



Gus Watson, Jr.

July 16, 2012

Funeral services for “L’il Gus” Watson will be held on Thursday, July 19, 2012 at 2:00 pm at Sunnyside Church with Bro. Jerry Sharp officiating and burial following at Highland Park Cemetery under the direction of Young’s Funeral Home in Ferriday.

The family will receive friends at Young’s Funeral Home in Ferriday on Wednesday, July 17, 2012 from 5:00pm until 8:00pm.

Gus Watson, Jr. a life-long resident of Foules, LA was born on June 13, 1947, in Vicksburg, MS and went to be with our Lord and Savior on July 16, 2012, at LSU Medical Center in Shreveport, LA. He graduated from Sicily Island High School and went on to Louisiana State University where he graduated with a degree in horticulture. Gus was affectionately called L’il Gus and was passionate about football. He began the football program at Martin Jr. High in Sicily Island and served as head coach until he moved to Sicily Island High School to be defensive line coach. He taught and coached at Sicily Island High School until his retirement and served as head football coach for a number of years. He also diligently followed LSU football and other LSU sports. He loved his players and students and was always glad to see them and hear how they were doing. He was a member of Sunnyside Church, Foules, LA. and the LSU Alumni Association. Coach Watson will be missed by many and his memory will be cherished by all.

He is preceded in death by his mother, Irma Watson and his father, Gus Watson, Sr.

Survivors include two aunts: Mildred Marion and Doris Knight of Baton Rouge, and a host of close cousins, friends, and former students. One special cousin and caretaker was Ann S. Wycoff, along with her family: husband Reginald; daughter Gerre Guarisco; and sons, Reggie and Randy Wycoff.

Pallbearers will be Reggie Wycoff, Walter Myers, Barry Sharp, Charlie Richard, Kevin Skipper, and Walter Marcum Krause. Honorary Pallbearers will be Reginald Wycoff, Sr., Albert Krause, John Keith Guice, Jerry Watson, Matt Myers, and Blair Wilson

Tribute Wall

DF

“ God Bless you Coach Watson. Take it on home; this is your time in the end zone.

Donald, Renee, Donna, Alicia and Tiffany Ford - July 19, 2012 at 12:00 AM

CR

“ Coach I will never forget you,we shared alot of great times in The Island.I enjoyed playing for you and coming back coaching under you.It was a great ride.RIP my friend.

Charley Richard - July 18, 2012 at 12:00 AM

LD

“ Coach Watson, you were a force of nature and you touched everyone you met i a special way. Cassandra nd I had so much fun in your Civic's class. You always put a hard "r" inher name and we squealed uncontrollably. However, like all forces of nature they must return back unto whence they came and so had you. May God rest your soul-eternally in the heavens.

Linda Daniels-Fortenberry - July 18, 2012 at 12:00 AM

JK

“ I was very sorry to hear about Gus. I had the opportunity about 3 yrs ago to go by his home, visit with him, and relive some "good old times". I graduated from high school with him. We enjoyed many good times as classmates through the years. My condolences to his family and friends. I will always remember Gus fondly.

Jean Kalb - July 18, 2012 at 12:00 AM

BM

“ *The measure of a man is not how he died, but how he lived.*

Gus Watson, one of our very own, never traveled the world by private jet, climbed the highest mountain, never went to the Olympics, or wrote a best seller; what Gus did do was to touch hundreds of young people's lives whether they were in his class room, on the football field, or became one of the many that he mentored.

He was a man that loved football. He love it, along with his team and players, and it has been said that one of his favorite moments was when the football stadium lights came on. All of us remember with a smile how during a tense moments in the game, he would throw down his cap to the ground and perhaps even lose his cool; we also remember that the following Friday night, he would come striding onto that field with a smile on his face and the cap on his head, while all the time encouraging his players and leading them forward. One student said that Coach Watson taught him to never give up, and Gus never did, not until the moment he died. We also know that if high school football was a religion to Gus, then LSU football was the Holy Grail. He lived, ate, and breathed for the LSU Football season.

He was true to his heritage, his faith, his family, and friends. In his own quiet way, he lived the life he truly loved and to me that makes him extraordinary. Gus will be laid under the Southern Sicily Island soil, and he will be missed, and still loved, especially by this writer.

Betty Miles McGilvray - July 18, 2012 at 12:00 AM

DB

“ *Rest in Peace, Coach. You will not be forgotten.*

Deborah Edmonds Borquist - July 17, 2012 at 12:00 AM