



David Leroy Young

January 4, 1948 - November 17, 2024

On Sunday, November 17th David Leroy Young, age 76, known to many as “Coach” went home to be with the Lord at St Tammany Parish Hospital, surrounded by his children and loved ones. David is the son of the late Leroy Young and Mary Ethel Webb Young of Franklinton. He was a Class of 1966 graduate of Franklinton High School, where he was an All-District shortstop on the 1966 State Championship Demons baseball team. David continued his education at the University of Southern Mississippi, earning a bachelor’s degree in Physical Education. He then began a 33 year career teaching, while also coaching basketball and football, at Franklinton Junior High School before retiring. Mentoring countless young men through the years earned him the nickname “Coach”, a title he was very proud to have both at the school and still to this day when he ran into old students. David also proudly served his community and country with the Louisiana Army-National Guard from 1970 to 1976. He was a longtime member of First Baptist Church of Franklinton.

David was an avid hunter, fisherman and outdoorsman. He loved to hit the woods all year long in pursuit of wild turkeys, deer and other wildlife. David liked to be heard playfully making his owl sounds at school and certainly to his children “who cooks for you, who cooks for you all”. After retiring, David could be seen almost daily at his favorite lunch spots around town or sitting on his front porch waving at cars as folks traveled down Main Street. He loved for friends and family to gather at his home during the Washington Parish Fair.

David enjoyed boiling peanuts during the late summer and he was always watching or listening to his favorite sports on the radio. Especially LSU sports and New Orleans Saints games but also baseball and the Little league World Series each year. David also loved spending time, usually every evening, with his V.F.W. "family", sitting in his favorite chair watching ball games surrounded by his best friends.

He is survived by his four children and spouses: Heather and Jason Crawford of Pensacola, FL, Jessica and Dustin McLain of Covington, Jonathan Young of Franklinton and Matt Young of Hammond. Six grandchildren: Austin McLain, Sarah Crawford, Addy McLain, Lauren Crawford, Olivia Crawford, and Abram McLain. His lifelong best friend Gary Brumfield of the Hays Creek Community and his former wife and friend Beverly Young of Franklinton. He is also survived by his sister and brother in law Hazel Ann and Roy McCain of Franklinton, two nieces, three nephews, numerous great-nephews and great-nieces and many dear friends.

He was preceded in death by his parents and other extended family members.

The family wishes to express a sincere thank you to Rhonda Norberg for the loving care and support she provided David at home the last few years and Dr. Robin Fabre and staff for the great medical care they provided. Also a thank you to Northshore EMS, Riverside Medical Center Emergency Room staff and St. Tammany Parish Hospital I.C.U. for the care and support during the difficult final days.

Visitation will be at Crain Funeral Home Friday November 22nd from 9:00 am until 11:00 am. A funeral service will be held in the funeral home chapel at 11:00 am Friday with Rev. Joey Miller officiating. Burial will follow in Ellis Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers, the family prefers donations to the Acts 1:8 ministry of First Baptist Church (950 Self Street, Franklinton, LA 70438) or to the Food Bank of Franklinton.

Pallbearers: Jason Crawford, Dustin McLain, Austin McLain, Randall Stafford, Russell Moak, George Forrest

Honorary Pallbearers: Gary Brumfield, Billy Ray Breland, Sid Zeringue, Roy McCain, Greg Stafford, Lewell Ray Crain, Tracy Delahoussaye

Tribute Wall

CH

“ *One of the best teachers I ever had in franklinton jr high him and Mrs young was always be my favorites you will always be missed*

Chris - September 09, 2025 at 02:23 AM

PS

“ *We were Best Friends from the first grade and he was my boyfriend in the 5th and 6th grades. We stayed best friends our entire lives and I will miss him so much. I will love you forever, David.*

Penny Seal - November 20, 2024 at 10:50 AM

LR

“ *Mr David was a good teacher and coach. He and Dad could drink more coffee than anyone at school. They always joked and picked on one another. Rest in peace !!! Prayers for all the family.*

Lyne Robbins - November 20, 2024 at 08:29 AM

PL

Sorry for your loss praying for your family he was a very nice man

Pricilla Lowe - November 20, 2024 at 03:09 PM

LB

“ *David was a member of the class of 1966. He was always a pleasure to be around, he had a jovial personality. All of the remaining classmates of 66 will surely miss him along with other members gone before.*

Linda Bateman - November 19, 2024 at 09:13 PM

BW

Sorry about your loss of your family members

Brandi Wallace - November 20, 2024 at 04:01 PM

MC

“ *David was one of the really great guys in high school. Blessings to the family.* ”

Michael Calmes - November 19, 2024 at 08:39 PM

TH

“ *Thomas lit a candle in memory of David Leroy Young* ”



thomas - November 19, 2024 at 10:20 AM

DS

“ *I was deeply saddened to hear of Coach Young's passing. As my 8th-grade homeroom teacher, he left a lasting impact on my life. His dedication, kindness, and encouragement helped shape the person I am today. Coach Young will always be remembered as an extraordinary educator and mentor. My heartfelt condolences go out to his family and loved ones during this difficult time.* ”

Delarious Stewart - November 19, 2024 at 07:27 AM



“ *Wishing the family nothing but my best, it is a hard loss but just keep the memories in your heart to help soothe that sorrow. My deepest condolences, he always kept me laughing at my lowest times and gave me words of encouragement when I didn't think I was strong enough. He's one a a few that made a positive influence on my childhood, Mrs Young included. May he rest in peace and comfort your hearts during this time of mourning.*

Jermaine Brumfield - November 18, 2024 at 11:55 PM



“ *RIP Coach Young. I will always remember Jr. High football practice and how you taught so many young boys how to play football and to love the game.*

Mike Tucker - November 18, 2024 at 11:37 PM



“ *Christopher Randall lit a candle in memory of David Leroy Young*



Christopher Randall - November 18, 2024 at 10:31 PM



“ *A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of David Leroy Young.*

November 18, 2024 at 10:27 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of David Leroy Young.*



November 18, 2024 at 10:27 PM



“ *Albert Theus lit a candle in memory of David Leroy Young*



Albert Theus - November 18, 2024 at 08:33 PM



“ *RIP COACH!*

bob bateman - November 18, 2024 at 07:25 PM



“ *I was so sorry to hear of “Coach” David’s passing. I’ll always remember those days from Junior High in his PE class. God bless the family & friends during this time.*

Benjamin Webb - November 18, 2024 at 06:21 PM

JM

“ I always had a one-up on David that we would laugh about each time we'd see one another, which I'm sad to say, wasn't very often. He owed me! LOL We were neighbors when I was three and he was two! He hit me in the back with a hammer! I never let him live it down. I'm going to miss visiting him on his porch during the Fair. Last time was a couple years ago or more. I just knew he was always there. My condolences to all his family and to Gary, his best buddy. May David rest in sweet peace.



Judy McCasland Micelle - November 18, 2024 at 05:16 PM

MB

“ Marlene Brand lit a candle in memory of David Leroy Young



Marlene Brand - November 18, 2024 at 04:33 PM

JL

“ Juanita Luper lit a candle in memory of David Leroy Young



Juanita Luper - November 18, 2024 at 04:08 PM