorenz; son, Jason Lorenz; son, Jarrod, and his wife, Rebecca, and granddaughter Sophia Lorenz; stepdaughters, Katie Quinn and Kerin Quinn; sisters Leslie (Tom) Coakley of Aiken, SC; Lisa (Sam) Slaughter of Oxford, FL; and Lila (Bruce Clark) Lorenz of Littleton, Colorado; and numerous nieces and nephews. He is preceded in death by his mother, Ellen Lorenz

Dykehouse; step-father, Ralph Dykehouse; and sister, Linda Lorenz Agee. Ernie fought a long battle with ALS, and actively participated in research studies at Mayo Clinic in Jacksonville, FL, including allowing Mayo Clinic to use his body for research following his death, hoping this would help improve the lives of others. His sister, Linda, also died of ALS in 2009. In lieu of flowers, the family suggests donations may be made to ALS Center @ Mayo Clinic FL, Pt Care & Research, C/O K. Walsh Dev Ofc., 4500 San Pablo Rd S., Jacksonville, FL 32224. Arrangements are under the care of Roberts Funeral Homes Downtown Chapel. 352-622-4141.

Tribute Wall

JH

“ *Lila & family, I am so sorry to hear of Ernie's & Linda's passing. I have such good memories of you and all of your family. I remember when my brother Mike & Lisa were such good friends. You all were always so kind. My thoughts & prayers are with you all!* ”

Janice Heath Henderson - January 24, 2010 at 12:00 AM

CK

“ *I am so very sad to here my good friend Ernie, has died. He and I were in Boy Scouts, played football and ran track together. He was a great friend and the best part of growing up in a little town like Clermont in the 1960's. Your Friend, Chuck Konsler* ”

Chuck Konsler - January 24, 2010 at 12:00 AM

NP

“ *I am so sorry to hear of both Linda and "Bubba" passing. Just last weekend I found a book that was given to me before graduation from CHS. Ellen had signed it from the Girl Scout Troop. I thought then what a wonderful family they were. I send my prayers and thoughts to all who loved Ernie.* ”

Nancy Gallup Pruitt - January 23, 2010 at 12:00 AM

MM

“ *Dear Leslie, Lisa, and Lila - Oh my, I have been so out of touch! Both Linda and now Ernest, I remember him as "Bubbba". I have such wonderful fun memories of the entire Lorenz family from our Girl Scouting days in the 60's. I often think of you all and the richness your entire family bought to me and mine. I am so blessed to have shared so much with you all. My thoughts and prayers are with you now.* ”

Mary Jane Mitchell Munsell - January 23, 2010 at 12:00 AM

PC

“ Ernie was a friend to everyone in high school. Although I was not aware of his teaching and coaching career, it does not surprise me that his work was to encourage and enrich the lives of others. I have great memories of Ernie, his mother and his sisters. My heart goes out to you and the rest of his family at this great loss.

Paula Cochran - January 23, 2010 at 12:00 AM

LM

“ My memories of the Lorenz family are sweet and dear to me. It was always so much fun to be in their home. I am shocked and sad to hear of both Linda and Ernie's passing. Linda was one of my best friends during our school years and I always looked up to Ernie. (we called him "Bubba") My heart is heavy for those who love them. You are in my thoughts and prayers. Love, Linda Medley

Linda Medley - January 23, 2010 at 12:00 AM

LG

“ Dear Lorenzo family, I remember Ernie (Bubba) from CHS, I always looked up to him. I had to since I was only 5'2" and he was SO TALL! He always made me feel special since he'd take the time to really listen to the little voice speaking from below. I remember girl scouts with his sisters, those were the good old days. I can understand how he was a super teacher, he had all the right 'stuff' to teach to kids. The world has lost a really good guy. God bless him for furthering the research on ALS. My deepest sympathies to the family.

Lydia Rutledge Grimm - January 23, 2010 at 12:00 AM

JR

“ Lila, I can't begin to tell you how I feel for you. Just want you to know that you and your family are in my thoughts and prayers.

June Fowler Resler - January 23, 2010 at 12:00 AM

BH

“ I too, lost touch through the years. I was aware Ernie was a dedicated Coach and teacher, applauding his dedication to influencing generations of children. Ernie had the personality and intellect to be successful at anything he selected. The fact that he chose to dedicate himself to sharing his love of knowledge and sports makes him a true super hero in my book. So many of the happy memories of growing up in Clermont involve the Lorenz family. The loss of Linda and Ernie is profound. Please accept my sincerest sympathy. B J Hotaling

BJ Hotaling - January 23, 2010 at 12:00 AM

DW

“ I am saddened to hear of Ernest's passing. I am filled with memories of high school when he sat in front of me in several classes (alphabetically arranged Lorenze...Lucas)and we would swap notes. I remember clearly a note he passed with drawings of a detailed underwater city. His imagination and intellect was up there with the best. He also was a young man of manners and carried himself like a gentleman. I always thought of Ernest as special and I'm sure his family, friends and colleagues did, as well. Debbie Lucas Wharton

debbie wharton - January 23, 2010 at 12:00 AM

TC

“ Leslie and Lisa: I am so sorry to hear of Ernest's passing. I will say a prayer for him and your family. Ted

Ted Cook - January 22, 2010 at 12:00 AM

KA

“ *Our family is going to miss you tremendously... We love you!*

Karen Ardis - January 21, 2010 at 12:00 AM