



Benny Potts

January 17, 1936 - August 27, 2022

Benny Howell Potts of Conyers entered into eternal rest on Saturday, August 27. He passed peacefully at his home, surrounded by loved ones, after a long courageous battle with Parkinson's disease. The day of his passing was one day after the 66th wedding anniversary for him and his wife, Bitzi.

Mr. Potts was born on January 17, 1936, at home, a quarter-of-a-mile from where he lived at the time of his death. He attended and graduated from Conyers High School in 1954 where he was a three-sport athlete and member of the marching band. After high school he attended Brewton Parker Junior College on a basketball scholarship. From Brewton Parker, he matriculated to Georgia Teachers College (now Georgia Southern University) graduating in 1958, with a BSED degree.

He married his high school sweetheart, Elizabeth (Bitzi) Cowan in 1956. Upon graduation he went to work as a teacher and coach at Loganville High School, where he served for five years. In 1965 he returned to Rockdale County as a teacher and coach at Mainstreet Jr. High School. He worked for Rockdale County Public Schools, at J.P. Carr Jr. High and helped open Heritage High School in 1976, where he served as girls' basketball coach, athletics director, and coach of many other sports teams, until his retirement in 1988.

A man of many talents, Benny was a master carpenter and enjoyed taking on

construction projects large and small. He found great joy in his many years of leading annual construction mission projects to help build new churches for the Southern Baptist Bold Builders ministry. He was a lifetime member of Rockdale Baptist Church where he taught children's Sunday school for 40 years and sang in the sanctuary and senior choirs. He was a member of the Loyalty Sunday school class. He was also an emeritus member of the Salem Campground Board of Directors.

Benny was a passionate farmer and maintained his family farm, raised cattle and cut and hauled hay until Parkinson's robbed him of that ability just a few years ago. He loved traveling with his family and friends and camped all over the United States. He also enjoyed decades of Friday night suppers and game nights with an especially close circle of friends. Friday night suppers and game nights with these lifetime friends.

Mr. Potts was preceded in death by his parents, Walker and Deane Potts and his son, George Edward (Eddie) Potts. He is survived by his wife, Bitzi, daughter Lisa Potts Huckaby (Darrell), grandchildren, Jamie Huckaby Fairchild (Chris), Jackson Huckaby (Brittney), Jenna Huckaby Simmons (Evan), Haley Potts Jagar (Quinton), Tyler Potts (Ashley), as well as 5 great grandchildren and many nephews and nieces.

The family will host a visitation at Scot Ward's Funeral Services (699 American Legion Rd NE, Conyers) on Monday, August 29 from 3 to 5 and from 6 to 8 p.m. A memorial service will be held Tuesday, August 30 at 11 am at Rockdale Baptist Church (1295 Smyrna Rd SW, Conyers) with Reverend Billy Moss officiating. In lieu of flowers donations may be made to Salem Camp Ground, Inc. 3940 Salem Rd, Covington, GA 30016.

Previous Events

Visitation

AUG **29**. 3:00 PM - 5:00 PM (ET)

Scot Ward Funeral Services at Green Meadow Memorial Gardens
699 American Legion Road
Conyers, GA 30012

Memorial

AUG **30**. 11:00 AM (ET)

Rockdale Baptist Church
1295 Smyrna Rd.
Conyers, GA 30094

Tribute Wall



“ *Scot Ward Funeral Services created a Tribute Video in memory of Benny Potts*



Scot Ward Funeral Services - August 29, 2022 at 12:02 PM

JH

My condolences to Bitzi, Lisa, and the entire Potts family. Coach was my 1st coach, and 1st male teacher, as they did not have P.E. in elementary school. I have a lot of fond memories of the Main Street School days. That old gym, walking down to the "canteen" for the 600 yard run. Coach lead by example with integrity, strength, and purpose. The picture in the obituary of Coach Potts is the exact picture of him in those 6th and 7th grade years except he always had a whistle around his neck. We never know how much of an impact our Coaches have on us until years later. I became a coach, wore coaching shorts, white socks, gym shoes, and I wore a whistle. I knew the kids I taught was watching me just as I watched Coach Potts. He is now learning just what an impact he made on all those he touched on earth. Christ be with you always, Jeff Hales

Jeff Hales - September 01, 2022 at 01:06 PM

BA

“ *Mr. Potts was my basketball coach at Loganville High School. He was wonderful, kind man and he taught us to work hard and have fun. Condolences to Bitzi and all his family.*
Becki Clay Adcock

Becki Clay Adcock - September 01, 2022 at 12:00 AM

AJ

“ Coach Potts was my 7thgrade P.E. coach at J.P. Carr School. He was good and tough, just what we needed. Not surprised at all he wore so many hats in the community. He will be surely missed. My condolences to his family and friends. RIP 🙏

Arthur Usher Jr. - August 30, 2022 at 04:24 PM



“ Such an amazing man he was, making the difference each & every day. Cherish that love & those wonderful memories always. God Bless you all always.

Michele Becker - August 30, 2022 at 09:35 AM

SG

“ Sherry Jenkins Gatton lit a candle in memory of Benny Potts



Sherry Jenkins Gatton - August 29, 2022 at 01:59 PM



“ 61 files added to the album LifeTributes



Scot Ward Funeral Services - August 29, 2022 at 11:22 AM

PD

Benny Potts was my coach from 1960 through 1962. He was a great person and coach. He was part of happy memories at Loganville High School.

My deepest sympathy to Bitsy and the family. Patricia Davis. (formerly Patricia Stewart)

patricia davis - August 29, 2022 at 07:32 PM

EB

“ *Mr. Potts was my Physical Education teacher at Loganville Elementary School (would now be considered middle school). He was a great teacher and a big influence on my life. I attended Georgia Southern and became a physical education teacher in large part because of him. The family is in my prayers.*

Ellen Brodnax Brannon - August 28, 2022 at 03:47 PM

TO

“ *First got to know Bennie on Men's Construction Mission trips. He was always so gracious and encouraging. What an awesome life he's led. What a great example to me! Tim Oliver*

Tim Oliver - August 28, 2022 at 01:16 PM

SG

“ *Sherry Jenkins Gatton lit a candle in memory of Benny Potts*



Sherry Jenkins Gatton - August 27, 2022 at 10:07 PM