

Everett Blevins

October 31, 2019

Everett Drexel Blevins (1948-2019)

Everett Drexel Blevins, known to many as Coach Drex, completed his service on Earth, October 31, 2019, at the age of 71. After fighting multiple cancers for many years, Drex passed away peacefully in Gulf Shores, AL, with his cherished son, Jim Blevins; daughter-in-law, Catherine Blevins; and best friend and former wife, Alma Murphy, by his side.

He summed up his life with a quote he gave to the Mobile Register, “I just like to help people.” He lived a life of service, and all who knew him were deeply impacted by his presence in their life.

Drex found great joy in giving the gift of tennis to others. Through teaching, he created a following of faithful students and friends, giving counsel— on and off the court. He taught thousands of people, including his pride-and-joy, and only son, Jim. The time they spent together on the tennis court and traveling to tournaments created a special and unique bond that will never be broken—even in death.

In his retirement, Drex sacrificially gave of his time by volunteering as the head coach of Gulf Shores High School for many years. He also lived and taught in Katy, TX several years, where he was able to spend time with his son and grandchildren. He spent his last months teaching in Gulf Shores and hanging out with long-time friends at the Pink Pony Pub.

During the Vietnam War, Drex served as a supply clerk from 1968-1970, receiving the Bronze Star Medal. He also earned several sharp shooting

awards while honorably serving his country. Upon his return into civilian life, Drex found his career at the Middletown Fire Department. This career allowed him to continue teaching tennis, while maintaining his sense of civic duty. Drex earned many accolades as a fireman, including Firefighter of the Year in 1985 and 1991. He was the first firemedic to achieve this distinction twice, given to him by his colleagues.

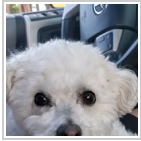
He was preceded in death by his father, James Blevins, Jr., and mother, Ruth Clem Blevins. He is survived by two brothers, Walter Blevins (Middletown, OH) and Alan Blevins (The Villages, FL); son, Jim Blevins and wife, Catherine (Katy, TX); seven grandchildren, Jessica Blevins Holt and husband Ronnie, Emily Blevins Southern and husband, Tim, Wright Baber, John Blevins, Ensley Baber, Thomas Blevins, and Harry McCaskill, IV; and great-granddaughter, Ava Grace Southern.

A memorial service will be held at The Lodge at Gulf State Park, overlooking the beach, in Gulf Shores, Dec. 14, 2019 at 4 p.m. Please wear white in his honor.

The family wishes to thank all who have supported them during this time, including the wonderful nurses and staff of Community Hospice and so many friends and family.

In lieu of flowers, consider a memorial gift in Drex's name to Community Hospice, USTA Foundation, or National Fallen Firefighters Foundation. Arrangements entrusted to Cason Funeral Service in Foley, Alabama

Tribute Wall



“ I just found out through a friend of mine that Drex passed away. I remember he gave me my very first tennis lesson in Middletown Ohio. I was 18 years old and thought I was a great self-taught player and in fantastic shape until I had my lesson with Drex. Thought I was going to pass out and found out what it really takes to be a good tennis player! I also was Rivals with him as I coached Monroe and he coached Middletown tennis. I also played a lot of tennis in the summer with his son Jim. Drex used to to string all of my tennis rackets and of course he was always on time when I ask for them. Rest in peace Drex... Doug Robinson

Kim Verbanatz - March 22, 2020 at 03:50 PM

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“ I had the pleasure of meeting Drex a few years ago when he was back in Middletown visiting. He retired from the Middletown Fire Dept before I started working there, but let it be known he is still brought up in conversations and stories. He touched many lives while working in Middletown and was loved by many. On behalf of the members of Middletown Fire Department local 336 Rest in peace brother...

Frank Baughman - November 26, 2019 at 09:22 PM

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“ Sending prayers to JIM and entire family

Sharry Barker - November 06, 2019 at 06:45 PM

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“ *Sharry Barker lit a candle in memory of
Everett Blevins*



Sharry Barker - November 06, 2019 at 06:43 PM



“ *Deepest sympathy to the Blevins family. Sorry
for your loss.
I Miss you everyday Drex! You live on in my
heart !
Love Kathryn*



Kathryn Chalfin - November 04, 2019 at 10:51 AM