



Denzil Montgomery Hollis

April 26, 1936 - January 15, 2016

Denzil Montgomery Hollis, Jr, age 79, a long-time resident of Foley, AL, passed away peacefully on January 15th, 2016.

He was born in Tuscaloosa, AL on April 26, 1936 and was raised in Mobile where he graduated from Murphy High School. He went to the University of Alabama where he graduated with a Masters Degree. He married Brenda Wood of Mobile on March 28, 1957. They have been married almost 59 years. Denzil coached many sports at Foley High School including football, basketball, baseball, golf, and track; however, basketball became his love. He led his team to the state playoffs in Tuscaloosa. During the 1970's he coached basketball for 10 years at McGill-Toolen. McGill refers to these years as the "Glory Years" as he took multiple teams to the state playoffs. He loved his players and did his best to instill the life lessons of hard work and overcoming adversity that helped shape his players' lives.

Denzil was an avid fan of Alabama football. His grandmother lived just two blocks away from Bryant-Denny Stadium. Even in his last days, he responded to the news of another Alabama National Championship with a tight squeeze of your hand. Denzil believed in Coach Bear Bryant's philosophies of if you believe in yourself and have dedication and pride and never quit, you'll be a winner. The price of victory is high but so are the rewards. "I have tried to teach them to show class, to have pride, and to display character."

Denzil was the owner of businesses in Gulf Shores for many years.

He and his wife, Brenda, later lived part time in Tampa, FL where they had a

wonderful life with friends, playing golf and other activities at their clubhouse. He loved his family and friends and was a great father, grandfather, and husband.

Preceding him in death was his father, Denzil M. Hollis and mother, Eleanor K. Hollis. Surviving are his wife, Brenda of Foley, daughter Alicia H. Bold (Hammond) of Thomson, GA and son, Kevin C. Hollis (Susan) of Memphis, TN, his four grandchildren, Hammond Bold, Jr, Elizabeth Bold Tudor (Charles), Rebecca Hollis, and Christopher Hollis, brother Jack K. Hollis (Janice), and nephew Matthew K. Hollis, two great grandchildren, Shaye Patterson and Samuel H. Tudor, and in laws Mary and Charles Wood of Mobile, and brother-in-law Bill Wood of Mobile.

Funeral Services will be held from Pine Rest Funeral Home and Memorial Park on Monday, January 18, 2016. Visitation is at 1:00 PM, and interment will follow in Memorial Park at 2:00 PM. In lieu of flowers please send donations to First Baptist Church of Foley, AL or The Alzheimer's Association, 225 North Michigan Avenue, Fl. 17, Chicago, Illinois 60601-7633.

Cemetery Details

Pine Rest Memorial Park

16541 US Hwy 98
Foley, AL 36535
(251) 943-5667
info@pinerestfuneralhome.com

Previous Events

Visitation

JAN 18. 1:00 PM - 2:00 PM (CT)

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Service

JAN 18. 2:00 PM - 3:00 PM (CT)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Denzil Montgomery Hollis*

October 04, 2023 at 01:12 PM



“ *Denzil Montgomery Hollis*

November 08, 2022 at 06:34 PM



“ *So sorry to here this news. I attended McGill from 76-80 and always loved Coach Hollis, never had him for a teacher only a friend. Visited him many times @ his Gulf Shores Mini Golf . My prayers are with you all. God Bless Pam Arata Pittman*

Pam Arata Pittman - January 21, 2016 at 11:45 AM



“ *Very sorry to hear that Mr. Hollis has passed away. I have known the entire family my entire life, as I grew up in Foley, Alabama. I think Mr. Hollis lived a life to be envied, and has left a wonderful legacy through his children. He will be missed by many, as he was a good husband, father and friend! May God bless you all in your time of need!*

Sincerely,

Tom and Christie Montgomery

Tom Montgomery - January 20, 2016 at 10:09 AM

KH

Thanks so much, Tom. I appreciate it the thoughts.

Kevin Hollis - January 20, 2016 at 02:52 PM

DS

“ *My thoughts and prayers go out to the Hollis Family! Coach was my Coach in 1974 and 1975! There was no one more passionate about the game and about life than he was. I learned a great deal about both from him and it helped shaped the man I am today. His legacy will always live in the memories of those of us he touched.*

*Darick J Simpson
McGill-Toolen 1975*

Darick J Simpson - January 19, 2016 at 04:46 PM

KH

Big Dipper! Great to hear from you although not the best of circumstances. Dad's players meant so much to him. Thank you so much for the kind thoughts and for being a part of that great Mc-T legacy.

Kevin Hollis - January 20, 2016 at 02:54 PM

JW

“ *Thoughts and prayers to the Hollis family. Loved Denzil...and loved playing for him at McGill in the early 70s. He inspired us every day to do our best. He was a good mentor to a lot of young men. Thanks for all the great memories. You will be missed.*

Jeremiah 'Pepper' Woolsey - January 19, 2016 at 10:30 AM

KH

Thanks so much, Pepper. Dad took great pride in his players and loved them all. All of you were my heroes growing up.

Kevin Hollis - January 20, 2016 at 02:58 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Denzil Montgomery Hollis.*



January 18, 2016 at 12:24 PM



“ *Playing for Coach Hollis was tough but we were winners. He taught us sportsmanship and to be a team. After playing for coach you knew the game of basketball probably better than a lot of adults. Thank you Coach Hollis...Michael Wilson*

Michael Wilson - January 17, 2016 at 05:29 PM



“ *I met Denzil in the 6th grade. He was an outstanding student, athlete and friend. We graduated from Murphy in 1953 and I lost track of him but his memories will always remain. My thoughts and prayers are with the entire Hollis family. May the Lord bless you and keep you may He lift up His countenance upon you and give you peace.
Respectfully
Robert E. Mixon,*

Robert E. Mixon - January 17, 2016 at 03:46 PM

DM

“ *Denzil was one of the best basketball coaches in Alabama high school history. As a young coach in the 1970's I marveled at the play of his McGill teams and Denzil was the coach I wanted to emulate. Anytime he spoke at a coaching clinic I was there. Later when we both left coaching we became good friends . Denzil was a good man.*

David Myrick - January 17, 2016 at 10:44 AM

EF

“ *Please accept our sincere condolences. At this time, draw close to God and He will close to and comfort you. (James 4:8)*

Eisbrenner family - January 16, 2016 at 05:06 PM