



Rodney Leon Haley

August 23, 1952 - March 6, 2015

Rodney L. Haley, 62, of Eldon, Missouri passed away on Friday, March 6, 2015 at University Hospital in Columbia, MO.

Rodney was born to Francis and Frances (Perkins) Haley on August 23, 1952 in Moberly, MO. He married Paulette Myers on January 19, 1974 in Canton, Missouri.

Rodney graduated from Madison High School, and he received a degree in education and business from Culver Stockton College in Canton, MO. He then received a Master's Degree and Specialists Degree from the University of Missouri in Columbia, MO.

Rodney was a devoted coach, teacher, athletic director, principal, superintendent and farmer. He taught business and coached at Northeast R-IV in Cairo, MO. It was there that his girl's basketball team went to The Final Four and took home second place. He then went to Callaway Co. R-III, New Bloomfield, where he served as the athletic director, coach, teacher and later principal. While there, his teams won numerous conference, district and state awards; his baseball teams went to The Final Four 10 times and won 6 state championships. Rodney received numerous Coach of the Year Awards in baseball and basketball and was elected to the Missouri State High School Baseball Coaches Hall of Fame in 1997. Rodney became Superintendent of Schools in Canton, MO in 1996. He later moved to the Eldon School District where he continued to serve as superintendent until he retired in 2004.

He was an avid Cardinal's baseball fan and his favorite player was Stan Musial. His hobbies included playing golf, watching Mizzou athletics, spending time with family and friends, and playing ball with his dog, Stella. Rodney also enjoyed spending time on the farm that he owned with his brother. He was looking forward to being a grandfather for the first time and will be sadly missed by his family and friends.

Rodney was preceded in death by his parents; grandparents, brother-in-law; 3 aunts; 2 uncles; cousin; and mother-in-law.

Rodney is survived by his wife, Paulette Haley, Eldon, MO; son, Justin Haley (Janelle) of Jefferson City, MO; brother, Randall Haley (Paula) of Madison, MO; brother-in-law, Jim Myers (Lisa) of Monroe City, MO; nephews: Sean Myers of Branson, MO, Royce Haley of Madison, MO, and Nick Glydewell of Moberly, MO; niece, Diana Glydewell of Paris, MO; cousins: Connie Anthony of St. Louis, MO, Ellen Embree of St Louis, MO, Brenda Perkins

of St. Louis, MO, and Grant and Andrew Richardet of St. Louis, MO; also survived by Ted and Nancy McNutt of Russellville, MO and other numerous family members.

Visitation will be held on Monday, March 9, 2015 from 4:00 p.m. until 7:00 p.m. at the Million Taylor Funeral Homes of Moberly. Funeral service will take place at 10:00 a.m. on Tuesday, March 10, 2015 in the chapel of the funeral home with Pastor David White officiating. Burial will follow at Sunset Hill Cemetery in Madison.

In lieu of customary remembrances, the family asks that memorial donations be made to Friends of Animals Humane Society 302 E. North St., Eldon, MO 65026.

Cemetery

Sunset Hill Cemetery

Madison, MO,

Events

MAR **Visitation** 04:00PM - 07:00PM

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Million Taylor Funeral Homes
320 S Williams St, Moberly, MO, US, 65270

MAR **Service** 10:00AM

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Comments



“ An external video has been added.



Million Taylor Funeral Homes - May 09, 2015 at 10:37 AM



“ Dear Paulette and Juice,
My heart is breaking for you and your entire family. I just read the article about Rod. I apologize for not attending services, I would have driven across the country if I had known. Paulette, you and Rod were the best influence for a young boy trying to become a man. I will never forget how kind and loving you both were to me. Thank you, from the bottom of my heart. Juice, I love you man. I miss being on the field together. I've never had more fun. Your dad is the best.
Love, Brian Bax

Brian Bax - March 11, 2015 at 12:41 AM



“ Dear Paulette and Justin,
Please accept my deepest sympathy at this time of your loss. Rod was a nice man, good friend and a great coach. I will always remember the fun we had while coaching American Legion Baseball. He gave our program a true sense of professionalism.

Sincerely,
Mike Reed

Mike Reed - March 10, 2015 at 01:11 PM



“ Dear Paulette and Justin,

Please accept our deepest sympathy and prayers at this time of your loss. Rod effected the lives of so many young people over his many years of coaching and teaching. He will always be remembered in the New Bloomfield Wildcat nation as an outstanding coach and mentor.

God Bless,
Mike & Gracia Backer

Mike Backer - March 10, 2015 at 11:56 AM



“ His impact is God's work. Every day I type,,,, I remember his typing class. When I coach,,, I remember his skills and teachings on the field. I still use his signs at third base when coaching. "Coach" you will be missed dearly.

vince settle - March 09, 2015 at 11:51 PM



“ I could take up all this space talking about the millions of memories from our time together so long ago, but I need only tell one that explains how much Coach Haley meant to me and to all of us. Twenty years after we stepped off that baseball field in Columbia for the last times, we all met together at the christening of the new field in New Bloomfield and the State Championship reunions and everybody wanted to talk to Coach. Everybody was talking about old times and remembering things like they were yesterday and in the middle of some conversation Coach just turned to me and said, "You were a helluva an outfield. One of the best." It was just a simple thing, but at that moment I felt like a mountain. When we played together, we all wanted to be good enough to be part of what he had going on. He always taught us that sports was like life and he was right. At a time when we didn't know who we were or where we were heading, he taught us discipline, respect, hard work, friendship, character and payoff. Those things he taught us will last a lifetime over and over in all of us. Thanks Coach. You will be missed but never forgotten.

Chris Kennison (1984-1987) New Bloomfield

Chris Kennison - March 09, 2015 at 11:30 PM



“ Marcia Chaney lit a candle in memory of Rodney Leon Haley



Marcia Chaney - March 09, 2015 at 08:42 PM



“ I am so sorry for the loss of this wonderful man. Prayers and thoughts to the whole family.



Julie Siegel - March 09, 2015 at 06:03 PM



“ Paulette and Justin "Juice" I am very sorry for your loss. Rod was very well respected and a phenomenal coach. I remember taking typing and health class with him as my teacher. Hard but great! My family and I are praying for your own personal healing. May God Bless you both!

Jamie Powell Haines

Jamie Haines - March 09, 2015 at 04:37 PM



“ Trish Davis lit a candle in memory of Rodney Leon Haley



Trish Davis - March 09, 2015 at 02:42 PM



“ As a former basketball and baseball player from an opposing school that ran into New Bloomfield on many occasions, I can honestly say I had more respect for Coach Haley than any other coach we played against. His teams were so well prepared and disciplined. I was fortunate to play on a baseball all-star team for which he was the manager and I quickly understood why his teams were more often than not on the winning end of things. Although I don't have too many good memories from the games we played against New Bloomfield, I have nothing but respect for Coach Haley. My prayers are with his wife, son and other family members.

Jeff Chitwood - New Franklin High School

Jeff Chitwood - March 09, 2015 at 02:39 PM



“ Paulette and Justin were are very sorry for your loss. May God give you strength and comfort in the days and weeks ahead.
Randy and Vicky Giboney

Vicky Giboney - March 09, 2015 at 02:28 PM



“ Coach Haley was my basketball & softball coach at Cairo High School. I have always looked up to him & he influenced my life enormously. My favorite memory from high school was going to state play-offs in 1981. God Speed Coach Haley.

Teresa Jaecques Vallandingham - March 09, 2015 at 01:47 PM



“ For Rodney's Family,

I have many special memories of Rodney as I was fortunate enough to have been his third grade teacher in Madison, MO, a "few" years ago. It was my first year of teaching and it proved to be one of the most wonderful classes I taught in all my 26 years in a classroom.

Rodney was an exceptional student, not only academically, but such a well-behaved, polite, kind boy. He was outstanding in the classroom and in all other aspects of our third grade experiences that year. His parents were so helpful and caring, making it evident why Rodney was the exemplary person he was, already at that early age. I knew then that he would be successful in life. I was very happy several years ago when he contacted my husband, also a basketball coach, and they talked basketball--of course. It was great knowing that Rodney's life was going so well.

After getting this sad news just this morning, I have shed tears for the loss of this special life, but know that he is coaching and teaching in Heaven as I write. He certainly left me with treasured memories from back in that little classroom in Madison, MO.

I'm sorry I didn't have the opportunity to know you Paulette, and your son Justin, but I know you were blessed to have had Rodney in your life. My husband, Mike, and I, wish to express our deepest sympathy to both of you and to your extended families. I do remember Connie and Ellen and their wonderful Mother who was also so kind to me in that first year of teaching. To all your family--you are in our thoughts and prayers.

Very sincerely,
Joy Fray

Joy Fray - March 09, 2015 at 12:05 PM



“Sad news. Coach Haley was our Business Teacher, our HS & JH Baseball Coach, HS and JH Girls Softball and Girls Basketball Coach. Thank you for the personal dedication, time and efforts to guide us as young adults. Our thoughts and sympathy to family and friends.” - Mary Lee Harlan-Newberry- Northeast R-IV-Cairo HS Class of 1979



Mary Lee Harlan-Newberry - March 09, 2015 at 11:45 AM



“Paul and Alicia Garnett purchased the Sweetest Sunrise Bouquet for the family of Rodney Leon Haley.



Paul and Alicia Garnett - March 09, 2015 at 11:07 AM



“ Paulette and family....Words simply cannot express my sadness in learning of Rodney's passing, and please accept my deepest sympathy in your loss. If there was any way I could be there for the visitation and service, I would be because he meant so much to me. But unfortunately, time and distance won't all me to attend.

Rodney and I grew up together in Madison and he was one of my closest friends.

We went all through school together, played baseball and basketball, were in scouts and 4-H, and so many other thing too numerous to mention. He was our little league and high school pitcher and I was his catcher for all of those years. I think I still have a permanent bruise on my left hand from all of the fastballs he threw. Even the extra padding in my catchers mitt did help. I don't know how many times I would go our to his house out on AA and all we would do is play catch. Somewhere there's even an old 8mm film that his Mom took of him pitching to me in their front yard.

I'm so glad that we all got to spend some time together at the reunion a few years ago in Madison. While it had been a while since some of us had seen each other, we all picked up right where we left off, and it was great to reconnect.

There's a huge hole in my heart today knowing that Rodney's no longer with us. But, at the same time, there's joy in knowing that he's enjoying the blessings of eternal life.

Again, my deepest sympathies to you and the family. And may God's hand be on your shoulder guiding you through these difficult days.

Jim Sullins, Oklahoma City - March 09, 2015 at 10:20 AM



“ Sorry, that should say Jim Sullins

Jim Sullins, Oklahoma City - March 09, 2015 at 10:21 AM



“ Coach left us all far too soon. Words cannot express the gratitude, love, and respect I have for Coach Haley. I, like so many others, can say I played for one of the greatest HS coaches ever- Evan Polly said it perfect "you never wanted to disappoint him" that's respect to the fullest. He was tough- it's called tough love. The type of love that wins championships, the type of love that makes men of boys! Let's never forget the foundation behind the success - Paulette! If Coach got onto you or you grounded out in a big situation she always made sure to give you a motherly pat on the back! Keep her and Justin in all your thoughts and prayers! Please

Tony Phillips - March 09, 2015 at 10:15 AM



“ So sad to hear of Mr. Haley's passing. He was a good Superintendent for Canton R-V and an even better person. Condolences to the family during this difficult time.

William Johnson - March 09, 2015 at 09:47 AM



“ Robby Jones, NBHS '96 purchased the Florist Choice Bouquet for the family of Rodney Leon Haley.



Robby Jones, NBHS '96 - March 09, 2015 at 09:25 AM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Rodney Leon Haley.



March 09, 2015 at 09:01 AM



“ Bobbi Smith lit a candle in memory of Rodney Leon Haley



Bobbi Smith - March 09, 2015 at 06:43 AM



“ Rodney was a great guy. He was a good friend as well as a great teacher. He was someone that was always there for each and everyone of his students and players. He will be missed.

Bobbi Smith - March 09, 2015 at 06:46 AM



“ Melia Cate lit a candle in memory of Rodney Leon Haley



Melia Cate - March 09, 2015 at 12:19 AM



“ He was a good man and a great coach. We achieved many conference titles while he was our coach at Cairo. He will be missed by many as he was involved in so many young adult lives. He helped us all maneuver through those sometimes difficult teenage and high school years. So saddened to hear this news.

Melia - March 09, 2015 at 12:28 AM



“ Paulette and Justin, So saddened by the news about Rod. We have shared lots of sports memories with the three of you. We will cherish those. I am sorry we will be unable to attend the services. Our prayers go out to you, Marita & Donnie Custard

Marita and Donnie Custard - March 08, 2015 at 11:30 PM



“ I was so saddened to learn of Rodney's passing. Rodney and I are 2nd or 3rd cousins. Our grandparents were siblings. It really never mattered, we were just cousins growing up and sidekicks at all the family reunions. My husband grew up in Madison and went to school and rode the bus with Rodney and his brother, Randall. Our sympathy goes to the family. We pray for peace and comfort for all of you.

Ladonna Watkins Vest & Chuck Vest

Ladonna Vest - March 08, 2015 at 11:12 PM



“ I've had the great honor of being coached by Coach Haley while attending New Bloomfield High School before graduating in 1982. You will be deeply missed Coach ! THANK YOU FOR HELPING ME!

Stanley Holt - March 08, 2015 at 11:10 PM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Rodney Leon Haley.



March 08, 2015 at 10:10 PM



“ I had the honor of knowing and playing for Coach Haley for years in New Bloomfield. He taught me a lot about baseball, but also a lot about life. At various times over the years when I've been asked about folks who have had the greatest impact on me, Coach Haley is always one of the names I mention. He was tough, he was smart, and I never wanted to disappoint him. To me, that is the greatest compliment you can pay a leader.

I'm so saddened to hear the news, and my prayers go out to Paulette and Justin.

Evan Polly

Evan Polly - March 08, 2015 at 09:32 PM



“ As the broadcast radio station broadcasting Rod's New Bloomfield Wildcat baseball and basketball teams on KFAL-KKCA radio, and getting to do many championship games was a thrill and highlight of my career. He always had time for me. He was a great coach and became a good friend. Our prayers for the family.

Rick Smith

Ricky Smith - March 08, 2015 at 09:16 PM



“ Kevin & Marilyn O'Bannon lit a candle in memory of Rodney Leon Haley



Kevin & Marilyn O'Bannon - March 08, 2015 at 08:55 PM



“ David and Tammy Menefee



Tammy Menefee - March 08, 2015 at 08:27 PM



“ Rodney was a fine Neighbor , we trusted him and Paultte many times to watch our home while we traveled..Chuck enjoyed Golfing with him....I remember having Prayer with Him a Blessed time that was when he first started feeling bad,, such a good man,, He seemed to always be working, and always had time to say Hello we will miss him Chuck and Bonnie Modlin,, Neighbors for years,,

Chuck and Bonnie Modlin - March 08, 2015 at 08:19 PM



“ Rob And Jeff Liesman lit a candle in memory of Rodney Leon Haley



Rob and Jeff Liesman - March 08, 2015 at 07:42 PM



“ Sherry Rifenberg lit a candle in memory of Rodney Leon Haley



sherry Rifenberg - March 08, 2015 at 05:45 PM



“ All three of my children went to New Bloomfield during Coach Haley' s tenure. Their words of sorrow at the news of his death over these past few days are a testament to the impact he made on their lives while a coach. Prayers to Paulette, Justin and family.

Charlotte (Phillips) Webb - March 08, 2015 at 05:35 PM



“ Deanie Apel McAlpin lit a candle in memory of Rodney Leon Haley



Deanie Apel McAlpin - March 08, 2015 at 03:01 PM



“ Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Rodney L. Haley.



March 08, 2015 at 12:56 PM