

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

The family of Coach Archie Carlyle sincerely thanks everyone for the overwhelming support and love shown during this difficult time. We are grateful for the many expressions of sympathy, encouraging words, and prayers. Your kindness has meant so much to our family as we mourn the loss of our Father, Brother, Pawpaw, "Big Mane". May the Lord bless you all!

HONORARY PALLBEARERS

Harold Carlyle | Stanley Carlyle
Jeff Heath | Bruce Robinson
George Smith | Johnny Staples

ACTIVE PALLBEARERS

Jeffrey Coleman | Keith Gray
Sedric Hudson | Michael Tardy
Jacob Sherriff | Robert Stiff

FLOWER BEARERS

Family & Friends

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Glenwood Cemetery
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Yazoo City, MS 39194

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CELEBRATING THE LIFE AND LEGACY OF



COACH Archie Arthur Carlyle

Father ~ Brother ~ Friend ~ Legend

Sunrise: March 1, 1944 – Sunset: July 15, 2023

Saturday, July 29, 2023 | 12:00 p.m.

YAZOO COUNTY HIGH SCHOOL

191 Panther Drive – Yazoo City, MS 39194

Pastor Willie E. Smith, Officiating

LIFE'S REFLECTIONS

Coach Archie Carlyle was born on March 1, 1944, in Dermott, Arkansas to Caesar and Ernestine Carlyle, Sr. He was the seventh of eleven children and was affectionately called "Bro" (pronounced bruh). He graduated from Chicot County High School in 1963. Growing up, Coach Carlyle was taught the importance of God, hard-work, dedication, and family. He was raised in Calvary Baptist Church in Arkansas, where he accepted Christ into his life at an early age.

During high school Coach Carlyle was an outstanding athlete, lettering in track and basketball. This afforded him the opportunity to earn a scholarship to play basketball at Tougaloo College. He played all four years and graduated with a degree in Education in 1967. During Coach Carlyle's last year of college, he realized he wanted to work with children. He knew that coaching was the optimal opportunity to share himself with others. Carlyle wanted to share his knowledge and experiences to aid in the betterment of others. Coaching allowed him to not only educate kids about the fundamentals of sport, but he was able to teach them life principles that would help them become successful and productive citizens.

In adulthood, Coach Carlyle met and fell in love with Amanda Wilson. They married, made Yazoo City their home, and from their union came their son Anthony Carlyle. The couple joined New Zion MB Church and quickly became pillars of the congregation. Coach Carlyle served as a Deacon for many years and was honored to be a servant leader for the enrichment of the church. He loved his church family immensely, and they loved him. Coach Carlyle was kind-hearted, giving, dedicated, confident but humble, and took pride in everything he did. His character made him a phenomenal steward of the church, but it also created in him a championship mentality.

Coach Carlyle started his 45-year coaching career at Linwood Elementary. He coached the middle school hoops teams to a record of 203 wins and 48 losses in six seasons. He eventually went on to become the head coach at Benton High School. Coach Carlyle led the Benton girls' basketball squad to three state titles in 1982, 1984, and 1987. During his tenure at Benton High School, he also led the boys to the state crown in 1985. From 1987-1991 he coached the Northwest Rankin boys' basketball team and guided them to a state runner up finish in 1990. Thereafter, Coach Carlyle began his long and successful tenure at Yazoo City High School. He coached the boys to their first ever state championship in 1996. In 2002, he took his talents to Yazoo County High School becoming the boys' basketball coach. In 2006 Coach Carlyle guided his team to a state title in the infamous "stall-ball" game against Holly Springs-a contest that is considered one of the biggest upsets in the state tournament. The following year, he returned to Yazoo City High School to coach both girls and boys basketball teams. He went on to lead the girls' team to a state championship in 2009. Along with his 7 state championships, Coach Carlyle coached his teams to a 20 plus win season 23 times and 30 plus wins on 5 occasions. His teams claimed 1, 204 wins, 800 losses, and 1 tie. He was named coach of the year four times by the Yazoo Herald, two times by the Jackson Clarion Ledger, five times by the MAC, and three times by the MHSAA. He received three Mississippi/Alabama All-Star coaching honors in 1985, 1989, and 2001. He reached his 1, 000th career coaching victory in 2006. To cap off his legendary career, Coach Carlyle was inducted into the MAC Coaches Hall of Fame in 2018. His signature towel and white pair of shoes, which graced the sidelines for many years, didn't make the cut, but they were arguably just as legendary the man himself.

Coach Carlyle retired from coaching basketball in 2014. However, his dedication to the game and his community was steadfast. As a beacon of the Yazoo City community, Coach Carlyle's positive impact on the youth persisted-evident by the countless hours he dedicated at the city park, coaching youth league basketball, taking children into his home, and even providing odd jobs to those in need. Coach Carlyle had a special way of encouraging and providing counsel to others. He especially took great pride in mentoring his very own son, Anthony, who has won 6 state basketball championships himself. However, "Big Carlyle" maintained that he himself, was still and will always be-the best coach in the state of Mississippi.

Coach Carlyle departed this life on Saturday, July 15, 2023. He was preceded in death by his parents, Caesar and Ernestine Carlyle Sr., wife Amanda Carlyle, siblings: Dauphina Coleman, Caesar Carlyle Jr., twins Martha Simmons and Mildred Davis, Thomas Carlyle, Mary Henry, and Earnestine Franklin.

Precious memories and the legacy of Coach Carlyle will live on forever in the hearts of son Anthony Carlyle (KiOsha) of Canton, MS; grandchildren Jaylan and Kameron Carlyle; siblings Harold Carlyle (Ernestine) of Cerritos California, Stanley Carlyle Sr. (Ernestine) of Joliet, Illinois, and Nettie Glover of Inglewood, California; special friend Linda Cowans-Harris of Yazoo City, MS; a host of relatives, friends, church members, and former players.

ORDER OF SERVICE

ProcessionalClergy and Family
Musical Selection..... New Zion M.B. Church Choir
Scripture Reading.....Deacons of New Zion M.B. Church
Prayer.....Deacons of New Zion M.B. Church
Musical Selection..... New Zion M.B. Church Choir

EXPRESSIONS

Dr. Clinton Hampton – Chicot County High School, Class of 1963

Keith Gray – Former Player

Jacob Sherriff - Friend

Nettie Glover – Sister

SILENT READING OF THE OBITUARY AND MEMORIAL VIDEO

Musical Selection..... New Zion M.B. Church Choir
Eulogy.....Reverend Willie E. Smith

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EXPRESSIONS OF LOVE

Dad, since the beginning it has always been you and me. You were my dad but also my best friend. I went from wanting to play for you, to playing for you, to coaching with you, and coaching against you. I enjoyed each moment because of the things you taught me and the laughs we shared. I remember as a kid when you coached and wouldn't let me go to certain away games, and I would fake sick at school just so that I could go because all I wanted to do was be with my dad. Thank you for the countless memories that you left me with. Thank you for the teachings that I will lean on as I must navigate without you by my side. Thank you and I will always love you Big Mane.

Love Big Ant

Pawpaw, thank you for teaching me so much. I'll miss our games of "around the world." I'll miss our breakfast trips to McDonalds. But most of all, I'll miss YOU!

Love ~ Jaylan and Kameron

My Dear Friend, to lose someone I loved so much brings pain beyond belief.

There are no words to ease my pain
my sadness and my grief.

I feel I've lost someone so close
so wonderful and dear,

I think about your special ways
and wish that you were near.

But although you have left this world
you'll stay within my heart,

Guiding like an angel even though we are apart.
For love is everlasting and so are my memories,

Your legacy that's always there to light the way for me.

Love Linda

Brother, you were the most honest and fairest person that I have ever known. Never did I witness you being dishonest about anything. I will miss our reminiscing about the good old times ☺. We are all going to miss you terribly.

Love ~ Stanley, Nettie, & Harold