



Coach David Wayne Bice

March 15, 1957 - October 26, 2023

Coach David Wayne Bice, aged 66 of Altoona, passed away Thursday, October 26, 2023.

He was a 1975 graduate of Cullman High School and a 1983 graduate of Jacksonville State University. He went on to become a beloved educator, basketball, softball, track, football coach in Winston, Dekalb, and Etowah counties. David was a passionate fan of the Grateful Dead, seeing them in concert more than 150 times, and shared that passion with everyone he met.

He was preceded in death by his father Ernie Bice; father-in-law Rodney Chappell; stepfather Ervin Twilley; sons James Bice, Andrew Bice, and David Bice, Jr.; daughter JoAnna Bice, and his brothers Ernie Bice, Jr. and James Bice.

He is survived by his mother Overa Twilley, wife Kelly Bice, daughters JeriBeth and Brittney Bice, son Ricky Bice, grandson Payton Bice, brothers Doug Bice and Curtis (Rebekah) Bice, mother-in-law Donna Chappell, sister-in-law April Cannon, and brother-in-law Brett (Kim) Chappell. He also leaves behind a host of nieces and nephews.

Memorial Visitation will be held at Etowah Memorial Chapel on Monday October 30, 2023 from 3 until 6. Casual attire is encouraged.

“Going home, going home
By the waterside, I will rest my bones
Listen to the river sing sweet songs
To rock my soul.” – Robert Hunter, Grateful Dead
Etowah Memorial Chapel Directing

Previous Events

Memorial Visitation

OCT **30**. 3:00 PM - 6:00 PM (CT)

Etowah Memorial Chapel
12600 US Highway 431
Sardis City, AL 35956
(256) 593-4994

Tribute Wall

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“ Coach Bice was my coach at Crossville from 94 to 97. A friend of mine and one of his other players passed this week so we've been recounting old Coach Bice stories. Coach Bice was sort of an enigma. He was a genius in coaching and very straight to the point when coaching but when you got him talking music (especially the Dead) he would light up like a Christmas tree. While other players were definitely closer to Coach Bice during my time and after we finished school, I'll always remember Coach taking me to the hospital for a dislocated finger I recieved during practice one day and his way of taking my mind off of it as we drove was to play "Name that Tune" with the radio. The man was an encyclopedia of knowledge about music and my 17 year old mind couldn't keep up. But it done the job he intended of keeping my mind off my mangled finger...lol RIP Coach!

Harley Webb - January 10 at 08:35 PM



“ Medium Dish Garden was purchased for the family of Coach David Wayne Bice.



October 30, 2023 at 12:30 PM



“ Basket Full of Wishes was purchased for the family of Coach David Wayne Bice.



October 30, 2023 at 09:08 AM

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“ Coach Bice was a coach (maybe a volunteer) on my Cullman Middle School football team in 1980 I believe. I later went and joined church were his brother Doug and his family went. Thoughts and prayers to the family.

Perry Easterwood - October 29, 2023 at 06:41 AM



“ Medium Dish Garden was purchased for the family of Coach David Wayne Bice.



October 28, 2023 at 03:06 PM



“ Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Coach David Wayne Bice.



October 28, 2023 at 01:43 PM