



## James Dale Weaver

August 25, 1939 - March 21, 2016

James Dale Weaver (Coach) was born to Alice Adele Weaver and James Dauph Weaver August 25, 1939 in Muskogee, Oklahoma. He departed this life March 21, 2016 surrounded by his family. He is survived by his wife of 55 years Janis, and his daughter Kelli Weaver Lumpkin, and son James Dale Weaver, his son-in-law Forrest Lumpkin, and daughter-in-law Sandy Weaver. Grandchildren Lori Murphy and her husband Cody, Stephanie Lumpkin and Savannah Lumpkin and great grand son Aidan Murphy. Numerous neices, nephews, great neices and nephews and great great neices and nephews. James was the next to youngest of 8 siblings, 5 brothers, Carl, Jack, Bob and Phillip, 2 Sisters, Betty and Charlotte who preceded him in passing. He is survived by his oldest sister Pauline Isom, and his sister-in-law and brother-in-law Sharon and Cecil Duncan, and sisters-in-law Fay Weaver and Marie Weaver. James was an outstanding basketball player and achieved honors as an All-State high school basketball player and member of the Oklahoma AllStar Basketball team which defeated the Texas All-Star team in the Oklahoma-Texas All-Star Basketball game in 1957. He attended Northeastern State University on a basketball scholarship and after being named All-Conference and becoming the leading scorer in the conference for several seasons, he graduated with a degree in Lifetime Sports, Health and Physical education. Jim taught and coached his beloved game of basketball for 33 years in Missouri, Kansas, Oklahoma, and Texas. He was a founding member of the Texas Association of Basketball Coaches, one of the largest coaches

associations in the country. During Jim's 33 years of coaching the game of basketball that he loved so much he often said the game gave him a wonderful education and an opportunity to teach and coach young men and women in their formative years. He inspired several of his players to become coaches and educators. He was well known and respected in the coaching community and made many lifetime coaching friends. In the communities where he lived and coached everyone knew "Coach Weaver." He enjoyed participating in many community activities especially fundraisers involving sports and cooking. After coaching for 33 years he became the Director of Parks and Recreation in the City of Nederland, Texas where he upgraded the city's pool, recreation center, and all of the city parks. He was often found enjoying a friendly competitive game of basketball, racketball or badminton with members of the community and former players. In 2001, he retired a second time and moved with his wife Janis to their dream home in Gulf Shores, Alabama which he called "Paradise." While living in Gulf Shores Jim made numerous friends on and off the golf course and in the community. He and Janis attended St. Andrew by the Sea Church. He continued to fish, cook and entertain friends cooking and delivering funny one-liners until poor health required a move to Austin, Texas to be close to his family. Jim's love for his family was deep and wide. He took great pride in his daughter Kelli and son Jamie both as young children, teenagers and adults. He was proud of their character, depth of caring for others and of their love and devotion to he and Jan. He was blessed to have the opportunity to share his love of cooking, boating, crabbing, and sports with his granddaughters and great grandson whom he loved dearly. He shared many happy times in Gulf Shores with them, fishing, cooking and teaching them to drive. After his move to Austin he was comforted by their presence and the depth of their love and devotion to him. They were a joy to him and enriched his life immensely. A Celebration of Life Service will be held at St. Andrew By The Sea At 2:00pm Thursday, March 24, Family Visitation 1:00 to 2:00pm in the church reception hall. 17263 Hwy 180, Gulf Shores, AL 36547 If you wish to remember Jim, in lieu of flowers the

family suggests donations in Jim's honor to: Daybreak Respite Care Program  
Gulf Shores United Methodist Church 1720 Gulf Shores Parkway, Gulf  
Shores, AL The Lewy Body Dementia Association Inc. [lbda.org/donate](http://lbda.org/donate)

# Previous Events

## Celebration of Life

MAR **24**. 2:00 PM (CT)

St. Andrews by the Sea  
17263 Fort Morgan Road,  
Gulf Shores, AL 36542  
<http://www.standrewbythesea.org/>

# Tribute Wall



“ *James Dale Weaver*

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October 04, 2023 at 01:12 PM



“ *James Dale Weaver*

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November 08, 2022 at 06:34 PM

DG

“ To Jan, Kelli, and Jamie :

*My heart goes out to all you guys ! Big Jim was a second Dad to me. Such a good man, great basketball coach, and loving husband and dad ! I remember all of the times Jim, Jamie, my late dad Bob , and myself went to Austin for the State Tournament. Great Memories !!!*

*I also remember a time in 1989 when Big Jim let me sit on the Nederland Bulldog bench and help him coach in the Yellow Jacket Classic at my Alma Mater, Thomas Jefferson High School in Port Arthur, Texas. I was an aspiring coach still in college - but he let me soak it up sitting by him !!! What a Guy !!!*

*I remember all of our get togethers. I even remember us all living in the same house in Vidor for a short period of time. I also remember my dad's SFA team upsetting Crosby because they had to forfeit due to a fight breaking out between players of both teams. It allowed Big Jim's West Orange Chiefs to win the district !!*

*The only regret I have is not being able to play for him at Nederland High School. I also remember having two of his former players as my assistants at Vidor High School - Brian English and Gordon Friesz. Brian is now the current Bulldog head man.*

*Rest in Peace, Coach Weaver - I will miss you :(*

*DAVID GOUGH*

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David Gough - March 29, 2016 at 08:53 AM

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“ *The Muskogee Central High Class of 1957 extend deepest sympathy to the family of James. He is remembered as a much loved classmate and admired member of our basketball team.*

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**Sammye Henderson Rodden CHS '57** - March 25, 2016 at 09:48 AM

VE

“ *So many great memories with Coach Weaver from when my son Brian English played for him! We went to the play offs for the first time in 30 years! He was a great mentor and friend to the boys and the parents as well! His love for the game definitely had an influence on Brian. He got his degree and has been a coach for over 20 years! He also coached my son Chris. So we had many good times over the years!*

*Jan we are thinking of you and the kids at this time. I know your memories will keep his spirit alive. Just know that he was loved by us and many others here in Nederland and we grieve with you. Love you all---Vicki English*

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**Vicki English** - March 24, 2016 at 12:12 PM



“ *Fairest of All was purchased for the family of James Dale Weaver.*



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March 24, 2016 at 11:01 AM

DS

“ Deeply saddened by Coach Weaver's passing. I was privileged to work alongside Coach for several years as his assistant. I learned a great deal about basketball, motivating young men and cherished the years he & I, along with Tom Umphrey worked together. More importantly than being a great Coach, he was a better person. My thoughts and prayers are with the entire family.

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**Delbert Spell** - March 23, 2016 at 08:04 PM



“ Delicious Delights Basket was purchased for the family of James Dale Weaver.



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March 23, 2016 at 05:35 PM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of James Dale Weaver.



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March 23, 2016 at 02:46 PM

BJ

“ To the Bereaved Family of James Dale Weaver ---Words of Comfort  
--- I had my own motion of Grief. I thought it was a sad time that  
followed the death of someone you Love. And you had to Push  
through it to get to the Other side. But I'm learning there is No Other  
Side. There is No Pushing through. But rather there is  
ABSORPTION, ADJUSTMENT, and ACCEPTANCE. And Grief is  
not something that you complete. But rather you endure. Grief is not  
a task to finish, and move on , But an Element of Yourself - An  
Alteration of your Being. A New Way of Seeing. And a New  
Definition of Self.

"When someone you Love becomes a memory, the memory  
becomes a treasure." May your memories give you Peace and  
Comfort.

*My Deepest Condolences to you Kelli and your Family,  
Brenda Johnson*

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**Brenda Johnson** - March 23, 2016 at 07:35 AM

DM

So very sorry for your loss. Coach Weaver was a good coach but more  
important a good man. He taught my son that basketball was important  
and that he could be good at it if he worked hard but more important he  
showed him that being a "real man" was about more than sports but  
the way you conducted yourself and the way you lived your life. Thanks  
for all the wonderful memories at Nederland High School Coach  
Weaver. You will always have a place in our hearts. RIP

*May God comfort all of you and give you peace.*

*Diana Mayes*

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**Diana Mayes** - March 23, 2016 at 08:48 AM

TO

*My deepest condolences to the family. I only met Coach once, but I felt like I had known him for years from all of Kelli's stories about her beloved dad.*

*Tomee Heining*

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**Tomee** - March 23, 2016 at 09:11 AM

JE

*Kelli, Jan & Jamie - I am heartbroken for your loss. Jim was such a kind man, so full of life and full of love for his family. I hope that your happy memories of him will ease the pain of his loss.*

*Jennifer*

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**Jennifer** - March 23, 2016 at 03:20 PM

GM

*Kelli and family,  
My heart breaks for you, and no words can express the sorrow I feel at this moment. Our thoughts and prayers go out to you and your family during this difficult time.  
"Your cause of sorrow. Must not be measured by his worth, for then, it hath no end."*

*Gretchen and Peter Merenda*

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**Gretchen Merenda** - March 24, 2016 at 10:57 AM