



Scottie Leon Nolan

May 27, 1939 - February 11, 2024

Scottie Leon Nolan, age 84, passed away at his home on February 10, 2024 in Gentry, Ar. He was born to Woodrow and Lorene Nolan in Uniontown, AR on May 27, 1939. He graduated from Cedarville High School in 1958 and was the first in the school's history to receive a basketball scholarship to Westark Community College. He struggled to pay for school, so in 1960, he enlisted in the U.S. Navy and proudly served his country from 1960-1964 aboard the USS Hancock. In 1965, with help from the GI bill, he was able to finish his education and received a Bachelors Degree in Education from the University of the Ozarks in Clarksville. On December 23, 1966, he married Laclea Maddox from Paris, Ar. The couple moved to Ola, AR where he began his coaching career and she worked as an x-ray technician. Scottie coached at Ola from 1968-1972 and this is where their three children were born. They then moved to Quitman where he coached from 1972-1983 and on to Mount Vernon. The pinnacle of his coaching career came at Gentry, AR where he coached from 1983 to 1992. This is where he was able to secure a AA State Championship for the Lady Pioneers in 1989 from an undefeated team who lost their last game at State Overalls from a nationally ranked (7th) Bryant girls team by three points. The nine years he coached at Gentry his overall record was 232-44. The state championship team proved to be a special team for Coach Nolan, as they only lost five games their whole high school career. They went seven years and never lost a home game and were involved in an 87 game consecutive conference winning streak. He retired from coaching but

shortly returned to coach at Fayetteville, Bentonville and Colcord, OK. Scottie's wife, LaCleta passed away from cancer in 1999 and in 2015, He married Bobbie Marie Sullivan.

Coach Nolan devoted himself to not only developing great players but young women with great character and indispensable work ethics. Most all of his players and students would define him as their mentor and most influential person in their life. He was voted Coach of the Year eight times and went to State Playoffs seven of the last nine years at his time at Gentry. In 2019, he was voted by his peers to be inducted into the Arkansas Coaching Hall of Fame. Coach Nolan was quite the character and may be more famous for his storytelling, and sense of humor than his coaching tactics. He enjoyed taking trips with his friends, playing cards, playing golf, going to the races, trying to attend each hospitality room during tournament season and gardening with his stepson, Brian. He is preceded in death by his wife LaCleta and his parents. He leaves behind a wife, Bobbie of Gentry and three children, Courtney Cox of Gentry, Brad Nolan of Frankfurt, KY and Aaron and Carrie Clauson of Mulberry, AR, and 10 grandchildren. He has a stepson, Brian Sullivan, of Gentry and stepdaughter Angela Moore of Rogers. He has 3 siblings; Glyn and Annalee Nolan of Uniontown, Sharon Partain of Uniontown and Donnie and Charlotte Nolan of Uniontown. Scottie attended church at the Decatur Sale Barn Church in Decatur, AR where it is pastored by Terry Horton. Visitation will be at Wasson Funeral Home on Wednesday February 14, in Siloam Springs from 6:00-8:00 pm. Funeral Service will be officiated by Pastor Terry Horton and Coach Mark Sherrell at the Decatur Sale Barn Church in Decatur, AR. at 9 am. There will be a short grave side ceremony at Allison Cemetery in Uniontown, AR. Pallbearers are Gerald Hudson, Jim Stafford, William Roundtree, Nathan Nolan, Pat Widders, Danny Farmer, and Vernon Russell. In lieu of flowers, the family request donations to be made to the Decatur Sale Barn Church in Decatur, AR. To sign the online guestbook, please visit: www.wassonfuneralhome.com.

Previous Events

Visitation

FEB **14.** 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

Wasson Funeral Home
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Siloam Springs, AR 72761
(479) 524-5131
wasson@wassonfuneralhome.com
<https://www.wassonfuneralhome.com>

Funeral Service

FEB **15.** 9:00 AM (CT)

Decatur Sale Barn Church
8950 AR 59
Decatur, AR 72722

Burial

FEB **15.** 2:30 PM (CT)

Allison Cemetery
Crawford County
Crawford County, AR

Tribute Wall

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“ Paul Green purchased the Blue & White Sympathy Floor Basket for the family of Scottie Leon Nolan.



Paul Green - February 14, 2024 at 12:04 PM

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“ Paul Green planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Scottie Leon Nolan.

Paul Green - February 14, 2024 at 12:04 PM



“ Cherished Memories - All White was purchased for the family of Scottie Leon Nolan.



February 13, 2024 at 10:57 PM

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“ Shamsey & Tim Holt planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Scottie Leon Nolan.

Shamsey & Tim Holt - February 13, 2024 at 10:57 PM

LG

“ *Lynne Glass lit a candle in memory of Scottie Nolan*



Lynne Glass - February 13, 2024 at 03:53 PM

BJ

“ *Scottie was the best coach and friend a person could have. He is one reason I became a basketball coach. Last time I saw him was at a get together of the 1975 Quitman graduating class. He will be missed!*

Billy Jackson - February 13, 2024 at 01:35 PM

BS

“ *Bobbi, Ron and Ethan Sligar purchased the Euro pean Sympathy Dish Garden for the family of Scottie Leon Nolan.*



Bobbi, Ron and Ethan Sligar - February 13, 2024 at 11:56 AM

JS

“ *Coach has been such a positive influence in my life, he always expected our best and encouraged us in his own Coach Nolan's way. Coach, you are loved and will be missed. Alanna Snell*



Jerry & Cheryl Snell - February 12, 2024 at 10:48 PM

SM

“ I played 6 years for Coach at Quitman. I didn't really realize what an influence he had on me till later in life. I was never the best on the team but Coach Nolan instilled in me the “team mentality “. I became a Coach/teacher myself and found myself saying the same things (and running the same drills) to my team he said to us. I am retired now and can only hope I had a fraction of the influence on the kids I coached as he did on us.

Scott Moore

Quitman Class of 1979

Scott Moore - February 12, 2024 at 10:07 PM

DF

I coached with scottie in the early 1980s at gentry. the greatness of the man can never be overstated. he could make adjustments in the game and they always worked. the parent of one of his greatest players ever told me once "if scottie ever leaves gentry I will have to move wherever he goes to because Allyson doesn't want to play for anyone else." fortunately he stayed at gentry a long time. he was a legend because he never thought he was. you're the man scottie always will be. coach Dan farmer

Dan farmer - February 04 at 11:04 AM

RR

“ So sad to hear oh Coach Nolan's passing. I played basketball for him in Quitman and he was the best!! He was also my drivers ed teacher, and made that fun and memorable as well!!! He will be greatly missed!! Condolences to his family. He was truly one of the best!!

Robin Bennett Roberson - February 12, 2024 at 07:27 PM

MD

“ In 1972 Quitman got a new basketball coach. I was a 13 year old 8th grader who had just lost his father. I was short, heavy set and was not overly athletic. Coach Nolan took an interest in me, not as an athlete, but as a kid who needed guidance.

The most important lesson he taught me was to not see things as they are, but to see things as they could and should be. He taught me a lot about basketball and a whole lot more about becoming a man.

Coach Nolan was the biggest influence in my life. As long as I am alive part of Coach's legacy will live on. Great man.

Mike Duncan

Quitman (77)

Mike Duncan - February 12, 2024 at 07:26 PM

CH

So sorry to see this ... I played ball in Siloam and he was well loved by players that didn't even have him as a coach.. a legend, and a good friend to my dad, Dale Akins..

Cammi Hevener - February 16, 2024 at 09:21 AM