

## Douglas James Albert, Jr.

December 17, 1957 - March 31, 2024

Douglas James Albert Jr. was born on December 17th, 1957 and passed away on March 31st, 2024.

Doug was a follower of Christ.

As a lifelong Albany resident, Doug spent his youth developing a lifelong passion for the outdoors spending his days exploring the woods and rivers with his brother and best friend, Baxter.

He was an extremely proud alumni of both the University of Georgia and Albany State University, earning his bachelor degree and masters in education, respectively.

Spending his career as the Physical Education teacher at Sherwood Elementary, "Coach" Albert touched thousands of students' lives and was often mentioned to be their favorite teacher. He was honored as teacher of the year in 1990.

As a family man, he enjoyed spending time with his family at his home hosting fish fries, vacations at the beach, and watching his 4 boys play sports. He was an avid University of Georgia fan and could be found cheering on his beloved Dawgs on Saturdays in the fall.

He was a loving Father, Son, Brother, Uncle and Granddaddy and Friend. Although he is no longer with us, he will continue to live on through the stories that will be shared about him and the memories that he made with those that he had the opportunity to know him.

He is preceded in death by his Parents, Douglas Sr and Betty Albert, Brother Baxter Albert, and Nephew Matthew Williamson.

He is survived by his Sisters Bonnie Bridges and Patti McGough (Donnie) Sons Jaye (Amanda) Josh (Amanda) Joey (Jamie) and Chandler. Grandchildren Hudson, Levi, Maevry, Judah, Jones and David. Nephews Daniel (Amanda), Jon (Megan), Alan (Lauren) Patrick (Laura).

There is no planned service at this moment, the family will update those arrangements at the time of planning.

# Tribute Wall

DW

“ When I was in third grade, I broke my finger during PE. Coach pulled me out of class the next day and escorted me to the principal's office to explain how it happened. Someone asked a question (I can't remember what) that made me realize that they were less concerned with my finger and more concerned if Coach had done or allowed something unsafe.

*I'm sure they were just doing their job, but I was incensed! Coach Albert was a man of meekness—a gentle giant to my eye. He was strong and firm yet thoughtful and kind. He protected us kids—from ourselves, from each other, from outsiders. He genuinely cared about each of us and saw in us more than we (at least I) could see in ourselves.*

*Coach Albert did not understand himself as a man who ran PE. He understood himself as a man who could shape the future. Many of us today were shaped, poured into, strengthened, and protected by Coach Albert.*

*We will always be grateful.*

---

DWT - April 27, 2024 at 01:44 PM

BT

“ Bonnie and Patty, I'm so sorry to hear of Doug's passing, prayers for you and the family. I remember him as a young boy when we lived across the alley on Telfair. May God's love comfort you during this time. Betty Henley Taylor



---

Betty Taylor - April 08, 2024 at 04:02 PM

AS

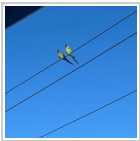
“ This one sure stings. All of us at Sherwood Elementary loved Coach Albert. He was always so positive and encouraging. Firm, but fair. This picture is how so many of us remember him. He also always wore black Converse Chuck Taylor's. I remember him pulling me, and I think Chris Haire, out of class to pitch softball and play with some of the younger kids. Not sure if he just liked us or thought he could trust us to do right around them. Either way I still remember it almost 30 years later. Field Day was always so epic and a good time because of the hard work he and others put in. Certainly feels like me and so many others have lost a piece of their childhood. Thanks for the memories, inspiration, and motivation Coach.

Adam Thornton-Former Student - April 07, 2024 at 10:02 PM

JA

Thank you for the Great Memory.  
I wish you nothing but the Best Brother!

Josh Albert - April 10, 2024 at 09:16 AM



“ So sorry to hear of his passing at such a young age, God bless the family

Greg Rowe - April 07, 2024 at 05:42 PM

GA

“ Bonnie & Family, So sorry for your loss! I didn't know Doug! I was appreciative of him coming to the aid of Leon one evening!  
God Bless 🙏

Gail Mike Alford - April 06, 2024 at 11:13 PM

FC

“ Bonnie and Patty, I just wanted y'all to know that I was thinking about y'all in your time of need. We lost my oldest son-in-law on the same day. My oldest daughter's husband passed away at their home on Easter Sunday. We have had a rough week as we know that y'all have as well. Just know that each of you will be in my thoughts and prayers as we through our grief. I love you all very much.



---

**Faye Cannon Castleberry** - April 06, 2024 at 12:30 AM

JM

Bonnie: Doug and I had become great friends thru State Farm. He always had a smile and loved everything especially being a coach. He will surely be missed. My thoughts and prayers are with you during this difficult time. He is now in the lords hands. He will be greatly missed

---

**Joyce Mobley** - April 08, 2024 at 02:31 AM

WW

“ Although I didn't know Doug very long, I instantly knew when I met him what a good person he was. He had a gentleness about him that you could feel right from the start. and I instantly liked him I know he is with his Lord and savior Jesus Christ. He is happy and he is well no more health issues just pure peace. My prayers go out to his children his sisters and the rest of his extended family and God bless you all .rest in peace Doug you've earned it.

---

**wendy wiehrs** - April 05, 2024 at 11:38 PM

LS

“ Doug was in my Sunday School Class when we were teenagers. He lived playing Softball for the Church team. Just an all around good friend and Christian. Truly Always cared about others. Doug will be fondly missed. Condolences to all his family members. Ben & Lynn Spindle

-----  
**Lynn Spindle** - April 05, 2024 at 06:45 PM

AP

“ Coach was so good with the kids and such a nice man. We taught at Sherwood Acres. God Bless him and the family.

-----  
**Anne Paustian** - April 05, 2024 at 06:08 PM

JA

“ Went to AHS with Doug, such a nice guy. He will be missed

-----  
**Jan** - April 05, 2024 at 04:28 PM

JS

*i remember him well and a great guy.*

-----  
**jim smith** - April 08, 2024 at 04:51 PM

DH

*I spent many fun days in the early 80's fishing with Doug on the Flint River, and anywhere else we thought we could catch fish. He was an exceptional fisherman, and competitive as all get out, but above that, he was a great individual with a lot of character. God speed to Doug Albert!*

-----  
**Don Hicks** - April 13, 2024 at 07:15 PM