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Memorial services for Kurt Patrick McGrath, age 53 of Grandview, Texas will be held at 2:00 PM Thursday, September 22, 2016 at the Alvarado High School Gymnasium. Reverend J. Daniel So will officiate with Dr. Kenneth Estes, Chris Magee and Hayden J. McGrath offering tributes. Visitation will be held from 5:30-7:30 PM Wednesday, September 21, 2016 at Grandview First United Methodist Church in Grandview, TX. Kurt Patrick McGrath was born on January 24, 1963 in Waukegan, IL son of Thomas Edward and Ella Mae Van Treeck McGrath. He passed away on Sunday, September 18, 2016 in Ellis County, Texas. Kurt attended Greenville College in Greenville, Illinois and ultimately received his Master's Degree in Education from Tarleton State University. He was married to Janey Griffith on May 24, 1992 in Fort Worth, Texas, when they began swing dancing and never stopped. An avid fly fisherman, his love for the outdoors was always evident as he was frequently found at the closest body of water big enough to cast a line in (regardless of whether there were fish there or not). Kurt was always a competitor, beginning with his athletic pursuits in high school and college, and continuing through friendly games of basketball, pickle ball, and golf with his family and friends. Kurt found an additional outlet for his competitive streak and his passion for education as a football, soccer, and basketball coach at numerous schools around the area. Kurt's dedication to education eventually culminated with his role as the Executive Director of Administration Services of Alvarado I.S.D. Kurt was one of a kind, there will never be another like him. Survivors include his loving wife, Janey McGrath of Grandview, TX, daughter, Wendy von Holstein and her husband Jason of Frisco, TX, son, Austin Hunt of Arlington, TX, son, Hayden McGrath of Camp Lejeune, NC, daughter, Raven McGrath of Grandview, TX, granddaughter Quinn von Holstein of Frisco, TX, parents, Edward Thomas and Ellamae McGrath of Keene, TX, sister, Karen McElyea and her husband Jon of Waukegan, IL, brother, Kevin McGrath and his wife Mary of



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Omaha, NE, twin brother, Keith McGrath and his wife Karin of Warsaw, IN, sister Kay Hood and her husband Danny of Arlington, TX as well as numerous nieces, nephews and other friends and relatives. In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to the 'Kurt McGrath Memorial Scholarship Fund' or 22kill at www.22kill.com Scholarship Fund: Donations for the Scholarship Fund should be made out to 'Alvarado ISD' with 'Kurt McGrath Memorial Scholarship Fund' in the memo line of the check. Checks should then be mailed to either of the following addresses: Alvarado ISD 102 S. Bill Jackson Drive PO Box 387 Alvarado, TX 76009 First Financial Bank 201 East HWY 67 PO Box 470 Alvarado, TX 76009



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MW

Myka Williams posted:

Oh my goodness. I just saw this. Mr. McGrath was one of the most amazing people at my highschool. He was one of the only teachers who would listen to me, and helped me on so many occasions. It breaks my heart to hear that this happened. I'll definitely miss him. Thank you for everything, Coach.

August 24 at 2:30 PM

SB

Sherron Brimmingham posted:

Lit a candle in memory of Kurt Patrick McGrath

August 24 at 1:45 PM

RD

Restland Of Dallas posted:

Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Kurt Patrick McGrath.

August 24 at 1:31 PM

TS

The Wren's posted:

He changed the lives of more students than he ever realized at AHS. He will be truly missed. Prayers for his family and his AISD family.

August 24 at 1:07 PM

RD

Restland Of Dallas posted:

Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Kurt Patrick McGrath.

August 24 at 12:50 PM

AB

Anthony Blake posted:

What? I just emailed him a few weeks ago. Coach McGrath was by far the most influential person in my life during high school. There didnt go a day that I didnt think about Coach. Im going to miss you Coach. From the bottom of my heart I am.....This stinks!

August 24 at 10:28 AM



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DH

Daniel Harvey posted:

My thoughts have on Kurt and his family since I heard the news. Thank you for your leadership, inspiration, and for the impression you left on mine and so many others lives!

August 24 at 10:25 AM

JW

Jackie Winchester posted:

Great man, taught me and others a lot great lessons about life and I still use those lessons today. Enjoyed playing football for him. Sending prayers to the family. Had a lot of fun and a lot of great memories. Jackie Winchester

August 24 at 9:46 AM

KB

Kim Marie Ball posted:

While most of Kurt's high school classmates never saw him after graduation, please know that Kurt was well loved and respected by his fellow Waukegan West Raiders. This upcoming weekend, at our homecoming after 35 years, Kurt will be remembered by many. Janey and family, our deepest sympathy. Raiders Rule 🍀🍀🍀🍀🍀🍀 Rest in Peace. Kim Marie Ball WWHS – Class of '81 Alumni

August 24 at 9:40 AM

CW

Chris Weaver posted:

Truly saddened by this news. He only coached me for about 4 years– about 20 years ago –but he was an extremely instrumental figure in my life. Does anyone have an email or mailing address for his wife or family so I can send note? If so please email it to me at ccweaver@gmail.com

August 24 at 9:33 AM

RD

Restland Of Dallas posted:

Magnificent Life Spray was purchased for the family of Kurt Patrick McGrath.

August 24 at 9:31 AM



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SH

Susie Hartsfield posted:

A more wonderful person than you know. Kurt was a wonderful coworker. Excellent vice principal and always ready with a smile and advice. He was great on our special Ed trip to Abilene. I really appreciated his support of retaining my job. Everytime I visited AHS after retiring, I always stopped by to hug his neck. I was heartbroken upon learning of his death but the angels are singing his praises now.

August 24 at 9:31 AM

JB

Jim Buh posted:

Kurt was my Best Man in our Wedding 35 years ago. We will remember all the great times we had in our youth. Praying for God to bring His peace and comfort to the whole family during this time. Jim & Lezli Buh Pleasant Prairie WI

August 24 at 8:34 AM

SC

Sally Chapman posted:

I taught across the hall from coach for about 4 years and watched him live history and those kids! The little McGrath played in his room sometimes. He and coach McGee were inseparable and when he became my evaluator it was awesome to know he had my back. I watched him touch so many students with a firm caring hand. He was fair and the kids all respected and loved him.

August 24 at 8:11 AM

JB

Jim Buh posted:

Kurt was the Best Man in our Wedding 35 years ago. We will always remember the great times we had in our youth. Praying for his whole family and that God would bring peace to them all during this time. Jim and Lezli Buh

August 24 at 3:09 AM

JD

Jonni Dunn posted:

Several years ago when I was teaching To Kill a Mockingbird in my junior English class at Alvarado High School, we discussed the character Atticus Finch and his wisdom. Many of the girls who played soccer for Coach McGrath said that Atticus reminded them of Kurt. They all admired him immensely.

August 23 at 7:41 PM



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BM

Bryan Milburn posted:

Mr.McGrath was my siblings teacher before he became mine. He was a wonderful man and will be dearly missed by all. My prayers go out to his entire family. R.I.P coach mcgrath.

August 23 at 7:18 PM

TL

Tj Lander posted:

He was a great coach that I had in high school he left his mark on a lot kids I'm glad I had him as a coach and person to talk to

September 17 at 7:00 PM

BJ

Brad Janek posted:

I last saw Kurt at the All Star basketball game for Raven in Maypearl. He hadn't changed a bit. I had the pleasure of coaching and teaching with him at Alvarado for seven years. Our pickup hoops games were memorable. You will be dearly missed by all. Prayers go out to your family. Brad Janek Family

September 17 at 7:00 PM

CL

Christina Larkins posted:

I pray the happy memories you shared with Kurt begin to bring you comfort during this challenging time. I will keep you in my prayers. ~ Christina Larkins (Dren) High School friend & neighbor

September 17 at 7:00 PM

DA

Doug Faulkner, Roy Mulholland & Gc Athletics posted:

Doug Faulkner, Roy Mulholland & GC Athletics purchased the Fall Fantasia for the family of Kurt Patrick McGrath.

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TM

Terry McGill posted:

I often share a memory of Kurt's toughness with soccer teams that I coach now. Kurt had a muscle pull that required a full ice bath. We all stood around the tub as he lowered himself in without even a wince as he examined all of us with that steely gaze of his. Kurt played and lived with style. I am grateful for the example he showed me of intentionally and genuinely accepting a young novice newcomer to the team.

September 17 at 7:00 PM

RD

Restland Of Dallas posted:

Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of Kurt Patrick McGrath.

September 17 at 7:00 PM

JP

Jerry Petty posted:

A very good man to say the least , he helped when knowbody would even try or listen , a real standup guy in the community and at Alvarado high school , he will be missed dearly.

September 17 at 7:00 PM

CS

Christy Shook posted:

My thoughts and prayers to his family during this difficult time. I remember Coach McGrath's dedication to education was an inspiration to all who knew him. It is my prayer that God's peace and light surround his family during this darkest time.

September 17 at 7:00 PM

JS

Jay Stuckey posted:

I was deeply saddened when I received the news about Coach McGrath. He was a great man, with a wonderful "dry" sense of humor. I spent 5 years at Alvarado High School and was very fortunate to get to know Coach McGrath. He was both a great Athletic Director and Assistant Principle. I always looked forward to seeing him every year at the Lions Club Golf Tournament. Jay Stuckey

September 17 at 7:00 PM



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CW

Chris Weaver posted:

Posting my note to the family here, in hopes they'll see it: I was shaken when I received the news today of Coach McGrath's passing. He coached me at the Winston School from the 6th grade through the 9th grade. I was his quarterback as freshman when we went to the 6-man state semi finals. I played a lot of sports growing up, so I played for a lot of coaches. But none had the impact on me that Coach McGrath did. For me, he was very much a father figure, so I can't overstate how important he was during my youth and in shaping me into who I am today. I don't think I realized how important he was in my life until after he left Winston. I think I lost my direction a little when he departed. Even after he moved on, and was no longer my coach, I called him a couple times because I missed him, and I think subconsciously I knew I needed him. It's been 20 years since I last saw Coach, but my memories of him are vivid. I often still thought about what he might be up to, and I wondered if he was shaping other kids like he did me. A few times over the last few years, I feebly tried to find an email address for him, so I could drop a line to see how he was doing and let him know what I was doing. I thought he would get a kick out of knowing (and maybe be proud) that sports are still a major part of my life (I'm a Feature Producer at NFL Films). I'm now very sorry that I didn't try harder to connect with him. While I'm saddened by the news, I'm extremely grateful that he was a part of my life, and that he left such an important and positive impact. My condolences to the family.

September 17 at 7:00 PM

RD

Restland Of Dallas posted:

Medium Dish Garden was purchased for the family of Kurt Patrick McGrath.

September 17 at 7:00 PM

BE

Bonnie Ebler posted:

My deepest sympathy to the family of Kurt McGrath. May you find comfort in the memories. Love to you all.

September 17 at 7:00 PM

LT

Linda Tremmel posted:

So glad that our families' paths crossed. Have many good memories of basketball games, tournaments and lunch or dinner after. Linda Tremmel (Karli's Grandmother – Gaga to Karli and Raven)

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BR

Becky Ramin posted:

When Kurt and I taught at Winston, Marc Calloway directed a faculty production of the play Greater Tuna. Kurt played Stanley Bumiller and I played his aunt Pearl Burris. I have many fond memories of Kurt and our younger days at The Winston School. Becky Ramin

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DR

Dusti Rodgers posted:

He was my favorite coach at the school. He was always so nice to me. He was such a kind and caring person who will be truly missed.

September 17 at 7:00 PM

TE

Terry posted:

Janey and family – our hearts go out to you at this time and we want you to know that our thoughts and prayers go out to you. Terry and Charles Boyer

September 17 at 7:00 PM

AT

Andrea Turner posted:

Coach McGrath was a great coach defently inspired me to get it my all despite what anyone had to say about me. I have passed that on to my kids . Rest in peace. Andrea Turner Classic of 2003 Alvarado High

September 17 at 7:00 PM



Memories only last if you share them

Join us in honoring Kurt by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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