



Victor Quentin Kegley

October 29, 1941 - June 8, 2017

Victor Quentin Kegley passed into eternity at his home in Salisbury, North Carolina on June 8, after a valiant eight year battle with Parkinson's disease. He was born October 29, 1941 in Roanoke, Virginia.

Vic was preceded in death by his parents, Madison Conway Kegley and Mary Louise Queen Kegley.

A graduate of Duncan U. Fletcher High School in Jacksonville Beach, Florida, Vic lettered in three sports and was co-captain of the football team. He was selected to the First Team All-City football team.

Vic served his country for six years as a member of the U.S. Marine Corps Reserves.

A love of football led Vic to Western Carolina University, where he played for four years while receiving both his B.A. and M.A. in Education.

He later served as head football coach at both South Plantation and Fort Lauderdale High Schools in Florida. During his tenure at Fort Lauderdale, Vic helped establish Kids in Distress, an organization of volunteers and professionals designed to assist abused children. He was recognized for his efforts by being named Florida Volunteer-of-the-Year and receiving the "Points

of Light” award presented by First Lady, Barbara Bush.

Vic returned to Bristol, Virginia where he founded the Special Education Program at Virginia High School. He also coached several sports at the school until his retirement.

During his illness, Vic appreciated the prayers, visits, and phone calls from former students and players whose lives he touched over a 40 year period.

Vic is survived by his wife, Kerisha, his daughter, Michelle, a brother, Duke (Dianna), and sisters Patti Hill (Mike) and Connie Smith (Jim). He was “Pops” to granddaughter, Hayes Smith.

Vic, a faithful and good servant of his Lord Christ Jesus, has been called home. He will be dearly missed by his family and friends.

A Memorial Service will be conducted 11 AM – Tuesday (June 13) at the Weaver Funeral Home, 630 Locust St., Bristol, TN

In lieu of flowers, the family requests gifts to be sent to the Michael J. Fox Foundation at michaeljfox.org.

Online condolences may be made at www.summersetfuneralhome.com.

Tribute Wall

BB

“ I know that many years have gone by since the passing of Coach Kegley, but I feel the need to share a few words about my favorite coach of all time. I graduated from Ft. Lauderdale High School, and played football for Coach Kegley my Senior Year. He was our Defensive Coordinator, and I played D Tackle for him. That year, our Offense was virtually nonexistent, but on the other hand, Coach Kegley's Defense went the last 5 1/2 games of the season without giving up a single touchdown. He was a great football coach, but he was also a great life coach. I had my share of troubles at home, as many teenagers do, but Coach Kegley taught us values, integrity, responsibility, and accountability. I went on to serve 4 years in the USMC, but before I left for Parris Island, he asked me to come in one morning a speak about it to his classroom. Coach Kegley was the toughest, strictest coach that I ever had while playing 12 years of football, along with several others sports, but he was by far my most meaningful coach, as well. I love Coach Kegley, and I miss him dearly.

Bryan M, Bridel - August 09, 2024 at 10:08 AM

KB

“ I worked with Vic at Bristol Faith in Action for years; my children sometimes accompanied and also liked and respected Vic very much. He was a lovely man. I was out of town and just learned of his passing; I am sorry I couldn't come to his memorial. Your family will be in my prayers. Kim Bradley

Kim Bradley - June 14, 2017 at 10:35 AM

DW

“ My condolences to the family and to Duke and Connie. I never met your father and I am sure he will be missed
Don Waterman

Don Waterman - June 13, 2017 at 08:47 AM

DW

“ I first met Coach in the late summer of 1971. We were a new high school and he was one of our new coaches. I was upset about being forced to transfer from my freshman high school to the new one. That frustration didn't last long after getting to know Coach Kegley and the rest of the coaches. Because of his and the others efforts, that move became one of the pivotal points in my life. He became not only my coach but my mentor and my friend. He was like that. Over the years he helped not only me but many other young people find their way through life. Even after I left high school and went on to college and eventually medical school, we stayed in touch. Knee injuries ended my football career early, another blessing actually, but he and I still hung out on the sidelines when I could get there. He was the one I called when my dad had a major heart attack. I was away at college but he picked me up at the airport and got me home. He was in my wedding and spoke at my father's funeral, many years later. Coach was always there when I needed him and I know he was that way with many others. It was just how he was. I last saw Coach two years ago and he was struggling then but always keep his head up, just like he taught his players, and kept up the fight. The disease may have beaten his body but it never had a chance against his spirit. I love you Coach and will miss you. It is time for you to take a break and get some rest from a life well lived. God bless you and Kerisha.

David Weems - June 12, 2017 at 09:37 AM

MG

“ *Kerisha, I'm so sorry for your loss. You and your family are in my thoughts and prayers. May your memories sustain you in this most difficult time. God bless and keep you.*

Matanette Greever

Matanette Greever - June 12, 2017 at 07:16 AM

BW

“ *I only met Vic once or twice. I was introduced to his work many times by others that knew him well. Kerisha told me about his love of sailing and how excited he was to have been able to do that at Watauga Lake. It has been many years since I have talked with Kerisha. I was inquiring about the Kegleys to friends just a few days ago. My prayers are with Kerisha and all of the family.*

Buford Wright - June 11, 2017 at 01:12 PM

DE

“ *In recognition of Victor Quentin Kegley's Honorable Service in the United States Marine Corps, the members of the SSgt Walter F. 'Trae' Cohee III Detachment # 115, Salisbury, MD as of well as the members the Tri-Cities Detachment # 969, Gray, TN of the Marine Corps League would like to extend our appreciation and gratitude for his service to God, Country and Corps as well as our sincere condolences to his family.*



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*Don Elseroad
Staff Sergeant USMC (Ret)
MCL Detachment # 115 & # 969*

Don Elseroad - June 11, 2017 at 12:26 PM

JH

“ I had Coach Kegley for Psychology at Va High School many years ago. He was one of the best teachers I've ever had. Coach was one of the kindest, most caring and most generous person I've ever known. There are a lot of fond memories of him but one I will never forget is his love for his family and his sense of humor over Ms. Kegley's bear she always decorated for every holiday. He used to show us pictures of the outfits every single holiday and he would always laugh about it. You will be missed dearly.

Justin Hall - June 11, 2017 at 10:32 AM

TC

“ Kerisha
I am so sorry for the loss of your husband! Your family is in our thoughts and prayers!! 💜 Topaz & family

Topaz Christian - June 11, 2017 at 09:51 AM

PF

“ Coach Kegley was such an amazing teacher, coach, boss and friend! He was my teacher for 2 years at Fort Lauderdale High School. I also had the pleasure of being his teacher's assistant and then worked for him when he became the Athletic Director. He was always there for me when I needed advise or a shoulder to cry on. He was also extremely funny and played many practical jokes. He will be truly missed by so many but will honored and remembered as a wonderful mentor and man! I adored him and know he's now an angel in heaven. I hope his family finds some peace and comfort knowing how much he was loved! My thoughts and prayers are with the Kegley family. Rest In Peace Coach Kegley! Love, Patty



Patty Fee - June 10, 2017 at 07:38 PM