



## Hugh L. Belcher, Sr. Obituary

March 12, 1936 - August 16, 2008

Hugh L. Belcher, Sr., age 72, died Saturday August 16, 2008 at his home in Lee County, Ga, after a courageous battle with cancer. The funeral service will be held Tuesday 11 AM at Kimbrell Stern Funeral Directors. Dr. Ronald Baxley, pastor of Amazing Grace Baptist Church, will officiate. Interment will follow at Crown Hill Cemetery. Active pallbearers will be Matthew Brown, Brent Belcher, Chandler Arnold, Sidney Askew, Terry Lamb and Billy R. Harding. Honorary escorts will be Ben Adler, Roger Harding, Bob Taylor, Sam Taylor, Jeff Holloway, Richard Farris and the Hoboken Trojanetts Class of 1958 to 1964. Born March 12, 1936, in Cuthbert, Ga., Hugh was the only child of Gladys Lucille Strickland and Joseph Jefferson (Joe) Belcher, both of whom preceded him in death. Hugh attended school in Albany, Ga., and graduated from Albany High School in 1954. He attended North Georgia Military College in Dahlonega, and graduated from Georgia Teachers' College (now Georgia Southern) in Statesboro. Hugh began his teaching and coaching career in Hoboken, Georgia in 1960. In 1965, he moved to Brooklet, Ga., where he worked for the Bulloch County Board of Education as teacher, coach, and administrator until 1978. In 1978, he returned to Albany, Ga, where he served as Assistant Principal at Westover High School in Albany, Ga from 1978 to 1983. From 1983 to 1990, he was Assistant Principal of Albany Middle School in Albany. He retired in 1990, after 32 years of teaching, coaching and administration. He was a member of Amazing Grace Baptist Church. He is survived by the following: Wife of 28 years, Sybil Jones Belcher, His son,

Hugh Leslie Belcher, Jr. (Meredith) Baxley, Ga. and a daughter, Cassandra Sissy Belcher Brown, Statesboro, Ga. Two step-sons, Leo S. Arnold, Jr. (Maria) Cocoa, Fla., Michael Arnold (Traci) Sandy, Utah. Grandchildren and step-grandchildren: Matthew Brown, Sarah Askew (Sidney), Brent Belcher (Brandi), Langley Belcher, Maralyne Belcher, Jarrod Bohler, Tamara Huffman (Jon), Teryn Arnold, Amanda Arnold, Chandler Arnold, Emily Arnold, Allyson Arnold, Chris Carey. Great-grandchildren: Nataleigh Belcher, Kahne Brown, Caden Brown. One Aunt, Lois Belle, Albany , Ga. The Family will receive friends at Kimbrell-Stern Funeral Directors Monday from 6 to 8 PM. Those desiring, may make memorials to the Georgia Sheriff's Youth Home, Inc., P. O. Box 100, Hahira, GA 31632-9989, Amazing Grace Baptist Church Building Fund, 2217 Ledo Rd., Albany, GA 31707 or Albany Community Hospice, P. O. Box 1828, Albany, GA 31702.

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“ *Was so sorry to hear of Hugh's passing. Please know that you and he are loved by your Church family and God.*

**Lynette Watson** - September 01, 2008 at 12:00 AM



“ *Sybil, so sorry to hear about Hugh.*

**Katherine Jones Mack** - August 23, 2008 at 12:00 AM



“ *It was a priviledge and a pleasure to have had Hugh as a neighbor and as a dear friend.He was a "one of a kind" and the world will be a far more sadder and less friendly place with him not in it. We will miss you terribly, Hugh!*

**Art & Doreen Johns** - August 22, 2008 at 12:00 AM

CD

“ *Sybil, our thoughts and prayers are with you. We are saddened by Hugh's death and our fondest memories include the two of you when Clark and I had our first date, after church at Byne Memorial. Mom would not have let me go if you and Hugh had not been there. That was more than 54 years ago and the beginning of our life together. Thank you.*

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**Clark and Penny McDaniel Douthit** - August 21, 2008 at 12:00 AM

CM

“ *Dear Sybil and Family,  
There are not enough words to describe our love for Hugh. We have so many wonderful memories of our years as neighbors on the creek. The meals we shared, the time together with each other and our families forever hold warm memories. We are the lucky ones to have known and been influenced by him. We are keeping you in our prayers during this time.*

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**Charles and Teri Mobley** - August 19, 2008 at 12:00 AM

DF

“ *Mr. Belcher was a very fun principal and made Albany Middle school fun(1986). He will be missed. We will be praying for your family.*

*Darrel Finnicum*

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**Darrel Finnicum** - August 19, 2008 at 12:00 AM

SB

“ I am so sorry for your loss. Your loss is our loss too. I was a 1982 graduate of WHS. I had many fond memories of Mr. Belcher, from going to the mall and purchasing him tobacco to him naming me Lemon Lips over a stolen jacket of mine. He always knew me when he saw me no matter where. God has yet another angel with a wonderful smile.

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**Sheila Wall Bruner** - August 19, 2008 at 12:00 AM

MD

“ I am so sorry to hear of your loss. Mr. Belcher was our teacher and our friend. I was in the class that graduated from Hoboken High in 1962. Our prayers are with you and your family. He will be missed.

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**Margie Pierce Davis** - August 19, 2008 at 12:00 AM

SW

“ I am so sorry for your loss. I met Mr. Belcher last year when I moved in across the street. He came over and welcomed me to the neighborhood. It was such a wonderful gesture that really made me feel at home. I didn't know Mr. Belcher but, I'm sure that he must have been a very caring individual and will be sorely missed. I pray you will have peace.

*Your neighbor*

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**Sue Wheeless** - August 19, 2008 at 12:00 AM

PW

“ SYBIL,  
MY PRAYERS ARE WITH YOU AND HUGH'S FAMILY. I HAVE  
MANY FOND MEMORIES OF A MAN THAT I RESPECTED AND  
TRULY CARED FOR. I PRAY GOD WILL ENFOLD YOU IN HIS  
LOVE AND GRACE.  
LOVE,  
PEGGY

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**PEGGY WALKER** - August 19, 2008 at 12:00 AM

BF

“ We love you, and our prayers are with you. We pray that the Lord  
will give you peace and comfort.

*"Peace I leave with you, my peace I give unto you: not as the world  
giveth, give I unto you. Let not your heart be troubled, neither let it  
be afraid." -John 14:27*

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**Brandi & Jared Fink** - August 18, 2008 at 12:00 AM

JR

“ Leslie and family . I just want you to know my prayers are with you  
and your family at this time. I did not know your dad,as many did  
from Hoboken., but I feel as though I did, because Mr. Wiley spoke  
of Him so much. Cherish those memories and Look to the Lord for  
comfort. Keep in touch. Love in Christ Jimmy Ray

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**James L. Ray** - August 18, 2008 at 12:00 AM

LH

“ My condolences to Sybil and the rest of the family. My wife and I  
wish for the best for all of you in the days to come. May God's  
richest blessings ne with you.

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**Louie Hornsby** - August 18, 2008 at 12:00 AM

NW

“ *Mr. Belcher was a wonderful friend to my Daddy, Gene Wiley, and we have many warm memories of our times with him and his family when we were kids. He was a great father and we all loved him dearly. Our thoughts, prayers, and love go out to the entire family. We know Hugh and Gene are together again in Heaven, probably coaching God's basketball team. Love! Nick*

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**Nick, Evelyn, Duncan, & Brooks Wiley** - August 18, 2008 at 12:00 AM

LS

“ *Mrs. Sybil,  
I CAN'T EVEN BEGIN TO TELL YOU HOW MUCH WE ALL AT U-SAVE-IT LOVED OUR CREEKMAN!! I LOVED HIS SENSE OF HUMOR AND THE RELATIONSHIP HE HAD WITH ALL OF US! HE WAS BY FAR OUR FAVORITE AND WILL BE TERRIBLY MISSED!! WE WILL BE PRAYING FOR YOU- YOU WERE WONDERFUL TO THE CREEKMAN!! HE LOVED YOU BEYOND WORDS!! PLEASE KNOW THAT WE LOVE YOU AND YOUR ENTIRE FAMILY AND THE CREEKMAN HAS TRULY BLESSED OUR LIVES !! GOD BLESS AND I LOVE YOU!!*

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**LISA SMITH** - August 18, 2008 at 12:00 AM

SS

“ *I am sorry to hear of your loss. Mr. Belcher was one of my school administrators that I liked and admired most. He somehow kept us kids in line all the while showing the utmost compassion yet still commanding and deserving the deepest respect. His lifelong dedication to education should be remembered each time one of his students has an accomplishment - his footprint compounds exponentially in the world around us. My thoughts and prayers are with you. Sam Shugart - Albany, GA*

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**Sam Shugart** - August 18, 2008 at 12:00 AM

DP

“ *I am sorry. I clicked on the wrong person.*

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**Danielle Pickett** - August 18, 2008 at 12:00 AM

DP

“ *Susan, I am so sorry to hear about your dad. I lost mom June 8th of this year to cancer. It is hard, but just take one day at a time. God will give you the strength you need. It's o.k. to cry. I talk about my mom with my boys and with other people. Landon is so young, that I want to be sure that he keeps her alive. We talk about all of the funny things that mom did. Please call me if you need to talk. You and your family will be in my prayers.*

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**Danielle Pickett** - August 18, 2008 at 12:00 AM

JH

“ *Sybil, Seems like just yesterday that all of us were walking down the halls of AHS. So sorry to hear about Hugh. Always a favorite friend, always upbeat and jovial. Too young to go and we'll miss him. His credentials were outstanding, a full life. Prayers go out to you to help with the difficult days ahead. Blessings & love, Jo*

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**James & Jo (Wright) Hughes** - August 18, 2008 at 12:00 AM

PD

“ *My deepest sympathy to you Sybil. I'm sure we all will miss Hugh's smiling face. God's blessing on you & your family.*

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**Peggy Jo Irwin Davis** - August 18, 2008 at 12:00 AM

PL

“*Hugh was a great friend! He was very supportive of all of us that worked at Westover when he was A.P. there back in the early 80's! He will be missed! Sybil and family, you are in my prayers but know that God has welcomed Hugh to His kingdom!*

*Sincerely,  
Paul Lounsberry*

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**Paul Lounsberry** - August 17, 2008 at 12:00 AM

HM

“*Dear Sybil:  
Helen and I are so sad to learn of Hugh's passing. You two were my classmates and our good friends for so long.  
May God wrap His arms around you and give you strength for the days ahead.*

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**Helen and Paul McCorvey** - August 17, 2008 at 12:00 AM

C(

“*Mrs. Sybil, Our thoughts & prayers go up for you & your family. You know all of us @ the pharmacy loved our CREEKMAN! He was truly loved by one & all of us. He endured this with courage & wit!We already miss that humor! Even through all this he kept that smile and we never heard him complain-he had the best attitude ever!  
There will never be another CREEKMAN (I promise to keep the girls @ the pharmacy on the straight & narrow!) Thank you for making us a part of your lives-we count it an honor. We love you and are here for you ! GOD BLESS YOU ALL!!*

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**Chris Mathis (U-Save-It)** - August 17, 2008 at 12:00 AM

DY

“ I am so sorry to hear about Hugh's death. I knew that he was fighting cancer.  
He was one of the good guys and he will be missed.  
Love and prayers to you and all of the family.

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**Delores Ann Taylor Yancey** - August 17, 2008 at 12:00 AM

FR

“ Sybil, please know that you and family are in my prayers and heart at this time of your deep sorrow and I do wish I could be there for the service. Hugh will be greatly missed during the years to come but memories are always here to stay.  
With love, Frieda

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**Frieda (Howard) Randles** - August 17, 2008 at 12:00 AM

CA

“ To the Belcher family  
May God comfort you in the way He knows best. And give you the strength & courage to endure the loss of Mr. Belcher. Cherish the many memories you have and trust God to sustain you.

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**Charles & Mary Askew** - August 17, 2008 at 12:00 AM