



## Francis Wade Hancock

January 3, 1932 - May 22, 2016

Francis Wade Hancock (Coach Hancock) passed away peacefully on Sunday, May 22, 2016 at his home in Senoia surrounded by his family.

He was born on Jan. 3rd, 1932 to Franklin Alfonsa Hancock and Emily Scroggins of Hackneyville, Alabama and grew up there along with his two older sisters. After high school, he served in the US Army and was stationed in Japan during the Korean War.

After leaving the military, he attended Troy State Teachers College which later became TroyState University, receiving a Bachelor's Degree in History and English. While attending college, he met and married his wife of over 60 years, Merle Adams Hancock.

After college, he taught school and was Principal of the public school in Daviston, AL. He accepted a coaching/teaching position at East Coweta High School in 1963 and moved to Senoia. He taught a variety of subjects at East Coweta, but primarily Civics, History and Physical Education classes. Although he enjoyed teaching, his great love, other than his family, was sports. Over the years, he coached many different sports including baseball, softball, basketball and track. He was instrumental in bringing football to East Coweta and he and Richard Ingram coached the school's first football team in

1967 and he continued coaching football for many years afterwards. He taught and coached for thirty-three years.

Once retired, he devoted his time to his wife and watching his grandchildren and later great grandchildren participate in sports and other activities. Few things made him happier than an afternoon or evening spent with his family watching his beloved University of Alabama football team play. Roll Tide!

He is predeceased by his parents and his sister, Jean Hancock Osborne and son-in-law, Martin Floyd. He is survived by his wife and three children; Marcus (Carol) Hancock, Gale Goldenberg and Ellen (Larry) Anderson, as well as his sister, Willette Hancock Martin of Alexander City, Alabama and many nieces and nephews.

He is also survived by six grandchildren; Julie (Bernie) Brody, Kelley Anderson, Ian (Shay) Goldenberg, Adam (Ashley) Hancock, Renee (Nate) Lawler and Zach (Grace) Anderson, as well as eight great grandchildren; Austin McIntyre, Caden Nicholson, Myla Brody, Colton Lawler, Dylan Lawler, Gray Goldenberg, Greenley Goldenberg and Jackson Hancock.

Condolences can be expressed to the family at [www.mckoon.com](http://www.mckoon.com).

There will be a graveside service at 11:00 AM on Thursday, May 26, 2016 at the Senoia City Cemetery followed by lunch and fellowship with the family at the Senoia Community Center. In lieu of flowers, the family asks that donations be made to the Senoia Cemetery Association, Post Office Box 194, Senoia, GA30276.

McKoon Funeral Home & Crematory (770) 253-4580.



# Cemetery Details

## **Senoia City Cemetery**

Stallings Road  
Senoia, GA

# Previous Events

## **Service**

MAY **26**. 11:00 AM.

Graveside

# Tribute Wall

GB

“ *Marcus...I'm sorry for your and your families loss. Your dad lived a good life! My thoughts and prayers are with the whole family.*

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**Greg Bledsoe** - May 25, 2016 at 04:15 PM

KA

“ *A huge piece of our hearts are missing but know you are in a better place Granddaddy!! You were the sweetest, most gentle, smart and caring man! I may not have been your biological granddaughter, but you have been my granddaddy for the past 27 years, since i was just 9 years old and never considered you a step grandfather! You always treated me like your real granddaughter and that has meant the world to me!! Thank you for all you did for me and my kids! i will never forget you and Grandmomma being there when my babies were born and so many other occassions!! I love you both very much!! I know you will be looking over everyone, especially Grandmomma!! Rest in Peace! Until we see you again!!*



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**Kelley Anderson** - May 25, 2016 at 03:13 PM

BO

“ *We are so sorry for your loss. Our thoughts and prayers are with you.*  
*Barbara and Steve O'Connor*



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**Barbara O'Connor** - May 25, 2016 at 09:36 AM

NH

“ Coach Hancock touch many lives. He had a sincere interest in the young people who were blessed to have him as a coach or teacher. Our prayers are with the family.

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**Norman Hunter** - May 25, 2016 at 08:08 AM

MI

“ Hancock Family,

Coach Hancock was a great teacher and coach. You are in our thoughts and prayers.

Mike and Deborah Ivie

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**Mike and Deborah Ivie** - May 24, 2016 at 01:55 PM

LR

“ Our thoughts and prayers are with the entire Hancock Family during these times. We have very fond memories of Coach Hancock from our days in the classroom and on the athletic fields. He will be missed but his memory will remain with us all forever. May the peace and love of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, be with you all now and forever.

Larry, Janet, Natalie, and Melanie Robertson

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**Larry Robertson** - May 24, 2016 at 01:18 PM

JJ

“ I did not meet Francis (and Merle) until we all were older and retired. Francis always greeted me with a smile and often a hug when I came to visit my dear friend, Merle. I was impressed with his gentleness and kindness and subtle sense of humor. He shared a love of nature and keep his beautiful garden immaculate. He is truly a great man and has left a great legacy to follow!

JoAnn Johanson - May 24, 2016 at 09:49 AM



“ Glenda Duke lit a candle in memory of Francis Wade Hancock



Glenda Duke - May 24, 2016 at 09:30 AM

FF

“ I am sorry to hear about Coach Hancock. My prayers are with the entire family.  
Frank Farmer

Frank Farmer - May 24, 2016 at 08:40 AM

KS

“ Merle and Family,  
So sorry for your loss. You are in thoughts and prayer. I know what you are going through. Take one day at a time.  
Kathi W. Sumner



Kathi Sumner - May 24, 2016 at 08:09 AM

BW

“ Please accept our sincere condolences on the passing of Coach Hancock. Take comfort in a his long life, well-lived. He will be missed by so many who knew him from family to former students and community members.

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**Bobby and Geraldine Welch** - May 24, 2016 at 05:42 AM

SW

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

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**Susan and Ronnie Whatley** - May 23, 2016 at 05:07 PM

JG

Thank you Coach, for your leadership in the classroom and on the sports field. Roll Tide!!!!

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**Jimmy Gordon** - May 24, 2016 at 06:04 PM