



## Matthew "Coach" Tipton

June 11, 1946 - February 21, 2017

Matthew "Coach" Tipton age 70, of Russellville, KY, died Tuesday, February 21, 2017, in Auburn, Kentucky. Coach Tipton was a member of the Mt. Zion Baptist Church in Russellville, KY, where he served faithfully with the Male Chorus, Adult Choir, Senior Choir, and was a former Adult Sunday School Teacher and Treasurer.

Matthew was a graduate of Mumford High School, Austin Peay University (where he played basketball) and Western Kentucky University (where he received his Master's Degree and Rank I ). Coach Tipton was an Educator and Coach for over 42 years with the Russellville School system. As a proud Panther, Coach Tipton was the longest serving coach of one team (Girls track) in Russellville/Logan County history.

His love for mentoring youth and his dedication to coaching and helping inspire our youth of today led his peers to show their appreciation by acknowledging him with the Coach Matt Tipton Scholarship Fund.

Matt served his country in the Army of the United States during the Vietnam War; and he was a member of Fred Douglas Lodge #72, 33rd Degree. Coach Tipton would spend hours gardening, working out and watching of course ESPN. He loved a good hot home cooked meal consisting of fresh green beans, topped off with his favorite lemon meringue pie.

Coach Tipton was the son of the late Henry Tipton and Jennie Tipton. He was predeceased by brothers and sisters, Bertha Tipton, Willie Mae Mosley, Gordon Tipton, Henry Louis Tipton, Jesse Tipton Sr. and Wiley Tipton.

Loving and cherished memories will be embraced by his wife, Connie Thomas Tipton, Russellville, KY; daughters, Bethany (Brad) Childs, Bowling Green, KY, Medina Tipton, Frankfort, KY; sisters, Ann Jones and Lula Tipton Stallings, both of St. Louis Mo, Jeanette (Howard) Murrell, Burlison, TN; brothers, Jack (Mae) Tipton and Alfred Tipton, all of Memphis, TN, Sam Tipton, St. Louis MO; a host of nieces, nephews. He also leaves to mourn many friends, coaches and former athletes.

Sincerely,

-Your friends at Burnam and Son

In Lieu of Flowers -Contributions to Matt Tipton Scholarship Fund  
C/O First Southern National Bank  
88 South Bethel Street-Russellville, Kentucky 42276

# Cemetery Details

## Greenwood Cemetery

954 Peyton Street  
Russellville, KY 42276

# Previous Events

## Visitation

MAR 3. 4:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

Russellville High School  
1101 W. 9th Street  
Russellville, KY 42276

## Visitation

MAR 4. 10:30 AM - 12:45 PM (CT)

Russellville High School  
1101 W. 9th Street  
Russellville, KY 42276

## Funeral Service

MAR 4. 1:00 PM - 2:15 PM (CT)

Russellville High School  
1101 W. 9th Street  
Russellville, KY 42276



# Tribute Wall



“ *Burnam & Son Mortuary, Inc. created a Tribute Video in memory of Matthew "Coach" Tipton*



**Burnam & Son Mortuary, Inc.** - February 28, 2017 at 04:16 PM

AE

“ *God bless your family and praying for you all.*



**Ann English-Collins** - March 03, 2017 at 07:32 PM

CC

“ *Claudia Crump lit a candle in memory of Matthew "Coach" Tipton*



**Claudia Crump** - March 03, 2017 at 09:42 AM

GD

“ *Our prayers go out to Connie and the family in your time of loss. His presence as a Mason brother of The Fred Douglas Lodge #72 will be missed. With love, George & Maria Dickerson.*

**George & Maria Dickerson** - March 03, 2017 at 08:45 AM

RR

“ *Rev. Rodney & Tara Richardson lit a candle in memory of Matthew "Coach" Tipton*



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**Rev. Rodney & Tara Richardson** - March 01, 2017 at 12:50 PM

EK

“ *To: Connie, Medina and Bethany and Family,*

*We are sorry for your loss, but will continue to lift you up in prayer.*

*Love,*

*Emma Kendrick, Sam and Lindon*

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**Emma Forte Kendrick** - March 01, 2017 at 10:17 AM

NM

“ *Nancy Shipp Morris lit a candle in memory of Matthew "Coach" Tipton*



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**Nancy Shipp Morris** - March 01, 2017 at 08:23 AM

TB

“ *Tamika Beard-Walton lit a candle in memory of Matthew "Coach" Tipton*



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**Tamika Beard-Walton** - February 28, 2017 at 01:48 AM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Matthew "Coach" Tipton.*



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February 27, 2017 at 02:28 PM



“ *Darlene Collins & Evelyn Cosby lit a candle in memory of Matthew "Coach" Tipton*



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**Darlene Collins & Evelyn Cosby** - February 27, 2017 at 08:16 AM



“ *Tina Fant lit a candle in memory of Matthew "Coach" Tipton*



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**Tina Fant** - February 26, 2017 at 01:56 PM



“ *My prayers go out to the Tipton family. May God be with you doing this difficult time. Patricia Gaines*

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**Patricia Gaines** - February 25, 2017 at 10:53 PM



“ No matter were Coach Tipton seen you he would always speak to you and ask how I'm doing! He had me and my 3 brothers and my kids in his class. He had played my mother in a game of checkers one day he told me he had lost, He told me every time he seen me he was coming back for a rematch!



**Jodyand Stratton** - February 25, 2017 at 09:02 AM

PS

“ Pam Stewart lit a candle in memory of Matthew "Coach" Tipton



**Pam Stewart** - February 24, 2017 at 10:46 PM


AC

“ Praying for the family Coach Tipton will be missed.

*Ann-English Collins and Family*



**Ann Collins** - February 24, 2017 at 10:38 PM

 Kimberly Borders

“ Prayers for the family during this difficult time.



**Kimberly Borders** - February 24, 2017 at 09:16 PM

DW

“ 1 file added to the album *New Album Name*



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**David M Wilkins** - February 24, 2017 at 08:19 PM

PP

“ *Coach Tipton was my health teacher in my freshman year at RHS. He was my PE teacher also . Year was 1977-78? Loved him... He always called me "little nicotine " because I smoked, and back then, high school had a smoking area behind the cafeteria .. But during PE class, when he would make us run, etc and I would always lagg behind, he would be tough about me smoking at such a young age.. Little Nicotine is 55 yrs old now and still smoking...wish I had listened to him... Loved Coach Tipton!! I have always thought about him many many times all these years since high school.. Takes some awesome teacher to stay forever in your thoughts for that many years!! My sympathies to his family..*

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**paula hite pedigo** - February 24, 2017 at 08:08 PM

SG

“ *Sonny Green lit a candle in memory of Matthew "Coach" Tipton*



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**Sonny Green** - February 24, 2017 at 08:00 PM

DS

“ Duane Spencer lit a candle in memory of Matthew "Coach" Tipton



Duane Spencer - February 24, 2017 at 05:37 PM

HG

“ Holly Gilbert lit a candle in memory of Matthew "Coach" Tipton



Holly Gilbert - February 24, 2017 at 04:47 PM

CH

“ Crystal (Scott) Holder lit a candle in memory of Matthew "Coach" Tipton



Crystal (Scott) Holder - February 24, 2017 at 01:47 PM

TG

“ Tracey Gilbert lit a candle in memory of Matthew "Coach" Tipton



Tracey Gilbert - February 24, 2017 at 01:45 PM

CW

“ Christy Wolfe-Patterson lit a candle in memory of Matthew "Coach" Tipton



Christy Wolfe-Patterson - February 24, 2017 at 11:52 AM

LT

“ Logan County Chamber Of Commerce Tammy T lit a candle in memory of Matthew "Coach" Tipton



Logan County Chamber of Commerce Tammy T - February 24, 2017 at 11:03 AM



“ Brittney Stratton lit a candle in memory of Matthew "Coach" Tipton



Brittney Stratton - February 24, 2017 at 10:52 AM

AB

“ ANNIE BURCHETT lit a candle in memory of Matthew "Coach" Tipton



ANNIE BURCHETT - February 23, 2017 at 09:32 PM

MG

“ MABLE GREGORY lit a candle in memory of Matthew "Coach" Tipton



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**MABLE GREGORY** - February 23, 2017 at 09:31 PM

SA

“ SHIRLEY ALEXANDER lit a candle in memory of Matthew "Coach" Tipton



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**SHIRLEY ALEXANDER** - February 23, 2017 at 09:29 PM

MS

“ Melissa Stahl lit a candle in memory of Matthew "Coach" Tipton



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**Melissa Stahl** - February 23, 2017 at 07:42 PM

MS

“ Melissa Stahl lit a candle in memory of Matthew "Coach" Tipton



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**Melissa Stahl** - February 23, 2017 at 03:08 PM

JL

“ Jessica Timberlake Ledington lit a candle in memory of Matthew "Coach" Tipton



Jessica Timberlake Ledington - February 23, 2017 at 03:06 PM

PT

“ Paula Timberlake lit a candle in memory of Matthew "Coach" Tipton



Paula Timberlake - February 23, 2017 at 03:05 PM

PT

“ Coach Tipton was a gentle giant of a man with a heart warming smile and always asking about Mr. T, Jess, Lisa and Mrs. T. We will remember him fondly.  
Paula Timberlake

Paula Timberlake - February 23, 2017 at 03:03 PM

WA

“ Wanda Anthony lit a candle in memory of Matthew "Coach" Tipton



Wanda Anthony - February 22, 2017 at 12:39 PM



“ *Traci Mathews lit a candle in memory of Matthew "Coach" Tipton*



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**Traci Mathews** - February 22, 2017 at 12:48 AM



“ *Dear Tipton Family,*

*There are few things more difficult than dealing with the loss of a loved one. We, along with our staff, are honored and humbled that you have chosen our family to care for your family during this time. It is our hope that we have been able, in some small way, to lighten your burden and give proper reverence to a life lived. Please let us know if we can be of further service.*



*Respectfully,*

*Carmen, Cedric, Claudia and Kelly  
2nd Generation Owners*

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**Cedric Burnam** - February 21, 2017 at 10:31 PM

AS

*I feel privileged to have known and worked with Matt in the Russellville School System. He always called me Executive! Algie Ray*

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**Algie Smith** - February 24, 2017 at 07:23 AM