



Danforth "Dan" Ferrie Pritchett

January 6, 1934 - February 2, 2021

Mr. Danforth "Dan" F. Pritchett, 87, of Newnan was called home to be with the Lord on Tuesday, February 2, 2021. He was born January 6, 1934 to the late Dewey Pritchett & Vannie Yeates Pritchett. In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by his wife of 52 years, Shirley Cole Pritchett.

A native of Coweta County, Pritchett was raised in Grantville, where he was a standout athlete at Grantville High School. He won two state championships in tennis, and was a four-year letterman in both baseball and basketball. His athletic career continued at West Georgia College, playing football, baseball, tennis, and running track, before being drafted by the Brooklyn Dodgers. Though his professional playing career was cut short by injury, his avid participation in athletics extended for decades.

Dan served in the Army, where his duties included playing with a traveling baseball team. After his time in the military, he earned his teaching degree from Auburn University in 1960. He then returned to Coweta County, where he spent his career teaching and coaching. Over the ensuing 30 years, Coach Pritchett was a staple on the sidelines for a variety of local high school sports. His roles included coaching baseball at Newnan High School, football at Harris County High School, and a five-year stint as the second ever head football coach at East Coweta High School from 1968-1973. In 1971, Coach Pritchett led ECHS to the school's first state championship in any sport with the boys' track team. He also coached the girls' softball team to a state championship in 1981, and led the girls' basketball team to perennial state

prominence. Additionally, he built the Indians' baseball team into a powerhouse, winning several Region Championships. Dan was honored as Region Coach of the Year six times.

After his retirement, Dan was inducted into the Coweta Sports Hall of Fame. He was a passionate Auburn fan, and stayed active playing tennis well into his 80's. In addition to his former players, Dan greatly valued his special friends in the Lunch Bunch and O.R.F's.

He is survived by daughter & son-in-law, Danette & Mark Knox of Newnan; son & daughter-in-law, Jon & Diane Pritchett of Leawood, KS; grandchildren, Jake (Shy) Pritchett of Dayton, OH, Kelli Pritchett Ingram of Covington, GA, Sara (Connor) Rund of Newnan, Hudson Pritchett of Leawood, KS; and Five Great-Grandchildren.

A graveside service will be held on Sunday, February 14, 2021 at 2:00pm at Oak Hill Cemetery in Newnan. Condolences can be expressed online at www.mckoon.com

Rather than flowers, the family respectfully requests memorial contributions to the Newnan/Coweta Boys and Girls Club, 72 Wesley Street, Newnan, GA 30263 or to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital, 501 St. Jude Place, Memphis, TN 38105.

McKoon Funeral Home & Crematory (770) 253-4580

Cemetery Details

Oak Hill Cemetery

96 Jefferson Street
Newnan, GA 30263
(770) 253-3744

Previous Events

Service

FEB 14. 2:00 PM (ET)

Graveside Oak Hill Cemetery
96 Jefferson Street
Newnan, GA 30263

Tribute Wall

CT

“ Tuesday lunches friendship. Sweet memories of travels with Dan and Shirley.
Cherished rememberances.
Claudia Tucker

Claudia Tucker - February 12, 2021 at 07:48 PM

RS

“ Sad when someone we love dies....sweet the memories.
Tennis buddies since the 1980's
“Blitz the Ritz “ lunch every Tuesday
“Your serve, Dan!”🎾

Ruby Swords - February 11, 2021 at 06:44 PM

VN

“ Virgeleen Calhoun Portsmouth, NH lit a candle in memory of Danforth "Dan" Ferrie Pritchett



Virgeleen Calhoun Portsmouth, NH - February 09, 2021 at 08:19 PM

JR

“ Judy Rudbeck lit a candle in memory of Danforth "Dan" Ferrie Pritchett



Judy Rudbeck - February 09, 2021 at 10:09 AM

LS

“ To the family of Voach Pritchett, I am sorry for your loss. He taught PE when I was a Student at East Coweta. He was an awesome Coach and Teacher. May your memories sustain you



Lyshon Scott-Ferrell - February 07, 2021 at 09:03 PM

RS

Lots of fun games tennis with Coach Dan Pritchett Always lunch after for “BLITZ THE RITZ “ group.
Sad at death of ones loved; sweet the memories. Your serve Dan!!

Ruby Swords - February 10, 2021 at 08:28 AM

JB

“ I taught Science with Dan at ECHS. He became a close friend. He came to MI for a visit in the summer. Prayers and condolences to his family for having a wonderful father.

Jed and Robin Bloch

Jed Bloch - February 07, 2021 at 09:00 AM

TH

“ Teresa Higgins lit a candle in memory of Danforth "Dan" Ferrie Pritchett



teresa higgins - February 06, 2021 at 03:56 PM

TH

Praying for the family 🙏 Coach Pritchett was a wonderful man. He will be missed

teresa higgins - February 06, 2021 at 03:59 PM

JA

“ I'm so sorry that your dad has passed on. Recently, I was able to see him, and visit some with him, at Sharpsburg Baptist Church. He made me feel young again. He was a great man, and a great coach. I can still hear his voice on the practice field growling "Front! Back! Up running! Up running!"

Sadly,
Jim Adamson

Jim Adamson - February 06, 2021 at 01:56 PM

LJ

“ So sorry for your loss, he was my favorite teacher at East Coweta. He always made my laugh and was so encouraging to so many . I saw him a few times through the years out in town and at the gym. Your dad was always smiling and so positive every time I saw him. Men like him are rare. I am so blessed to have had the privilege of knowing him. Prayers and condolences to your family.

Lisa Thompson Jackson

Lisa Jackson - February 06, 2021 at 05:11 AM

BH

“ I don't know what made me see this today. Dan and Shirley were real close friends of my parents, Claire and Knute Hight from way back in Grantville. Years later their "crowd" would get together for Oktoberfest, Savannah and school reunions, I loved to listen to their stories. Condolences to his family, may Dan Rest In Peace.

Betsi Holbrook - February 05, 2021 at 10:57 AM

JM

“ Junie Austin Merkle lit a candle in memory of Danforth "Dan" Ferrie Pritchett



Junie Austin Merkle - February 04, 2021 at 07:57 PM

RS

Sad at death of loved one; sweet the memories

RUBY swords - February 11, 2021 at 01:41 PM

WW

“ Coach Pritchett was my basketball coach at East Coweta High School. He was a great coach and took our team to state my senior year. He was a fine man. My condolences to the family.
Wanda Williams Wilson

Wanda Williams Wilson - February 04, 2021 at 07:54 PM

CM

“ I was introduced to Coach Pritchett when he first became East Coweta's football coach. I was shaped by his examples of being both a man and a leader. He was the epitome of a male role model. Danette and Jon, take comfort in knowing how many lives your dad inspired. He taught us to NEVER quit. Coach Dan Pritchett will never be forgotten by me.
Carl McKnight



carl mcknight - February 04, 2021 at 06:01 PM

CA

“ Danette and family- I am so sorry for your loss. Your father was an amazing person and will be missed by many. We are praying for you and your family during this difficult time and send our heartfelt hopes for much comfort and peace. Ed and Carol Atkinson Abel

Carol Atkinson Abel - February 04, 2021 at 05:48 PM

GG

“ Danette, Jon and the rest of your families, I am so sorry to hear of your dad's death. Mother and I would run into him sometimes at Golden Corral and chat awhile. I know he will be missed.

Gale Goldenberg - February 04, 2021 at 05:05 PM

GD

“ My thoughts and prayers are with the family at this time of sorrow! I pray for peace and comfort at this time! 🙏🙏



Glenda Hatcher Duke - February 04, 2021 at 03:29 PM

DM

“ My condolences on Dan's passing. I taught with him at ECHS my first 2 years teaching, and he was helpful, funny, and just a wonderful person. He will be missed by many.

Donna Byram Moore - February 04, 2021 at 02:01 PM

FF

“ We are so sorry to hear about Coach Pritchett. He was a great man and was such a positive influence on so many young people in Coweta County. I remember he was the referee in a fund raiser basketball game at the ECHS gym between our open league team and the Atlanta Falcons basketball team. He called a technical on me. I was complaining about those big NFL guys fouling me. We beat them in OT and I apologized to him after the game. He was a great ref. Our prayers are with all the family. He will be missed by everyone who knew him.

Sincerely,
Frank and Melody Farmer

Frank and Melody farmer - February 04, 2021 at 01:47 PM

CS

“ Danette and John, I am sorry to hear about your Dad! Thoughts are with you! Hugs to you both! Coach DN touched a lot of students and Athletes at ECH, leaving Great Memories to all !

Love,
Connie Bishop Sbarp

Connie Bishop Sharp - February 04, 2021 at 01:39 PM

DC

I think of all the games we played and we won most of them-all the games we refereed together and especially the good meals and great times. What a great man and friend. I will miss you. Davis Camp

Davis Camp - February 04, 2021 at 03:41 PM

SW

“ Our thoughts and prayers are with ya'll during this difficult time.
Ronnie and Susan Whatley

Susan Whatley - February 04, 2021 at 12:33 PM

BW

“ Please accept our sincerest condolences on Dan’s passing. Our thoughts are with you at this sad time. We enjoyed knowing Dan and Shirley years ago when we were young educators in the school system.



Bobby and Geraldine Welch - February 04, 2021 at 12:30 PM

CR

Danette and Jon, my heart goes out to all of you and your families. I loved playing basketball for your Dad! He was an exceptional coach! Those were some of my fondest memories from high school. He’s now on heavens teams and I’m sure is loving it. Rest In Peace Coach!

Carol Robertson - February 04, 2021 at 07:32 PM

RS

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Your serve , Dan*

RUBY swords - February 11, 2021 at 02:05 PM

RS

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RUBY swords - February 11, 2021 at 02:08 PM

KM

“ Rest in peace Coach. I know and "Miss" Shirley are having a great reunion. You will be missed.

Kathy Cox Moore - February 04, 2021 at 11:08 AM

HO

“ *Rest in peace Coach, I am so thankful that you got to spend time with us, you will be missed.*

Houston - February 04, 2021 at 10:58 AM

MS

Danette and Jon, It sadden me to hear of Dan's passing. Remembering all the good times we spent with Dan and Shirley. Rest in peace my friend!

Margaret Shaddix - February 04, 2021 at 03:22 PM

NB

Danette, and Jon, so sorry to hear about Dan. Remember all the years we have been friends. And Dan was Debbie's PE teacher. He was certainly a great athlete. The last time I saw him he was still playing tennis and looking great. He will certainly be missed.

Nancy Burks - February 04, 2021 at 10:05 PM

ME

Danette, so sorry to hear about your Dad passing. You and your family are in our prayers

Marsha & Jimmy

Marsha Eiland - February 05, 2021 at 08:23 PM