



## C. Stephen "Coach Steve" Adair

*January 17, 1947 - April 3, 2006*

C. Stephen "Coach Steve" Adair, age 59, passed away, April 3, 2006, at his home in McKinney, Texas, after a courageous battle with colon cancer. He was born January 17, 1947 in Jackson, Michigan to Charles "Buddy" and Katheryn Adair. Steve married his high school sweetheart Diane on August 19, 1967. He graduated from Adrian College in Adrian, Michigan with his B.S. in 1969, and then went on to receive his Masters degree in Physical Education from Eastern Michigan University in Ypsilanti, Michigan in 1977. Steve began his teaching and coaching career in Tecumseh, Michigan. He also, taught and coached in Battle Creek, Michigan before moving to Plano, Texas in 1981. In Plano he was a teacher and coach at Clark High School, Vines High School, Forman Elementary School, and Plano East Senior High. He served as the Head Boys Basketball Coach at Plano East for 16 years. After 36 years of teaching and coaching, Steve retired in 2005, due to his illness. Along with his wife Diane of 38 years, he is survived by his son Bryce Adair and wife Elizabeth, of McKinney; daughter Beth Hall, of McKinney; daughter Jaime Ferguson and husband Wallace, of Austin; 6 grandchildren, Ashley, Bryley, and Elley Adair; Makensie and Aiden Hall; and Blair Ferguson. Steve is also survived by his father Charles "Buddy" Adair, of McKinney, formerly of Texarkana, Texas. His mother, Katheryn, precedes him in death. Steve enjoyed watching sports, playing golf, and spending time with his grandkids. He will be a greatly missed son, husband, father, Papa, coach, mentor, and friend. The family will accept visitors on Wednesday, April 5, 2006 from 6:00-8:00 p.m. at Turrentine-Jackson-Morrow Funeral Home. Services will be held at 11:00 a.m., Thursday, April 6, 2006 in the Turrentine-Jackson-Morrow Chapel at Ridgeview Memorial Park, 2525 Central Expwy. North at Ridgeview Drive, Allen, TX 75013, (972) 542-2601. Interment will follow at Ridgeview Memorial Park. For those wishing, the family requests that donations be sent to: Samaritan Care Hospice, 9535 Forest Lane Suite 211, Dallas, TX 75243 (972) 690-6632.

## Memorials

*I cannot believe this. I feel cheated, I just found out this man is gone, left in*

2006? I remember the countless conversations we had in winter, about basketball, my bleach blonde hair, piercings, etc.! I never forgot what he taught me. I cannot believe I took this man for granted. I still have a printout he handed out to the entire basketball team, and gave me one, a lowly manager. I never lost it. Years later, I have it up in my room. He gave me the most hell throughout Plano East, but he showed me the most love, and in the end, he was one of the only teachers/coaches that ever gave a damn about a lowly degenerate like I was. God bless you Coach, I never forgot what you taught me. You were one of the greatest men I've ever known. Whether you knew it or not, you made a difference in my life. God bless your family. I wish I could have known about this in time to go to his memorial. He made a difference in my life, and I will never forget.

**JOSHUA MARK NANNINGA, JANUARY 26, 2009**

Coach Adair was one of my teachers at Vines Highschool back in the 80's. I happened across his obituary today here and wanted to leave my condolences. He was such a great man!!! I wish I had seen this back in April. I would have been there to show my support and give my sympathies. God Bless

**KARI COBORN PEARCE, NOVEMBER 5, 2007**

Could this be the same Steve Adair that coached me at some baseball camps back in the 60's there in the dallas area? I would like to know if it the same person. I have such fond memories of my times with him. He was not only a great coach, but alot of fun to be with--and he really cared about us. Please let me know if this is the same man. Thanks. [Steve.Shadrach@uscwm.org](mailto:Steve.Shadrach@uscwm.org)

**STEVE SHADRACH, JUNE 18, 2006**

Our deepest sympathy to Diane Adair & family. I had the pleasure knowing Steve while playing golf with him for many years. Great times will not be forgotten by his many friends. Larry & Barbara Riffey

**LARRY & BARBARA RIFFEY, APRIL 11, 2006**

Steve touched the lives and hearts of many people throughout the Plano Community. He certainly left us too soon. I will miss the basketball conversations and predictions, but more importantly, we will all miss the

*presence of a man who truly seemed to care about the successes and failures of those he encountered. I pray that he will rest in peace and that the songs of deliverance now surround him, as well as his family and friends.*

**LARRY MILTON, APRIL 10, 2006**

*Diane and Family, we were in Florida when Steve passed away. He was much too young but is in a better place. We have such wonderful memories of all of you and we will keep you all in our thoughts and prayers. Steve had such a wonderful way with kids through teaching and coaching, wish we were close to you. Please stay in touch and know that you are loved. The Hoods*

**NANCY HOOD, APRIL 9, 2006**

*Mr. Adair was a great PE teacher at Highland Jr. High. I have fond memories of Mrs. Hilla, Mrs. Carls, Mr. Adair, Mr. Fritz and PE class. I remember the hard time he gave Joe Messerly, Scott Seaver, Chip Hansen and Chris Wiltse. I am now a PE teacher myself and often think of things that Mr. Adair would do or say. He will be missed. My thoughts and prayers are with your family. It should bring some comfort to you reading all of these messages from Michigan as well as Texas. Mr. Adair touched many lives. Bless you at this most difficult time.*

**CARRIE PENNOCK (MUMFORD), APRIL 8, 2006**

*I had the privilege of competing against Mr. Adair throughout my high school career. Competition introduced us as friends, and I am thankful. I appreciate the relationship that grew. My prayers and deepest condolences go out to all family members and friends. Let us celebrate the life and memories of Mr. Adair for he is in a better place now.*

**MICHAEL MILTON, APRIL 7, 2006**

*Steve's friends in Tecumseh gave him the nickname "Wonder" and it stuck. He was often referred to as Wonder or Wonder Boy. When we think of Steve we will think of weekend trips to Grayling, lots of hearty games, and chili dogs. We will all miss him this great guy.*

**VIC & LOUISE LAWSON, APRIL 7, 2006**

*My Deepest Sympathy To the Family of Coach Steve Adair. Thanks for the*

*many memories and Guidance that you have given to me and so many other people. Coach Steve touched the lives of many young Men and Women. Thank you for helping share your values with me and helping me grow as a fine young man. You will be greatly missed. Highland Jr. High. 1978-1980*

**KEITH ROGERS, APRIL 7, 2006**

*Hello To You All, Through out the years we have thought of you often. You were the VERY BEST neighbors we ever had:) Charlie remembers playing ball with Bryce, Steve having his milk on the couch, Diane baking cookies in the kitchen. I still have the christmas skirt we made together I use it yearly around the tree. Jamie and Laura playing. Beth enjoying playing along with them. Our thoughts and prayers are with you. Steve is in a better place, looking down on you all with love. God Bless You Charlie and Debbie Battle Creek, Michigan*

**CHARLIE & DEBBIE MORSE, APRIL 6, 2006**

*We know the last few years have been a sad journey for your family. But your wonderful memories will somehow ease your sadness. Coach Adair gave so much to our family. His fairness, positive attitude, and teaching the building principles not only of a sport, but a foundation for a young man's morales, spirit, and attitude. We are so grateful that he touched our lives.*

**MIKE AND HARLENE BOYDSTON, APRIL 6, 2006**

*The Martin family sends our deepest sympathy to all of you. We pray that God will bless you and give you peace during this time of loss. With God's love, the pain will turn into beautiful memories that will remain with you forever.*

**HARRIET & EDDIE MARTIN, APRIL 6, 2006**

*Too many memories to list, but here's a few: Shuffle three. Clarkston! Waco/Austin in 1994. Thanks for sharing, Adair family.*

**JOHN PERKINS, APRIL 6, 2006**

*I had the privilege of being a friend to Steve for the past 21 years and his scorekeeper for the last five years he was at East. Steve was a man who had high expectations of his boys and they all knew exactly what he wanted and didn't want, yet he had a warm, caring side and was concerned about them as young men. Many times he would call me and ask me to talk to some of them.*

*He always told me "I'm not the warm, fuzzy type" and would kid me and say that's why he had me as one of his "assistant coaches". He will be greatly missed by all of us. He definitely had a strong impact on all of us who knew him and changed many lives. Sometimes I wondered why he kept some of the players he did, and he told me "they need basketball more than basketball needs them" and "I want to make a difference."*

**PAULA NICKEL, APRIL 6, 2006**

*Jaime and family, We are praying for you in this time of great loss. But we also rejoice with you that he is with our Lord and Savior. Love, Zach and Summer*

**SUMMER MCAULEY, APRIL 6, 2006**

*My prayers and thoughts are with Steve and with his family.*

**MARY FOSSIER, APRIL 6, 2006**

*Steve and I started kindergarten together in Parma, Michigan. For many years I sat behind him - Adair came before Allen and we were always seated alphabetically. He broke my collar bone with a great tackle one summer evening at my next-door neighbor's - we were six years old playing one-on-one football. We played countless games of sandlot baseball every sunny day - every summer, all through our Norman Rockwell childhood. He and I used to go out to the town dump to look for treasure. Our greatest find was a complete Erector Set! It had an electric motor and was in the original steel case. We couldn't believe it was ours. When we brought it home, his mom had to mediate the division of the spoils. I think we agreed to keep the set whole and play with it together. We had two Little League teams in Parma, the Giants and the Lions. Steve played for the Giants, I played for the Lions. We remained on opposing baseball teams until eighth grade when a single "Pony League" team was formed. We had an awesome team. Steve played Short Stop, I was the Catcher. We both hit over 500 that year. Steve was a stronger hitter, so I was Lead-off, and he batted second. We scored a lot of runs with our one-two punch. In the seventh grade, I fell for Diane. We were "a couple" for that school year. When summer came, Steve stole my girl. They dated all through high*

*school and married. I dated Teri all through high school and we married. We have both been married for 38 years. In high school, Steve developed into an outstanding athlete. I was pretty good, but not as good as Steve. We began to go our separate ways. He played basketball, I was a wrestler. We did play football together. Our Senior year, Steve was the Right Halfback, I was the Left. He was the right Safety, I was the Left. He was the Right Receiver, I was the Left. We had a good year, but not great. We lost one conference game, and finished the year losing a non-conference game against a huge Class A team in Detroit. They had scouted us the week before. They apparently decided that I was the weaker of the two Receivers. Our Coach decided to have us switch jerseys. It didn't fool them. The kicker lined up to obviously kick the ball directly to me. I ran the ball back 60 yards. Steve and I switched back to our own numbers, and they didn't kick the ball to me again. Steve went on to play college ball and continued to pursue his passion for sports as a coach. We both moved to the Battle Creek area. Teri and I still live just outside Battle Creek. Steve and Diane moved on to Texas, I know Buddy and Kathryn were true Texans and were happy to be back home. That was the last time our lives crossed paths. I have many happy memories of us growing up in that little town where everyone knew you. We weren't much alike, and we were never real close friends, but Steve and I grew up together. I miss him. Gordie*

**GORDIE ALLEN, APRIL 5, 2006**

*My deepest sympathy to all of you. I pray that God will give you all the strength you need to get past this most difficult time and will keep you all in His care. Sincerely, Pat Davis*

**PAT DAVIS, APRIL 5, 2006**

*Diane and Family, We are thinking of you. Steve was much too young. We really enjoyed his visit when he came up. May the Lord watch over you in this time of sorrow.*

**MARLENE, GARY BEARD, APRIL 5, 2006**

*Coach was an enormous influence in my life, he will be missed, but his lessons and spirit will always be with me. He and his family are in my prayers.*

*Thanks for teaching me so much Coach, Aaron Wade*

AARON A WADE, APRIL 5, 2006

*I pray that God will sustain you during this difficult time. (Former Jackson, MI resident)*

CHARLA WHITE WALTERS, APRIL 5, 2006

*I had the privilage of watching Steve play basketball in high school, and watch him coach the Panthers of Plano East. His life-log dedication to kids and his courageous fight for his health have been an inspiation to those who have had the pleasure of knowing him. My prayers are with Diane and his family.*

LLOYD "SKIP" JENKINS, APRIL 5, 2006

*Diane, Our thoughts and prayers are with you and your family. Steve was a competitor and impact player in everything he did. He will be remembered fondly by all.*

JIM & DEBBIE LAWSON, APRIL 5, 2006

*Our most sincere condolences on the loss of a wonderful family man, unequaled coach, and treasured friend. Jim and Mary Lou Coughlin*

JIM AND MARY LOU COUGHLIN, APRIL 5, 2006

*Adair Family, My thoughts and prayers are with you all during this difficult time. May the Lord watch over you and bring you peace. Love, Heather (Hammer) Zisler*

HEATHER ZISLER, APRIL 5, 2006

*Steve was one of the nicest guys I ever knew. When I first came to East he treated me with respect and I really appreciated and I've not forgotten it tt this day. It's the little things to him that seem to matter.*

JIM DAILEY, APRIL 5, 2006

*Diane & Bryce, I am so sorry to hear about Steve. He was a good man & friend. My thoughts and prayers are with you & family. Unfortunately, I am out-of-town and will be unable to attend Steve's service. Please let me know if I can ever be of any help. (personal...not for posting on website)*

MIKE WELCH, APRIL 5, 2006

*Coach Adair gave me my first job in Plano and was a terrific mentor for my*

*time under him. Steve was always gracious with his help and advice concerning anything I needed. My thoughts and prayers are with your family during this time. God bless.*

**STEVE O'KELLEY, APRIL 5, 2006**

*As one of the most influential people in my life, I will always remember and admire the guidance and leadership, that he exhibited on a daily basis.*

**MATT MITCHELL, APRIL 5, 2006**

*Our family has such fond memories of Steve. Coach Bandy and I would like to extend our deepest sympathies to the Adair Family.*

**JOHN & CARLA BANDY, APRIL 5, 2006**

*Although we were neighbors for too short a time, we had a bond from the start. Thanks for your friendship. Our prayers are with your family.*

**EMMY & JOE JARUSINSKY, APRIL 5, 2006**

*We will always have fond memories of your years in Tecumseh and the great times our families shared. Our thoughts are with all of you.*

**TED AND KAY TODD, APRIL 5, 2006**

*Your family is in our thoughts and prayers in this time of loss. Coach Adair had an impact on so many Plano East students lives. He will always be remembered.*

**HARVEY & TAMMY BROWNING, APRIL 5, 2006**

*Diane and family - Our thoughts and prayers are with you and your family. We will always remember the good times in Battle Creek. Please keep in touch.*

**JACK AND SUE POST, APRIL 5, 2006**

*We'll miss you Steve. Our prayers are with your family. You fought a great fight, but you always were a fighter.*

**JEFF D. FOSTER, APRIL 5, 2006**

*I enjoyed knowing Steve. Working with him and his players was an awesome experience. He will be missed.*

**SARA FREEMAN, APRIL 5, 2006**

*I worked with Steve at Vines and again at Plano East. My prayers are with you all.*

GARY P. WILSON, APRIL 5, 2006

*Diane and Family you are in our thoughts and prayers. If ever you need anything we are only a phone call away. Sincerely, Lee and Holly*

LEE & HOLLY MORRIS, APRIL 5, 2006

*My memories of playing for Coach Adair at Lakeview High are amongst the warmest of my athletic past. I do all I can to model my coaching after him. Thank you coach. My prayers and sympathies to Diane, Bryce, and the rest of the family.*

ADAM DINGWALL, APRIL 5, 2006

*I played girls basketball at Plano East while Coach Adair was there. He was a great role model for both the boys and girls. He will be greatly missed, but always remembered.*

AMANDA DALE, APRIL 5, 2006

*You had a way of making us do our best, you believed in us, in everything we tried to do on and off the field. You will be missed Coach. Highland Jr. High, Battle Creek-Lakeview High School, class of 1981.*

CHIP HANSEN, APRIL 5, 2006

*Bryce and Elizabeth -- Our thoughts and prayers will be with you Bryce as well as the rest of your family.*

BRIAN GUTKNECHT & AMY ST. AMANT, APRIL 5, 2006

*Dear Diane, You and your family are in my prayers. With love, Lisa*

LISA LANDERS, APRIL 4, 2006

*Dear Jaime, Wallace, and Adair Family, My thoughts and prayers are with you during this difficult time. Love, Liz*

LIZ DARWIN, APRIL 4, 2006

*Our prayers go out to you in this time of need. May god give you strength that you need to make it through this.*

CHRIS AND ROY PONDER, APRIL 4, 2006

*Diane, Our heartfelt condolences and prayers are with you and your family. We pray that God's peace may be a comfort to you during this difficult time.*

MIKE & SOMJAI CANNON, APRIL 4, 2006

*Our deep sympathies are with Steve's family. He will be long remembered for his contributions in the noblest of professions, teaching and coaching. His legacy will live on in the hearts of the young people he has touched.*

**NANCY & TOM BOMMERSBACH, APRIL 4, 2006**

*Diane and family, My thoughts and prayers are with you. May God be with all of you in the days to follow the loss of your love one. Love Wanda*

**WANDA E SMITH, APRIL 4, 2006**

*Jamie, Wallace and the Adair Family our thoughts and prayers are with you during this time. We rejoice that Steve was in Heaven this morning with his Heavenly Father. We will be praying for you all over the coming days and weeks. Samuel and Krista Dalton*

**SAMUEL AND KRISTA DALTON, APRIL 4, 2006**

*Dearest Adair Family, My prayers are with you all during this time. Jamie, if you and your family need anything. Please feel free to call. Girlie*

**GIRLIE GRANADO LUNA, APRIL 4, 2006**

*Di - I'm thinking of you. Keep the faith & take care. Love, Cindy*

**CYNTHIA MCFARLAND, APRIL 4, 2006**

*As a faculty member of Plano East, I had the had the privilege of knowing Steve. Even though we didn't talk on a day-to-day basis, he always had a friendly smile and "Hello" for his fellow faculty members. He will be greatly missed.*

**CAROLYN SINOR, APRIL 4, 2006**

*My prayers are with all of the family. Although I did not know Steve, I do know he is in a much better place with his Lord and Savior.*

**DEE DEE EMMITTE, APRIL 4, 2006**

*Jaime, Wallace, and Adair Family, You are in our thoughts and prayers. I pray for that peace that passes all understanding at this difficult time. We love you guys. Bryan and Lesley Boyd*

**LESLEY BOYD, APRIL 4, 2006**

*May God's love and understanding enter your hearts, comfort you, and give you peace at this difficult time. Love and Light, Lucy*

**LUCY HAUG, APRIL 4, 2006**

*our prayers are with your family, and we are thinking of you all. we love you.*

**CHRIS AND NAOMI YOST, APRIL 4, 2006**

*My prayers are with the entire family for the loss of such a fine man.*

**KATHY M SINGLETON, APRIL 4, 2006**

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