



Coach Christopher James Motes

February 23, 2024

Coach Christopher James Motes age 49, a resident of Gulf Shores, AL formerly of this area passed away on Friday, February 23, 2024, at his home. A Celebration of Life funeral service will be held on Saturday, March 2, 2024, at 11:00 a.m. at Shoal Creek Baptist Church with Rev Tony Scarbrough, Rev. Shane Russell & Rev. Fred Franks officiating. The interment will follow in Brookside Memorial Gardens. Those serving as pallbearers will be Joey Potts, Zach Moore, Mikey Forney, Todd Wilson, Tanner Potts & Garrett Ingram. Coach Motes was born on April 5, 1974 to Harold Landrum Motes, Jr. & Therissa Diana Adair Motes in Montgomery, AL. He grew up in Wetumpka, AL area and graduated from Wetumpka High School and went on to play baseball with Huntingdon College & graduated with a Bachelor's Degree in Education. He was an Educator & Coach for 26 years, having taught and coached for 19 years at Holtville, 2 years at Elberta Elementary School, 2 years at Leinkauf Elementary School & 3 years at Gulf Shores City Schools. He also coached at Prattville Christian Academy. He was a member of The Island Church in Orange Beach, AL. He was preceded in death by his father & step-mother, Harold Landrum Motes, Jr., (Juanita Robinson Motes), paternal grandparents Gene & Eunice Motes & James William Adair & Elsie Smith Adair. He is survived by his wife of 21 years, Diane Scarbrough Motes, his sons, Brady & Aadon Motes, his mother, Therissa Adair Dutton, his sister, Ashlyn Lynn Moody (John), his brothers, Harold (Pedro) Motes, Jr. (Alissa), Gemes (Boone) Daniel Motes (Pam), his niece, Emerson (Emmy) Lynn

Moody, numerous Aunts, Uncles, Cousins, Community & Friends. The service will be live streamed on Shoal Creek Baptist Church Facebook page on Saturday. The family will receive friends on Friday, March 1, 2024, from 5:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. at the funeral home.

Brookside Funeral Home, Crematorium & Memorial Gardens of Millbrook, AL directing.

Cemetery Details

Brookside Memorial Gardens

3360 Brookside Drive
Millbrook, AL 36054

Previous Events

Visitation

MAR 1. 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

Brookside Funeral Home
3360 Brookside Dr
Millbrook, AL 36054
(334) 285-7442
<http://www.brooksidefuneralhomeal.com>

Celebration of Life Service

MAR 2. 11:00 AM (CT)

Shoal Creek Baptist Church
2961 Coosa River Rd.
Deatsville, AL 36022

Burial

MAR 2 (CT)

Brookside Memorial Gardens
3360 Brookside Drive
Millbrook, AL 36054

Tribute Wall

AD

“ *Elberta Elementary Physical Education Dept was so thankful when “The Dream Team” was created. Chris Motes always said that he’d achieve a Pilot’s License. Every time that a small plane flies, we think of You. In teaching, he had a voice that “carried”, spoke with great intelligence and very clearly.
I’m not great with words, but I’ll end with a quote, “Fly High”!*

Adam - March 02, 2024 at 01:05 PM

AM

This is beautiful. Thank you.

Ashly Moody - March 03, 2024 at 06:23 PM

MC

“ *So many moments together but the one that stands out the most was when you were talking to the kids at Brady’s 18th Birthday party about life and the world awaiting them as adults. The words were pure wisdom but what grabbed them was the emotion and the fact you cared about all of the children in the room. It showed me your character and who your really were. Love ya brother and will always remember that smile ... you could always get me to laugh just with that.*

Matthew P Callihan - March 02, 2024 at 12:09 PM

RR

“ *Diane, Brady & Aadin my heart is broken for you guys. If we can’t do anything for you, please reach out as we are only down the street!*

Renea Richards - March 02, 2024 at 10:44 AM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Coach Christopher James Motes.*



March 01, 2024 at 01:44 PM



“ *Chris you were the sweetest guy anyone could ever meet. You never missed calling me when we i lost my daddy. I love you so much Chris you made such a big impact on so many kids with all your love and support and respect you showed everyone. Fly high our sweet angel until we meet again. You will never be forgotten and will always be loved.*

sandra Motes purvis - March 01, 2024 at 01:20 PM



“ *GSHS Baseball purchased the Ocean Breeze Spray for the family of Coach Christopher James Motes.*



GSHS Baseball - March 01, 2024 at 12:57 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Coach Christopher James Motes.*



March 01, 2024 at 12:46 PM

LL

“ Laura Shoemaker (Zack, Grant & Lily) planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Coach Christopher James Motes.

Laura Shoemaker (Zack, Grant & Lily) - March 01, 2024 at 12:46 PM



“ Loving Lilies and Roses Bouquet was purchased for the family of Coach Christopher James Motes.



March 01, 2024 at 11:53 AM

TC

“ Chris, I don't know where to start. Man, you knew how to make everyone around you better. My heart is still hurting. Our last conversation was about when was I going to retire. You may be gone but, never forgotten. Rest well my brother. Until we meet again. Dianne, Aadon, and Brady I will continue to keep you guys lifted up in prayer. I know the days ahead will be hard. Hold on to your precious memories of your dad. Love y'all!!!

Terrell Crosby - February 29, 2024 at 11:18 PM

AF

“ Alex Argianas and family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Coach Christopher James Motes.

Alex Argianas and family - February 29, 2024 at 11:44 AM

AF

“ Alex Argianas and family purchased the Enchanted Cottage for the family of Coach Christopher James Motes.



Alex Argianas and family - February 29, 2024 at 11:44 AM

KF

“ Kaya Family purchased the Enchanted Cottage for the family of Coach Christopher James Motes.



Kaya Family - February 29, 2024 at 10:52 AM

CH

“ Carl & Ruth Van Houten planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Coach Christopher James Motes.

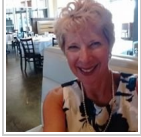
Carl & Ruth Van Houten - February 29, 2024 at 10:30 AM

CH

“ Carl & Ruth Van Houten purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Coach Christopher James Motes.



Carl & Ruth Van Houten - February 29, 2024 at 10:30 AM



“ *My love and prayers of comfort, wisdom and understanding are with the family during this of grief. Please, let me know if there is anything I can do for you, Diane or your sweet young men. Sincerely, Susan Clary, Stonegate Estates.*

Susan Clary - February 29, 2024 at 09:51 AM

SH

“ *Scott Hutcheson purchased the Fiery Lily and Rose for the family of Coach Christopher James Motes.*



Scott Hutcheson - February 28, 2024 at 09:53 PM

YF

“ *Your Gulf Shores High School Family purchased the Ocean Breeze Spray for the family of Coach Christopher James Motes.*



Your Gulf Shores High School Family - February 28, 2024 at 08:43 PM

CA

“ *Such a wonderful loving young man to his family, friends and players. Chris was a special and unique friend to me. He was looking for a way to help others, especially his players. Life will be different because he is no longer with us, but he left a great impact and challenge for all of us.*

Chip Armstrong - February 28, 2024 at 08:19 PM

TD

Thank you for the kind words. It helps to know that my son touched so many lives.

Therissa Dutton - February 29, 2024 at 01:46 PM



“ *Enduring Grace was purchased for the family of Coach Christopher James Motes.*



February 28, 2024 at 05:34 PM



“ *Lavender Reflections Spray was purchased for the family of Coach Christopher James Motes.*



February 28, 2024 at 05:11 PM

AB

“ *Aaron Brittany Maddox and Calvin Braden planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Coach Christopher James Motes.*

Aaron Brittany Maddox and Calvin Braden - February 28, 2024 at 05:11 PM

TF

“ *The Manning Family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Coach Christopher James Motes.*

The Manning Family - February 28, 2024 at 04:58 PM

TF

“ *The Manning Family purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Coach Christopher James Motes.*



The Manning Family - February 28, 2024 at 04:58 PM

TF

“ *The Murphy Family. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Coach Christopher James Motes.*

The Murphy Family. - February 28, 2024 at 04:21 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Coach Christopher James Motes.*



February 28, 2024 at 04:21 PM

TI

“ *You made such an impact on Jackson in his first year of school. He thought the world of you. You will be missed Coach ❤️*

Love Tiffani & Jackson Lowe

Tiffani - February 28, 2024 at 03:42 PM

LB

“ Lee, Kayla, Trendon & Tinslee Beebe purchased the *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum* for the family of Coach Christopher James Motes.



Lee, Kayla, Trendon & Tinslee Beebe - February 28, 2024 at 02:14 PM

CF

“ Capstone Family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Coach Christopher James Motes.

Capstone Family - February 28, 2024 at 02:13 PM

CF

“ Capstone Family purchased the *Ocean Breeze* spray for the family of Coach Christopher James Motes.



Capstone Family - February 28, 2024 at 02:13 PM

JM

“ Johnny, Lori and Woods McElroy planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Coach Christopher James Motes.

Johnny, Lori and Woods McElroy - February 28, 2024 at 01:45 PM



“ Ocean Breeze Spray was purchased for the family of Coach Christopher James Motes.



February 28, 2024 at 01:45 PM



“ Little Rick and April Sanford planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Coach Christopher James Motes.

Little Rick and April Sanford - February 28, 2024 at 01:11 PM



“ Little Rick and April Sanford purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Coach Christopher James Motes.



Little Rick and April Sanford - February 28, 2024 at 01:11 PM

RS

“ We had some great times back in the day. Spending time at his house, giving Ashlyn (AKA Red) a hard time. He gave Mama and Ashlyn a hard time but he loved his family. If we weren't at the house we were playing baseball or softball. Started by playing at Wetumpka High then Cousins Insurance during the summer. Great memories at Wetumpka, giving Coach Bazemore a hard time. Always a pleasure hearing all of us talk like Bazemore. Then summer ball with Cousins, lost 3 games in 3 years. Making state tournaments in summer ball and having to stay with host families. There were some unbelievable stories told about those families. After all that, it was church softball time. He trashed talk to every team, saying there wasn't a park in Alabama that could hold him in. So we had to stand strong as a team and help him back his talk. He was another son to my parents and a good brother to me. I love you dearly buddy and will miss that trash-talking and smile. Until we meet again (cause this isn't goodbye) you keep that talk going. The good Lord gave you skills to keep laughter and hopes alive and I know you have Heaven rolling with the tales you can tell. To Mama Therissa , Ashlyn, Diane, Brady & Aadon, yall have our deepest sympathies. We have had you all in our constant thoughts and prayers. He is still above us looking down with a smile on his face.

Little Rick & April Sanford

Rick Sanford - February 28, 2024 at 01:02 PM

AM

That is so sweet. I love reading this thank you.
Red

Ashly Moody - February 29, 2024 at 12:26 PM

TD

Thank you so much for the kind words. We have always loved ya'll and always will.

Therissa Dutton - February 29, 2024 at 01:49 PM

TS

“ *The Sudduth's planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Coach Christopher James Motes.*

The Sudduth's - February 28, 2024 at 12:56 PM



“ *Love's Journey was purchased for the family of Coach Christopher James Motes.*



February 28, 2024 at 12:56 PM

DL

“ *Danny, Alice & Bama Martin and Jim Lewis purchased the Be My Love Bouquet with Red Roses for the family of Coach Christopher James Motes.*



Danny, Alice & Bama Martin and Jim Lewis - February 28, 2024 at 12:34 PM

AB

“ *Diane, Brady and Aadon, our hearts are broken for you. We will continue to lift you in prayer in all the days to come. God is close to the brokenhearted.*

*We love you,
Amanda and Kenny Burleson*

Amanda Ingram Burleson - February 28, 2024 at 12:09 PM

ME

“ *Mama, Ashly, & Emmy purchased the Lily and Rose Tribute Spray for the family of Coach Christopher James Motes.*



Mama, Ashly, & Emmy - February 28, 2024 at 11:56 AM

TF

“ *The Minter Family purchased the Beautiful Dreams for the family of Coach Christopher James Motes.*



The Minter Family - February 28, 2024 at 11:38 AM

TF

“ *The Minter Family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Coach Christopher James Motes.*

The Minter Family - February 28, 2024 at 11:38 AM