



## Freddy Layton

September 21, 2012

Mr. Freddy "Coach" Layton Jr., age 84, passed away on Friday, September 21, 2012. Services will be conducted on Thursday, September 27 at 2 p.m. in the Williams Funeral Home Chapel of Milledgeville with Rev. Jim Nipper officiating.

The family will be at the funeral home from 5-7 p.m. on Wednesday, September 26, 2012 to receive friends.

Mr. Layton was a native of Wrightsville, Georgia, a graduate of Wrightsville High School, and he attended the University of Georgia where he was the youngest player for the Georgia Bulldogs under Coach Wally Butts.

Mr. Layton's college and football career were interrupted by World War II. He served in the United States Navy. He returned to college to earn degrees at Georgia Military College, Austin Peay State University, Georgia College, and Georgia Southern College.

Coach Layton began his career as a Recreation Tech for Central State Hospital before becoming Superintendent of Recreation for the City of Milledgeville, Georgia. He was instrumental in the design and building of Bonner Park; named Layton Field in 2010. Coach Layton would begin his career in Education as Athletic Director for Georgia Military College in 1968; a

career that spanned the next 30 years to include coaching at Brentwood Academy, Bartow Academy, Gatewood School, Thomas Jefferson Academy, and John Hancock Academy.

During his career, Coach Layton would win many games, state championships, ending with coming out of retirement to Coach the Thomas Jefferson's 1998 Jaguars to the State Championship.

He is survived by his wife Ann Layton of Milledgeville; daughters Patty May (Tom) Beck of Augusta, Stacy Van (Rollie) Waters of Dallas, TX; sons Michael Douglas (Emily) Layton of Augusta, Eugene (Mona) McCook of Twin City; seven grandchildren; and 3 great grandchildren.

In Lieu of Flowers, the family requests memorial contributions be made to the Georgia Military College Athletic Department, 201 East Green Street, Milledgeville, GA 31061.

# Previous Events

## Visitation

SEP **27**. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

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1670 N. Jefferson St.  
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staff@williamsfuneralhome.net  
<https://www.williamsfuneralhome.net>

## Service

SEP **28**. 2:00 PM (ET)

Williams Funeral Home & Crematory - Milledgeville  
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# Tribute Wall

RW

“ Sincere sympathy is extended to each of you in this time of sorrow. Coach Layton was a very special man and touched many hearts. May your memories comfort you during this time and the days ahead. My thoughts and prayers go out to you.

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**Rhonda Williams** - September 28, 2012 at 07:45 PM

CC

“ Dear Family, I want to talk a moment and tell you all how sad I am to learn of the loss of Coach Layton. My dad, Melvin Charles, and Coach Layton were good friends. He always had an encouraging word for me when I played against his teams. Dad would always tell me a joke or two that Coach Layton had told him during some school meeting somewhere. He was a great man but had a warm, loving spirit about him that was genuine. I want to let you know again how sorry I am for your loss. You will all be in my prayers.

*Craig Charles*

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**Craig Charles** - September 27, 2012 at 03:42 PM

CS

“ Stacy,Patti,Doug, Your Daddy touched the lives of many young people. He was a good man.We were football rivals many times and we know how well he was admired in the community. The life of an educator has honor and blessings,also responsibility. No one ever forgets their teachers, coach or High School Principal.

*Our deepest sympathies,*

*Linda and Charles Spann*

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**Charle & Lindas Spann** - September 27, 2012 at 03:09 PM

RC

“ I live in Wrightsville, Ga and have known Coach Layton almost all my life. I have admired him so much for all he has accomplished.....returning to school, playing football and teaching. I was coaching Little League when he was Baldwin County Recreation Director. Our team would play his team and they would "WEAR US OUT". We played a lot of golf together and he was the most competitive person I have ever known an he instilled this trait in his players. He was definitely a man to be admired and surely will be missed. My condolences go out to the family.

Ronald Caneega - September 27, 2012 at 01:57 PM

RC

“ Ronald Caneega lit a candle in memory of Freddy Layton



Ronald Caneega - September 27, 2012 at 11:50 AM

TC

“ Troy and Kristi Coleman purchased the Blue Caribbean Bouquet for the family of Freddy Layton.



Troy and Kristi Coleman - September 27, 2012 at 10:22 AM



“ *Blue Caribbean Bouquet was purchased for the family of Freddy Layton.*



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September 27, 2012 at 10:11 AM



“ *Stacy, Patti, and Doug,*

*My relationship w/ your Daddy was a unique one--he was my one and only brother-in law. Though I didn't see him often (because he was always doing what he loved best----coaching), I always knew that he would be there if I needed him. He was an honorable man who always wore a smile.....one of those few people who could make one feel good just by being in their presence. Few leave this world having made their own indelible mark on it, but old Freddy surely did. He touched so many lives, and he left a legacy that will positively influence the lives of others for a long, long, time.*

*Know that you and your families are in my prayers.*

*I love you,*

*Aunt Jane*

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**Jane Smith Horton** - September 27, 2012 at 07:41 AM

DF

“ Ann - always enjoyed being with Freddy and what he did with the athletics for everyone.  
He was always a wonderful person and I enjoyed his friendship.  
Blessings be with you and the family.  
Don Freyer

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**Donald Freyer** - September 26, 2012 at 04:23 PM

KF

“ Patty, I know how much you loved you're daddy. Luke and I are so sorry for you're loss. I'll never forget that great Christmas Eve the three of us together at Ironhorse. WE had quite a party. He was so much fun to be around. Love You, Kathy and Luke Eason

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**Kathy Felton-Eason** - September 26, 2012 at 12:26 PM

TL

“ patty mae i surely admired you dad and i cherished our time talking and joking  
my prayers are with you and your family  
tommy leonard in augusta

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**tommy leonard** - September 26, 2012 at 09:33 AM

MV

“ My mother said I rather see Freddy Layton more than Santa Claus, She was right Santa brought presents but coach taught me how to block,tackle and hook slide.  
Thanks for your friendship over the years coach,  
Mike Veal

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**Mike Veal** - September 26, 2012 at 01:09 AM

TM

“ *Tim Montgomery lit a candle in memory of Freddy Layton*



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**Tim Montgomery** - September 25, 2012 at 07:03 PM

TM

*I was saddened when my mother called and told me about Coach Layton. I always tell people about how he was the reason I was elected to All-State in baseball in 1980, even though I never played for him, but always against him. That is what type of person he was. I can only imagine how great it would have been to have been blessed to play for a coach like him. If you had that opportunity, you are truly blessed. God be with Stacy and all of his family.*

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**Tim Montgomery** - September 25, 2012 at 07:11 PM

TM

“ *I was playing softball in the rec. league when Freddy was recreation director. It was clear to everyone that he loved working with kids. He will truly be missed by all who know him. Our thoughts and prayers are with you during this difficult time.*

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**Tina Mathews** - September 25, 2012 at 03:24 PM

TM

“ *Tina Mathews lit a candle in memory of Freddy Layton*



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**Tina Mathews** - September 25, 2012 at 03:12 PM



“ *Beautiful Dreams was purchased for the family of Freddy Layton.*



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September 25, 2012 at 09:46 AM



“ *Freddy was a great friend to me when I first came to Georgia. I really enjoyed working with him at Brentwood. He will be longed remembered by many in the state of Georgia as a friend, coach and mentor. My family will be thinking of yours at this time. He will truly be missed.*

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**Tommy Cain** - September 25, 2012 at 06:12 AM



“ *Stacy and Rollie,*

*Thanks for sharing the articles. I enjoyed reading them, and the wonderful memories posted on the Tribute Wall. It's clear that Mr. Layton touched many lives. We'll be thinking of you and your family in this difficult time.*

*-TL, Melissa, and Gavin*

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**TL Cox** - September 24, 2012 at 09:32 PM

JS

“ Freddy was more like a father than a coach to me, I play baseball, basketball and football with Freddy and he had me coaching baseball for Kids at the recreation department. He will be miss God Bless his Family.

*Jimmy Snellgrove*



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**James E. Snellgrove** - September 24, 2012 at 06:33 PM

JP

“ Stacy and Rollie, you are in our thoughts and prayers. I know this is a rough time and I know the wonderful memories of your dad will get you through this! From reading the articles, he was a powerful and positive influence for the ones around him.

*Nancy and John Philpott*

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**John Philpott** - September 24, 2012 at 05:45 PM

WS

“ There are many people that wander this earth never fulfilling their true purpose in life. I can honestly say...Coach Layton did exactly what he was here to do. He was a wonderful coach, great mentor, and a good friend. Wow...what a legacy!!

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**William Snider** - September 24, 2012 at 03:56 PM



“ *Your Light Shines was purchased for the family of Freddy Layton.*



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September 24, 2012 at 03:55 PM



“ *There was nowhere better than Milledgeville to grow up; it was wonderful!  
When you were fortunate enough to play for Mr Layton, and "work" for him at the recreation department; this made it perfect!!! My prayers are with you all.*

*Buster Brown*

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**Buster Brown** - September 24, 2012 at 03:40 PM



“ *Donnie Beasley lit a candle in memory of Freddy Layton*



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**Donnie Beasley** - September 24, 2012 at 01:19 PM



*What great memories I have of Mr. Layton (Coach) as I know everyone that had any contact with him does. He was trully one of a kind and he will be missed. I know my Daddy is glad to see him. I bet he and Daddy and Mr. Bacon are already laughing about something.*

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**Donnie Beasley** - September 24, 2012 at 01:22 PM

DL

*Donnie, I'm sure they are having the time of their life. Many laughs and discussing old times. Those were three of a kind.*

*Dolford Layson*

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**Dolford Layson** - September 24, 2012 at 04:15 PM

PB

*Donnie...Thank you so much! So true. Patty Layton*

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**Patty Layton Beck** - September 24, 2012 at 07:00 PM

SM

*Donnie ,Dolford, Patty,*

*There are very few men in my life who I have seen have such an impact on so many young athletes. Coach Layton was a blessing and gift to GMC. The athletes learned much about life and overcoming obstacles. He had a capability (much like Dolford) in getting athletes to believe and do things which one would not think possible. I thank Patty and the family for sharing him with us and know that he made a big difference in many young lives.*

*Sandy Martinez*

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**Sandy Martinez** - September 25, 2012 at 11:09 AM



“ *Blue Caribbean Bouquet was purchased for the family of Freddy Layton.*



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September 24, 2012 at 11:34 AM

PM

“ *Stacy & Rollie - please know you and your family are in my positive thoughts. I know how difficult this time can be. I hope all the notes of love and support are helping you through to brighter times.*

*Pam Muse  
Alliance for Innovtion*

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**Pamela Muse** - September 24, 2012 at 10:33 AM

DR

“ I have so many "favorite" memories of Mr. Layton (and he will always be Mr. Layton, or Coach Layton to me), far too many to share here. His life has impacted my own life in so many ways, from father figure to mentor to friend. Like so many others, I was so fortunate to grow up in Milledgeville under his tenure with the Recreation Department. He made Bonner Park our "Field of Dreams" and turned many of us into Champions. I was lucky enough to play on two state championship teams and a state runner-up team he coached. We were empowered and inspired by his ability to teach and coach.

*It is also remarkable to me how my own life has somewhat paralleled with his, from working in Recreation to becoming a Teacher and a Coach. To say he was my idol, would be a tremendous understatement. I thank God for his life and for what he meant not only to me, but for so many young people who had the pleasure of "growing up" under him. He really did make so many men and women out of so many children.*

*In his passing, I am reminded of a quote from Shakespeare's Julius Caesar: "His life was gentle, and the elements so mix'd in him that Nature might stand up and say to all the world 'This was a man!' "*

*Thank you, Mr. Layton for being the man you were and always will be to so many of us.*

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**Danny Rogers** - September 24, 2012 at 10:16 AM

GB

“ I remember my first football practice, probably '63 or '64, I think I was in 7th grade. I really didnt have much of an idea what I was getting into. Anyway, I remember it being hot, dusty and miserable. There were no teams formed yet, just masses of kids divided into groups by lineman, backs, ends, etc. After two or three days, at the end of practice, Freddy got all of us together "on one knee"...we all were tired, a little beat up, hot, dusty and miserable. Freddy said, "I know some of you want to quit (I'm sure 50% of were thinking that, but just give it one more day...give it one more day, and the next day will get better, just give it one more day". I did and finished several seasons with Freddy and GMC. I wish I could say I went on to a football scholarship or something even better, but I was always to be a lead footed lineman. None the less, when things got hard, I never forgot Freddy's words, and, I passed them on to my boys. Thanks Freddy....you done a lot of good.

Gary Birchall - September 24, 2012 at 09:09 AM

LY

“ We are thinking of you during this sad time. Freddy was a good man, and well respected in the community. He will be sadly missed by all who knew him. Keep your tust in God and he will surely bring peace and comfort in the dark days ahead. May God Bless You All.



Lucius & Vickie Youngblood - September 24, 2012 at 08:01 AM

FC

“ Our thoughts and prayrs are with you all during this sad time. Freddy was a kind and humble person and was loved by all who knew him. He will be sadly missed. May God be with you all.



Friends from Liberty Baptist Church - September 24, 2012 at 07:53 AM

JS

“ So Sorry about Mr. Freddy. I have so many great memories of him with me in school and his return to TJA and with son Paul. You are were so lucky to have such a great dad. He will not only be missed by his family. There will be a void in the lives of the other people he impacted during his lifetime. Be glad for the time that you shared with him. Patty, I know you are really going to miss your hero! I love yall, jeannia Satcher

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**Jeannia Satcher** - September 23, 2012 at 09:00 PM



“ Sorry to hear of Mr.Freddy.He was a great man for all us kids growing up in sports in Milledgeville.He an my father Frank Nolan were great friends.They are having a great time in heaven together.They have their on ball team together again.Will miss you .

*Carolyn,Kathy,Kim,Karen,Nick,Britt Nolan*

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**Kathy Nolan** - September 23, 2012 at 01:50 PM



“ Kathy Nolan lit a candle in memory of Freddy Layton

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**Kathy Nolan** - September 23, 2012 at 01:44 PM



DW

“ My deepest sympathies to Coach Layton's family. He was the face and backbone of Milledgeville Recreation/Bonner Park. The lessons he taught us and the time he spent with with us will never be forgotten. So many Milledgeville Youth and those involved with Bonner Park sports were so fortunate to have him and he will be missed I know by us and all the many lives he touched throughout his life and work. What a great man he was. Thanks Coach Layton for the memories and lessons. RIP sir.  
*Debbie Bloodworth Wilkinson*



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**Debbie Bloodworth Wilkinson** - September 23, 2012 at 01:32 PM

LM

“ Stacy and Rollie, you are in my prayers. I know this is a tough time, and I am so glad that you have the memories of a dad that was wonderful!

*Laura Morrow*

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**Laura Morrow** - September 23, 2012 at 01:12 PM

DR

“ 1 file added to the tribute wall



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**Danny Rogers** - September 23, 2012 at 12:06 PM

KT

*Stacy and Rollie - our thoughts are with you at this sad time. Karen Thoreson*

**Karen Thoreson** - September 23, 2012 at 12:10 PM

KD

“ *I had the privilege of getting to know Freddy when he was at Gatewood, and his daughter, Stacy. She and Kendall became fast friends their senior year and we had many fun times at our house. I love Stacy like my own always impressed with how very close Stacy and her Dad were--they were a team and they really looked after one another. Stacy was and always will be like one of my own. I send her and the rest of her family thoughts and prayers. Freddy left a great legacy and will be remembered fondly a long time--*  
*Kenya Deas, Eatonton*

**Kenya W. Deas** - September 23, 2012 at 11:55 AM

DR

“ *3 files added to the album New Album Name*



**Danny Rogers** - September 23, 2012 at 11:46 AM

PS

“ *Stacy, my sympathies on the death of your father. Based on the articles that Rollie forwarded, I sense that he was an amazing man! Sending you hugs,*  
*Phyllis Gail Shocket*

**Phyllis Gail Shocket** - September 23, 2012 at 11:33 AM

CL

“ *" Lit a candle in memory of Freddy."*  
*Carolyn Leverette-Searcy*



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**Carolyn Leverette-Searcy** - September 23, 2012 at 05:59 AM



“ *Freddy was always good to children. He was just all around good person and will be missed.*



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**a** - September 22, 2012 at 08:33 PM



“ *Celestial Love was purchased for the family of Freddy Layton.*



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September 22, 2012 at 06:22 PM

CH

“ *sorry to hear about Coach Layton. He now can spend each day coaching up in heaven. The best coach I ever played for. Miss ya COACH.prayers for the family for the loss.*

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**craig henry** - September 22, 2012 at 06:00 PM

LM

“ Sorry for your loss. Our thoughts and prayers are with you.  
*Luther & Berta and friends at Johnnie McDade Grocery.*



LUTHER MINOR - September 22, 2012 at 02:42 PM



“ Denise Straughan lit a candle in memory of Freddy Layton



denise straughan - September 22, 2012 at 09:31 AM



*My brother Randy Hodges played for Mr. Layton for years not only was he a great baseball coach but he was a good friend to our family. Mr. Layton touched many lives and changed many lives. He will be missed.*

denise straughan - September 22, 2012 at 09:33 AM

TD

“ Sure was sorry to hear about Coach Layton. He was one of the Greatest, and will be missed by all.



*Our Prayers and Condolences to Family and Friends. May The Good Lord Wrap His Loving Arms Around Each Of You During This Sad Time.*

Terry Daniel - September 22, 2012 at 09:28 AM

EH

*Sorry for the loss of Coach Freddy Layton. He was a wonderful man and a great Coach and friend while at Brentwood. I have lost touch with his son Doug and he was in my graduating class from Brentwood. My thoughts and prayers are with the family. In Christian love and sympathy. Ellen English Hall, Brentwood School, Class of 1977.*

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**Ellen English Hall** - September 24, 2012 at 10:36 AM