



Clark Godfrey

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Bountiful, UT – Coach Clark Godfrey was one of a kind. If you met him, you never forgot him. As a colleague said, “there is only one Clark Godfrey”.

Clark had three Passions: His beautiful wife, his family, and coaching. Clark and Corine met as teenagers, and she was the love of his life. They enjoyed 65 years of marriage, had 6 children, grandchildren, and great grandchildren.

He had the heart of a lion. He loved deeply and fiercely. He was tenacious, scrappy, intense, tough, and loyal. He was the guy you wanted in your corner. Animated, comedic, entertaining, unpretentious, unfiltered – you always knew where he stood. He wasn’t afraid to cry. He fought for the underdog and was uncompromising in his values. He was a storyteller. Smart as a whip. He could recall in detail games he coached 50 years ago and fondly remembered each players contribution.

As a teacher and coach, he impacted the lives of the young people he worked with, and who continue to credit him for his role in their successes. Over the years many former players have reached out to let him know the ripple effect he has had on them, and consequently their children. His coaching and teaching style was dynamic and entertaining. Everyone has a “Coach Godfrey Story”.

His professional accomplishments were many, some highlights included being inducted into the Utah Sports Hall of Fame as a Distinguished Coach, Coaching and Assisting three HS State Championship Basketball Teams (at West High School and Highland High School), and three years Asst Basketball Coach at BYU Hawaii, and Teacher of the year at Highland HS.



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Clark was a faithful member of his church and served in the LDS Western States Mission. He married Corinne Ann Petty in the Salt Lake Temple. Clark leaves behind his beloved wife, Corinne Godfrey, children: Cynthia Allred (Rob), Caylynnne Elms (Doug), Charee, Chantelle Kendall (Richard), Chris Godfrey (Trisha), Cami Clough (Dave), 18 grandchildren and 5 great grandchildren, brother Steve Godfrey (Elaine). Predeceased by his parents James Albert and Dicie Maude Godfrey, and sister Lajuana Hand.

He loved our country, and served in the National Guard for 8 yrs., obtaining the rank of 2LT.

Services to celebrate Clark will be held Sat, Sept 14th, 2024, at 11am at the LDS Chapel, 650 E. 2150 S. in Bountiful, Utah.

Clark, the scrappy little boy from Preston, Idaho lived a remarkable life! He will be deeply missed.

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Events


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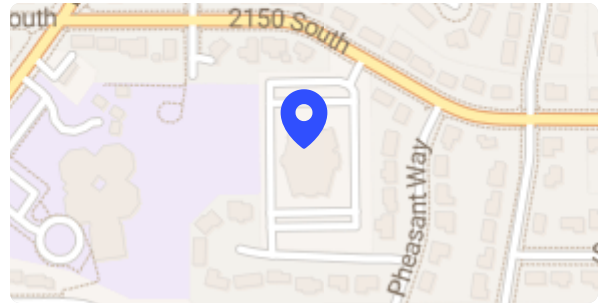
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Funeral Service

 **Saturday**, September 14, 2024

 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM MT

 **Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints**
650 East 2150 South, Bountiful UT





Tribute Wall

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SP

Sean Petty posted:

A long time ago, 1980, my parents found my brother Chris and I and adopted us. From the time we met uncle Clark and aunt Corinne they took us in as their and have always held us close in the family. Some of my very earliest childhood memories are from your house. My first Christmas party, I remember it like it happened yesterday. Everyone exchanging gifts, eating amazing food, jingling sleigh bells as we caroled throughout the night and all around the neighborhood, one elated neighbor at a time. I was 3 years old. What a lasting impression uncle Clark has made on everyone that ever entered his life, no matter how briefly, or how long. I cherish those days like nearly no other.

September 14 at 1:27 PM



Claire Roze shared a photo to the **Tribute Wall** album.

We were Clark and Corinne's neighbors last year in the golden neighborhood. Clark and Corinne welcomed us like grand parents. They have been kind and fun. We made smores in the garden. We shared long talks during summer evenings on the carport. We will miss you and will always cherish our memories. Merci Clark pour ton humour et ta joie de vivre. Merci pour votre accueil avec Corinne. On vous aime. Les Rozé



September 13 at 8:18 AM

SA

Scott Allen posted:

I officiated high school football for many years and one of my great memories was of Clark Godfrey. At a sophomore football game I officiated at West, I had just called a personal foul and an unsportsmanlike conduct...two penalties on the same play throwing both my flags. Clark apparently disagreed with my judgment. He walked right out on the field, and reached up and grabbed my hat right off my head and threw it in the air saying "here throw another one on me." He smiled at me and walked off the field. I could not be angry. It also taught me a lesson. I was new to officiating and he taught me not to take myself too seriously. I have had more laughs over that great experience with Clark than I can say. He was the absolute epitome of sportsmanship mixed with intensity. He will be missed.

September 12 at 6:32 AM



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DA

Dan posted:

Clark was my Priest quorum advisor and church basketball coach at the same time he was head coach at West High. All of us recognized that while church ball is fun and people want to play hard, it's not a particularly high level of competition. However, Clark brought all of his knowledge and passion for the game and really taught us how to play basketball and how to compete. He treated us like real athletes, he wanted us to get better, and he took an interest in each of us. We made it to the region championship game, but it conflicted with a West High game that Clark obviously had to coach. He expressed to us how sorry he was that couldn't come to the game and he really meant it. We were able to win the game and the region championship. After our game I went to his house to wait for him to get home. Since this was way before cell phones he had no way of knowing what had happened at our game. He barged in his front door, saw me, and asked how it went. I wanted to play a little joke so I looked at the ground and said "We really could have used you there" then slowly looked up at him and said "but we won!" I think he covered the six or eight feet between us in one step and with a huge grin gave me a hug that lifted me off the ground like we had won a state championship. His excitement and total joy was genuine and it gave me a bigger rush than actually winning the game had. Then we sat down and he wanted to know everything that happened during the game and we went over it in detail, with him showing interest in every detail. I really don't think Clark cared about winning the tournament. He cared about us and he expressed that every time we practiced and especially that night. I don't remember hardly anything about the games we played that year, but I'll never forget the pride and love he expressed that night, and how it made me feel. And I know he made countless others feel the same way. Dan Andersen

September 11 at 8:08 AM



Media

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Memories only last if you share them

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