



## Carl Derrick

November 8, 1933 - January 9, 2015

Conway...Carl Julius "Big Jules" Derrick...On January 9, 2015, our beloved father, grandfather, great-grandfather, husband, coach, mentor and teacher finished the final quarter of his game of life and entered into his eternal and everlasting life. He passed away quietly at home after a short illness surrounded by his family.

He began his amazing life on November 8, 1933, in Gilbert, South Carolina. He was the son of Sarah Bysinger Derrick and one of six children. He spent most of his young life at Epworth Children's Home after the death of his mother, where he excelled as an athlete and received a full scholarship to the University of South Carolina. He also received a scholarship for his sister who followed him there the next year. There he played football and was co-captain of the 57/58 team. It was while he was playing football that he met the love of his life, Polly Mishoe. After a three-month courtship, they married and enjoyed 58 years of marriage.

He was drafted by the NY Giants, but was cut in the final round, and what became a blessing to many, he returned to Horry County to teach and coach. After being assistant coach to Buddy Sasser for some years, he took over as head coach for the Conway Tigers and coached the winning Tigers from 1971-1978. As coach, he headed up the Fellowship of Christian Athletes at Conway High School and, for years carried many young men to the FCA National Conference in Black Mountain, North Carolina. He helped start the South Carolina FCA Conference in Horry County and helped sponsor and participate

in the yearly state conference at the Garden City Chapel by the Sea for years, carrying many children to that conference.

His true love in life was helping young boys and girls, as he was helped at Epworth by coaches and teachers he loved. In 1989, he started the Horry County Children's Mentoring Program and operated it with Polly. She was always by his side in every endeavor. He continued working in that program until his death.

Throughout his life, he has been recognized locally and statewide for his many accomplishments. Some of which are:

- 1998 recipient of the Order of the Palmetto
- Conway Citizen of the Year
- 1972 and 1975 Coach of the Year in 5A region
- 1973 and 1975 Coach of the North/South All Star football team
- 1999 Wall of Honor at Epworth Children's Home
- Inductee in the S. C. Fellowship of Christian Athlete Hall of Fame
- Citation for his work in Horry County Schools from the South Carolina Senate (1989)
- Citation for his work in the Horry County Schools from the South Carolina House of Representatives (1989)
- Service to Youth Award from Big Brothers/Big Sisters of the Pee Dee area (1990 and 1992)
- Sertoma Service to Mankind award (1992 and 1994)
- 1995 Youth Leader of the Year award from the Conway Chamber of Commerce
- 2000 Conway High School Retired Teacher of the Year
- 2001 Distinguished Service Award - Rotary Club
- 2009 Hall of Faith Award by South Carolina Fellowship of Christian Athletes

If you ever asked him what his biggest accomplishment was, he would have told you that his children and their families were. He made a monumental investment of time and love towards his children, grandchildren, and great-grandchildren. When asked what he wanted to be called when his first

grandchild was born, he said "Big Jules".

He is survived by his wife, Polly. Big Jules has four children, seven grandchildren and four great-grandchildren: Julaan Derrick, her daughter, Ashton and her son Brody; Rhetta Stanley and her husband, Rodney and children, Carley Stanley and Sage Savage and her husband, Matt and daughter, Mattie Jule; Dirk Derrick and his wife, Michelle, and their sons, Dakota and Peyton; Merinda Luse and her husband, Steve and their children, Jentry and her husband Charlie Childress, Stevie, Juan and Jennifer and her husband, Jerome Jacobson, and their sons, Benjamin and Eric, his brother, Cecil Harmon, his sister, Annette and her husband J.C. Smith and family, his sister, Willie Wingard; and his sister, Nell and her husband, William Berry, and their family. His sister, Sarah, is deceased.

Julius (Big Jules) will be missed by many. In addition to all his work with children, he loved to write poems and short stories about his life. He raised money for FCA by writing inspired poems such as:

You are running now  
your race of life  
Whatever distance set  
the pace  
This is the final race  
you know  
There is no practice  
given  
So set your pace to  
win the race  
The finish line is  
heaven.

He has run his final race and crossed the finish line.

The family will celebrate his life on Sunday, January 11, 2015 at 1:30 PM at

Conway High School auditorium, where he was a founding member of The Rock church that meets there regularly. The family will receive friends in the Commons at Conway High School after the service. Entombment will be private.

In lieu of flowers, you may make donations to the Children's Mentoring Program of Horry County at 1422 Fourth Avenue, Conway, South Carolina 29526. The family thanks all of you who have been praying for our family. Please sign a guestbook at [www.goldfinchfuneralhome.com](http://www.goldfinchfuneralhome.com)

# Previous Events

## Service

JAN 11. 1:30 PM.

The Rock at Conway High School Auditorium

# Tribute Wall

MS

“ I am so sorry for your loss, and do not know how I missed knowing about his passing. Coach Derrick taught me to drive back at Conway High School in 1984. He has always been an inspiration to the youth of Horry County. He will be missed on earth, but he is definitely enjoying coaching in Heaven! Many angels rejoiced when he joined the team.



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**mandy singleton** - February 05, 2015 at 12:46 PM

CT

“ I was a student at Conway High school and Coach Derrick taught me driver's ed. He was incredibly patient with all of his students and I will never forget him letting me drive by my house and wave to my mom. It tickled my mother (who has been gone for 6 years) and it created a wonderful memory for me. Lots of love and prayers to his children and family. What a man!

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**Connie Tambert** - January 12, 2015 at 03:47 PM

PL

“ Coach Derrick hired me at Socastee High in the summer of 1987. He is and will always be one of my favorite people of all time! What an inspiration to so many people. Sending love, comfort and prayers to the entire family.

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**Paula Lee** - January 12, 2015 at 10:49 AM

GI

“ George Oliver III lit a candle in memory of Carl Derrick



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George Oliver III - January 12, 2015 at 09:19 AM

GI

*Our deepest sympathy to the entire Derrick family. From everyone at OLIVER'S RESTAURANT and the Oliver family.*

*George Jr., George III, Dawne, Mattison, & Carly Oliver*

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George Oliver III - January 12, 2015 at 09:26 AM

DW

“ *I am so sorry for your loss. Praying for strength and understanding during this difficult time.*

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Demetrius A. Williams - January 11, 2015 at 11:44 PM

PL

“ *Coach Derrick.....There is so many wonderful things that could be said of this man. He had a larger than life personality and a great sense of humor. There was never a dull moment when he was around.*

*He was a blessing to my daughters and granddaughter through the Big Brother/Big Sister Program. He took me to get my drivers licenses as my drivers ed teacher.*

*He will truly be missed.....*

*His family is in my thoughts and prayers!!!!!!*

*Paula Graham Lilly*

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Paula Graham Lilly - January 11, 2015 at 04:29 PM

RJ

“*Rose Montgomery Joyner lit a candle in memory of Carl Derrick*



Rose Montgomery Joyner - January 11, 2015 at 03:09 PM

RB

“*What an awesome person he was. The community was a better place because of Mr Julius.*

Robin Mountcastle Barnhill - January 11, 2015 at 02:50 PM

DS

“*So sorry for your loss. Praying for strength and understanding in the days ahead.*



Denise Squires - January 11, 2015 at 02:02 PM

MH

“*Coach Derrick was a good person to me and a great role model. Thank you Coach, you will be missed. Mike Hardee*

Mike Hardee - January 11, 2015 at 01:08 PM

TB

*Polly and girls,  
So sorry to hear about Julius. I will be unable to come to funeral as I have broken foot. I love all of you and am praying for you.  
Tate Bennett*

Tate Bennett - January 12, 2015 at 08:43 AM

RF

“ He loved people, and he loved football. We grew up watching him coach and interact with people from the bleachers and the fields. Conway was fortunate to have him as a coach. The Conway communities and churches were fortunate to have him as a mentor and member. His family was blessed to have him as head of his home. He was an inspiration to so many people in many ways. He was always approachable, no matter what your status in life. His heart and friendliness was as big as his hands. He always had a good word. Mr. Julius will be well remembered and missed on this side. May all of his family and friends find peace in knowing that you'll see him again.

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**Robert Ford** - January 11, 2015 at 12:57 PM

DF

“ We all will miss "the coach". He was and is a coach/teacher that we all looked up to help better our lives.

*Dennis Fulmer; class of '66*

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**DENNIS FULMER** - January 11, 2015 at 12:56 PM

BS

“ I am so sorry for your loss. Mr. Derrick was my 7th grade teacher at Myrtle Heights Elementary School. He always cared about his students and did his best for us. I used to see him occasionally when I worked in Conway in the 1970's and had business at Conway High School as well. A good man has moved on to a better place.

*Barbara Sloan*

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**Barbara Sloan** - January 11, 2015 at 11:51 AM

PT

“ Pat Johnson Thomas lit a candle in memory of Carl Derrick



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**Pat Johnson Thomas** - January 11, 2015 at 11:09 AM

RL

“ *"When I think back to my high school years Coach Derrick will always be one who I have always felt was 'bigger than life.' A great personality and mentor. I got to know him because during my brief football career I spent almost as much time on the sideline as he did ! He was someone I always looked up to, not only for his special connection with all of us students, but also because of the way he raised his kids, Julaan, Rhett and Dirk who I have always admired. My thoughts are with you all. May his memory be eternal .*  
*Robert Lewis "*

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**Robert Lewis** - January 11, 2015 at 08:31 AM

CK

“ *Merinda & Dirk, Please know that you both are in my thoughts and prayers. Big Jules was such an inspiration to me through the years. He will be missed so much but will remain a large part of my heart. Bless you both and your families.*

*Christine Edge Keasler*

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**Christine Edge Keasler** - January 10, 2015 at 07:30 PM

AW

“ I am happy to have known Julius while at Dreher High School in Columbia !!  
My prayers go out to his family. Sincerely - Addie Jane Douglas White

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**Addie Jane Douglas White** - January 10, 2015 at 05:53 PM

WB

“ Dearest Polly and all of the Derrick families:  
You came into our lives when Michelle met Dirk and fell in love! We greatly appreciate Big Jules' Christian walk of life and example he set for his loved ones, not to mention what he accomplished for his church and community. He his rejoicing now at the feet of Jesus and no doubt singing praises with Kevin to the Almighty!! We celebrate his life, albeit your family will feel a very deep void. Know that death is the ultimate victory in Christ Jesus.

*Our thoughts and prayers for God's great comfort and peace,  
Bill and Judy Bang and families*

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**William Bang** - January 10, 2015 at 05:34 PM

TJ

“ Terrie Johnson lit a candle in memory of Carl Derrick



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**Terrie Johnson** - January 10, 2015 at 05:06 PM

GJ

“ I fondly remember Mr. Derrick from middle school in 1962 and 1963. He had a wonderful life, always helping others. God bless his family during this difficult time!



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**Glenda Floyd Johnson** - January 10, 2015 at 03:43 PM

SG

“ Dear Polly:  
We were sorry to read about the passing of your husband. we met him at Black Mountain in the 70s. My husband would take his poems back to school in Illinois and share them with the other coaches.  
We having been coming south for several years and as we pass by we ask people if they know coach Derrick.  
We know that he is with our Lord, sharing his wonderful sense of humor.  
Andy & Sally Gainer

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**Sally Gainer** - January 10, 2015 at 02:57 PM

MR

“ Coach Derrick was larger than life for us students of Conway High. He was always jovial and genuinely happy to see me. He meant so much to so many people. My thoughts and prayers are with the family of this remarkable man.  
Michelle Davis Reed

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**Michelle Davis Reed** - January 10, 2015 at 01:57 PM

LC

“ Sorry for your loss. Coach Derrick had such a positive influence on our lives and careers.  
We will always remember.

*Larry and Marcia Cecile  
North Myrtle Beach, SC*

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**Larry and Marcia Cecile** - January 10, 2015 at 01:16 PM

ML

“ My thought and prayers are with the family of this remarkable man, that many loved and admired.  
Marsha Long

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**Marsha Long** - January 10, 2015 at 12:58 PM

YC

“ Yvonne Callahan lit a candle in memory of  
Carl Derrick



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**Yvonne Callahan** - January 10, 2015 at 11:24 AM

BC

“ Our thoughts and prayers for the family in the loss of a great man and friend.  
We loved Julius and all the family and we will greatly be missed.If there is anything that we can do for you. Please let us know. Love from Bob, Jewell and the family.

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**BOBBY CHILDS** - January 10, 2015 at 10:40 AM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Carl Derrick.*



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January 10, 2015 at 09:12 AM



“ *Sofia Zeballos lit a candle in memory of Carl Derrick*



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**Sofia Zeballos** - January 10, 2015 at 08:12 AM



“ *Julius was always a man that I admired and held in the highest esteem. He truly made a difference in the lives of many and left this earth much better than he found it. He was a true man of faith who walked in his faith on a daily basis. I will miss seeing him but I will always cherish the memories. Pat Henry.*

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**Pat Henry** - January 10, 2015 at 06:57 AM



“ *One of my most memorable teachers. He invested a lot of himself into everyone he knew. God's Blessings, Love, and His Peace be with the family.*

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**Tom Gibson** - January 10, 2015 at 04:35 AM

WJ

“ *Willie Johnson lit a candle in memory of Carl Derrick*



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**Willie Johnson** - January 09, 2015 at 08:42 PM

WI

“ *Willie lit a candle in memory of Carl Derrick*



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**Willie** - January 09, 2015 at 08:40 PM

CA

“ *Carey & Cynthia G Alford sent a virtual gift in memory of Carl Derrick*



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**Carey & Cynthia G Alford** - January 09, 2015 at 08:26 PM

SH

“ *Shirley & Henry Hooks lit a candle in memory of Carl Derrick*



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**Shirley & Henry Hooks** - January 09, 2015 at 07:40 PM

SH

“ Coach Derrick will surely be missed. Fly high coach fly high...My thoughts and prayers are with the family today and in the days ahead. May God comfort you in this time of need!!

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**sonya hucks** - January 09, 2015 at 07:09 PM

AG

“ So sorry for your loss....My families thoughts and prayers are with your family today and in the days ahead!!

*Amy Gasque and family*

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**Amy gasque** - January 09, 2015 at 07:05 PM

TH

“ Tammy Howell lit a candle in memory of Carl Derrick



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**Tammy Howell** - January 09, 2015 at 03:56 PM

LJ

“ So sorry for your loss. We're praying for Big Jules' family - may God bless you with peace and comfort as you remember his love and legacy!

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**Lisa Jordan** - January 09, 2015 at 02:13 PM

GM

“ *Gene Mcdowell lit a candle in memory of Carl Derrick*



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**gene mcdowell** - January 09, 2015 at 01:07 PM

GM

*One man that had a big influence in my life. Gonna miss seeing him.*

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**gene mcdowell** - January 09, 2015 at 01:09 PM

CH

*So sorry for loss. Julius was a great man and will be missed. Donzelles won't be same without him.*

*Charles and Virginia Hucks*

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**Charles Hucks** - January 09, 2015 at 07:52 PM

MT

*Polly and Family, Our prayers and thoughts are with you . May God wrap you all in his love and give you the strength to carry on in the days ahead. Always had a loving, contagious smile. Love you and deepest sympathy. Martha and Winston Tyler*

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**martha tyler** - January 09, 2015 at 08:56 PM

RT

*We grieve with you the death of Julius' body. He was one of the genuinely good men I have known, and an inspiration to me and many others. Yvonne and I send love and sympathy to you all.*  
*Regi Thackston*

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**Regi Thackston** - January 16, 2015 at 04:14 PM