



Mr. William "Joe" Green

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William Joseph Green, lovingly known as Coach Joe Green, age 84, of Sylvester, Georgia,

passed away peacefully on Saturday, November 1, 2025, surrounded by his loved ones.

Joe was born in Detroit, Michigan, on November 21, 1940, to the late Thomas and Elanor

Safranski Green. He grew up in Dakota City, Nebraska, where his family moved during his

childhood. In 1962, Joe began a lifelong journey of service when he enlisted in the United

States Air Force, proudly serving his country for over two decades before retiring in 1983.

His Air Force career took him around the world, including Alaska, Japan, and Germany,

where he made lasting contributions to military athletics by helping establish youth and

base football programs.

Following his military retirement, Joe earned his Master's Degree in Physical Education

from Valdosta State College after completing his Bachelor's Degree in Biblical

Studies

from Baptist Christian College in Shreveport, Louisiana. His passion for teaching and coaching led him to a long and rewarding career in education, where he served as a teacher, coach, and mentor for countless students who still look up to him to this day.

Coach Green taught and coached at Brooks County High School, as well as Department of Defense schools in Germany, where his team's won championships and his players thrived under his leadership. In 1992, he returned to Georgia and continued his career with the Worth County School System as a teacher, ISS monitor, and coach for football, basketball, and track. His dedication to his students and athletes left a lasting impression that extended well beyond the classroom and playing field.

A gifted athlete himself, Joe ran track and played football and basketball throughout high school and college, competing at Wayne State College in Nebraska and participating in national track and field events. He carried his love for sports throughout his life, inspiring others with his energy, determination, and sportsmanship.

In 2004, Joe earned his Doctorate in General Education from California Coast University—a reflection of his lifelong belief in learning and growth.

Above all, Joe was a devoted Christian and a deeply committed family man. He was a loving husband, father, grandfather, and great-grandfather who found his

greatest joy in the time he spent with his family. Joe's life was a reflection of his faith—rooted in kindness, humility, and unwavering integrity. His legacy of love and leadership will continue to live on through all those who were blessed to know him. Joe was also known for his sharp wit and sense of humor that could light up any room. He loved to laugh and make others laugh, and his favorite phrase, “shock ya mama,” never failed to bring smiles to those around him. His humor and joyful spirit will be fondly remembered by everyone who had the pleasure of knowing him. Joe is survived by his devoted wife, Paula Green, and his beloved children: Sandra (Bill) Morgan, Shelly (Kevin) Schaeuble, Scott (Donita) Green, Roger Jr. (Chelsea) Emmick, Heather Emmick, and Steven Emmick. He also leaves behind his cherished grandchildren—Britni, Briana, and his precious “Dolly Dumpling,” Jacey Compton—each of whom brought immense joy and pride to his life every single day. In addition, Joe is lovingly remembered by his many great-grandchildren, who will carry forward his strength, humor, and the warmth of his enduring love.

. The funeral service will be held at 11:00 AM on Tuesday November 4, 2025 at Saint Teresa's Catholic Church. Father Ray Levreault will officiate. In lieu of flowers donations may be made to Saint Teresa's Catholic Church, 421 Edgewood Lane, Albany, GA. 31707

Previous Events

Funeral Service

NOV 4. 11:00 AM (ET)

Saint Teresa's Catholic Church
421 Edgewood Ln.
Albany, GA

Tribute Wall

AC

“ He was a wonderful coach. I had him for P.E. around 2013. Coach Green was a funny guy.. I remember when he would stick his dentures out just a little bit to mess with the kids. I always thought it was the funniest thing ever. I've caught myslef thinking about him from time to time.. He will be missed dearly!



Amber C. - November 16, 2025 at 02:04 AM

HC

“ Hamp Connell lit a candle in memory of Mr. William "Joe" Green



Hamp Connell - November 08, 2025 at 10:15 AM



“ Amber Freeman lit a candle in memory of Mr. William "Joe" Green



Amber Freeman - November 06, 2025 at 03:30 PM



“ He made ISS an awesome memory i will never forget. He was a kind man under that rugged exterior. Coach Green had a Massive Pressence also. He really did want all of his students to be better, work hard and make something of themselves. Regardless if any one of us showed it or not, we loved this man very much. He really did touch our hearts, even if we didn't realize it then. Coach Green will be truly missed by everyone.

Amber Freeman - November 06, 2025 at 03:30 PM

AW

“ ISS was suppose to be a punishment but Coach Green always made it fun! Your love,light, and sense of humor will always be remembered. R.I.P. Coach❤️

Angelia Wiley - November 05, 2025 at 11:15 AM

MJ

“ Coach Green was a well loved coach who touched many young people's lives in Worth County and even us parents. Thank you Coach for your dedication to my sons during their sports. You will be missed!

Melissa Jolley - November 04, 2025 at 09:00 PM

TD

“ Praying for comfort and peace for your family! Tim and I have so many good memories with you two!

Tim and DeDe - November 04, 2025 at 07:48 PM

CS

“ Thanks, Coach Greene. You have been a supporter of the Shipp family for many years so Chris shipp and Trey Shipp thank you so much.

Chris Shipp - November 04, 2025 at 02:42 PM

JC

“ Prayers for your family!



Jeanie Carter - November 04, 2025 at 02:13 PM

CB

“ Chris Burrell lit a candle in memory of Mr. William "Joe" Green



Chris Burrell - November 03, 2025 at 11:55 PM

LM

“ Sending my Condolences to the Green Family



Lakeysia McGill - November 03, 2025 at 10:53 PM

SB

*“ I had the honor to coach on the same staff with Joe and later when I became principal at WCHS, he worked as a teacher and coach at the High School. He was a wonderful educator and deeply cared about all of his students and athletes. I would talk to Joe from time to time on the phone and would also run into him around town sometimes- he always asked about my family, and would specifically ask about all of my children and call them each by name. Coach Green was always good for a laugh and I have many funny stories from our days working together. He shared his faith openly with me and many others- he was a good man and will be missed. My deepest sympathy to all of the family.
Stacey Bell , and the Bell Family (Lisa, Chandler, Katie and Colby)*

Stacey Bell - November 03, 2025 at 01:41 PM

TJ

“ Coach Joe Green was a nice person,loved. enjoyed knowing him and also coaching my sons Milton and Thomas GOWDY.He truly will be missed.My condolences and prayers to the family.

Terry James - November 03, 2025 at 12:48 PM



“ Coach Green was the cornerstone of Worth County sports (Football, Basketball, and track and field). Greatly appreciated the enthusiasm and encouragement he gave to us all. He will always be remembered in our hearts in the Rams family!!

Tommy Parker - November 03, 2025 at 10:52 AM

EM

“ Coach Green will truly be missed! I enjoyed seeing him when He would come by the job and we would talk about track and everyday life. No matter where I would see him, it was always good just to talk to him. I will keep his family in my prayers.

Ebony Moore - November 03, 2025 at 10:00 AM



“ Condolences & Prayers to his Family along with all of whom he touched in a special way. You'll be truly Missed on this side of life coach.

👊SHOCK YA MAMA! 🙏👊



Randy Redding - November 03, 2025 at 09:55 AM

LD

“ To Paula and the family. Coach was a blessing and joy to me and my sons. He followed their careers and always told me at church how proud he was to know them. It's obvious by all previous comments this was not an exception but the rule for how Coach loved and treated people. He loved his neighbor as he loved himself. Thank you for sharing him with us. May his soul and all the souls of the Faithful departed, through the Mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen

Larry Davis - November 03, 2025 at 09:49 AM



“ *Coach Green was such a wonderful person. He was probably one of my favorite teachers from high school looking back. Always knew how to make your day better regardless of anything. Tough on you when you needed it but rewarded you when you earned it. A great man. Rest in Peace Coach Green you'll be missed greatly!!*



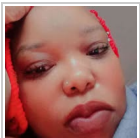
Sheena Whisman-Deal - November 03, 2025 at 09:01 AM



“ *Shakilia Ransom lit a candle in memory of Mr. William "Joe" Green*



Shakilia Ransom - November 03, 2025 at 09:01 AM



“ *Latoya Walker lit a candle in memory of Mr. William "Joe" Green*



Latoya Walker - November 03, 2025 at 02:01 AM

GS

Sorry for the lost

Gregory Shipp - November 03, 2025 at 09:30 AM

BG

*Paula,
My thoughts and prayers are with you and your family. May his soul
rest in God's eternal peace. †*

Betty George - November 03, 2025 at 10:17 AM

VW

“ *Coach Green was a great man full of jokes
and laughter. He always talked about his
favorite western with us which was
Gunsmoke. His friendship will be missed.*



Van & Jessica Whittle - November 02, 2025 at 11:18 PM

SS

“ *Dear Paula, what a great blessing Joe is to all of us. He was always
so positive and so generous and so caring there was nothing you
could ask that he couldn't find a way to get done. And to his dear
family, he loved you all so very much and in so many wonderful
ways. How his face would light up as he shared stories and
activities that you had all done together. Paula, how much he
treasured you. His love for all of you radiated just with every breath
he took. He will always be a blessing, and from heaven, he will
always be watching over you. All of our love and all of our prayers.
Michael, Sylvia and Angela Szpak*

Sylvia Szpak - November 02, 2025 at 10:31 PM

JT

“ *Jessica Toomer lit a candle in memory of Mr.
William "Joe" Green*



Jessica Toomer - November 02, 2025 at 08:43 PM

RL

“ *Rita Leggett lit a candle in memory of Mr. William "Joe" Green*



Rita Leggett - November 02, 2025 at 08:28 PM

TR

“ *Teresa Robison lit a candle in memory of Mr. William "Joe" Green*



Teresa Robison - November 02, 2025 at 08:05 PM

TR

We will sure miss you coach!!! Love and prayers for your family! The Robison's Clay, Teresa, Hope and Joey

Teresa Robison - November 02, 2025 at 08:07 PM

KS

“ *Kayla Stokes lit a candle in memory of Mr. William "Joe" Green*



Kayla Stokes - November 02, 2025 at 07:52 PM

KB

“ *Katie Bell lit a candle in memory of Mr. William "Joe" Green*



Katie Bell - November 02, 2025 at 06:15 PM

EA

“ *Elaine Arich lit a candle in memory of Mr. William "Joe" Green*



Elaine Arich - November 02, 2025 at 05:39 PM



“ *Awww man coach, man you were the reason I stepped out of my comfort zone in 8th grade to play football, I will forever cherish every moment I had with you, I'm glad I was able to run into you as much as I did after school. Take you rest coach, job well done 🙏*

Devin Young - November 02, 2025 at 05:14 PM

KW

“ *I remember my middle school days Coach Green use to always pull his teeth out have everybody laughing he was a fun coach you will truly be missed rest on. 😊☐*

Kayla Wise - November 02, 2025 at 04:17 PM



“ Man had sum good times with coach green middles school days and wen I saw him and public he'll always stop me and ask me how I been doing sending my condolences and prayers to your family 🙏😞



Keyarica Anderson - November 02, 2025 at 04:06 PM

MH

“ Mack And Mary Houston lit a candle in memory of Mr. William "Joe" Green



Mack and Mary Houston - November 02, 2025 at 03:55 PM

MM

“ Coach Green was the best man My prayers and condolences to the family 🙏 You are one of my Best memories of Worth County High 🐐 ! LL Da Goat



Mckenzie Manning - November 02, 2025 at 03:51 PM

TS

“ "Slap Ya Mama"



Tiffany Eubanks Salter - November 02, 2025 at 03:30 PM

EC

“ I worked with Coach Green. He was a one of a kind with a great sense of humor. Prayers sent for family and friends! God bless you all! RIP Joe Green "Coach"!

Evelyn Fletcher Castleberry - November 02, 2025 at 03:27 PM

SD

“ Stacy Davis lit a candle in memory of Mr. William "Joe" Green



Stacy Davis - November 02, 2025 at 03:27 PM

SW

“ I worked with Coach Green at WCMS. He was an unforgettable person. Thank you, Coach, for the many lives you have touched! Love and prayers to Coach Green's family.

Stacy Weaver - November 02, 2025 at 03:21 PM



“ Brad Etheredge lit a candle in memory of Mr. William "Joe" Green



Brad Etheredge - November 02, 2025 at 03:08 PM



Went to three different High Schools before landing at WCHS, at of all three HS I went to, Coach Green was one of my best ISS teachers, I will never forget when he fell asleep and every body in ISS fell asleep

Brad Etheredge - November 02, 2025 at 03:10 PM

CW

“ Coach green was an amazing coach , kept us laughing at all times. He loved to take his dentures out and chase us around the gym! He will be missed! 🥺

Ciara White - November 02, 2025 at 02:56 PM

PW

“ Joe has been our neighbor for 25 years. I always enjoyed the conversations we had when we would meet in the yard. RIP Joe



Pat Wilks - November 02, 2025 at 02:25 PM

GB

“ He was a awesome person enjoyed seeing him daily at school and hearing all his stories
💔RIP



Gale Booth - November 02, 2025 at 02:24 PM

BE

“ Coach Green was one of my favorite colleagues at the high school. Always smiling, always in a good mood, and full of interesting stories and facts. If Heaven has an ISS, it just gained the best coach ever.

Beth Everett - November 02, 2025 at 02:24 PM

DW

“ Coach Green was a hero to me. He was a larger than life character. I was captivated by his stories of Germany, and Eric Zeier. The folded ears and false teeth. The “Slap Ya Mama” always made us 12 year olds giggle. Love you, Coach and thank you for loving me!

Drew Willis - November 02, 2025 at 02:07 PM

SH

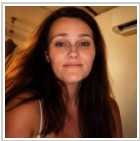
Coach Green legends track Coach and favorite iss teacher gone to soon

Shanard Hamilton - November 02, 2025 at 03:20 PM

JP

“ One of my favorite all time people, he coached me and then had the pleasure of teaching and coaching with him. Never a dull moment and a great mentor!

J.A. Popham - November 02, 2025 at 02:01 PM



“ RIP Coach Green. 🙏❤️



Dawn Lynn - November 02, 2025 at 01:58 PM

LP

“ I enjoyed working with coach Green and listening to him talk about making his sausage.

Lisa Poole - November 02, 2025 at 01:58 PM

CB

“ *RIP coach*

Craig Bragg - November 02, 2025 at 01:57 PM

AR

“ *I enjoyed working with Coach Green at WCMS. He always greeted me with a smile and a hug when I would see him in town.*

Angie Rachels - November 02, 2025 at 01:52 PM

JC

“ *Jill Case lit a candle in memory of Mr. William "Joe" Green*



Jill Case - November 02, 2025 at 01:49 PM



“ *RIP Joe.*



Jim McMickin - November 02, 2025 at 11:12 AM

SW

“ *Sandra Watson lit a candle in memory of Mr. William "Joe" Green*



Sandra Watson - November 02, 2025 at 08:44 AM

SY

“ *Mr. Joe was a good guy! I hadn't seen him much in recent years but remember him as a dedicated coach and teacher. My sympathies to his family.*

Sue Youngblood - November 02, 2025 at 08:38 AM

LG

“ *Paula, you and Joe were such great neighbors for many years. Joe and I would often talk about a myriad of things but he was always so kind and supportive. He was one of the first persons to come to the house when Alan passed. Many will miss Joe - rest in peace, my friend!*

Linda P Grimsley - November 02, 2025 at 07:17 AM