



Matthew Goyak

March 29, 1924 - February 9, 2015

Matthew N. Goyak, 90 passed away peacefully on February 9, 2015. Matt was born in Pittsburgh, PA on March 29, 1924, he was the son of the late Matthew and Pauline Goyak and loving husband of the late Anne T. Goyak. Surviving are two daughters, Linda Tomlinson (Harry) of Ft. Myers, FL, Karen Olson (Lorin) of Sunset, SC, a son Matthew Goyak, Jr. (Marsha) of Myrtle Beach, SC, a sister Elizabeth Ann Goyak of Mt. Pleasant, SC, two granddaughters, Elizabeth and Catherine Goyak and many nieces and nephews who meant so much to him.

Matt enlisted in the Navy during WWII and was assigned to the battleship USS Alabama. After the war, he played semi-pro baseball in the Pirate's organization throughout the South, eventually settling in Georgetown, SC. After his baseball career, he was hired by the City of Georgetown as the city's first Recreation Director. He retired as the Recreation Director of Georgetown County in 1982 after 35 years of service. He was one of the four original incorporators of Dixie Youth Baseball and served as its president from 1955 until 2005. He received the "Order of the Palmetto" award from Governor David M. Beasley in 1995 for his contributions and friendship to the State of South Carolina and her people.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made in honor of Matt Goyak to:

Dixie Youth Baseball, Scholarship Fund, PO Box 877, Marshall, TX 75671

A Memorial Service will be held Saturday, February 21, 2015 at 3:00 PM at Goldfinch Funeral Home, Beach Chapel.

An online guestbook is available at www.goldfinchfuneralhome.com/obituaries
Goldfinch Funeral Home, Beach Chapel is in charge of the arrangements.

Previous Events

Memorial Services

FEB 21. 3:00 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall



“ Goldfinch Funeral Services created a Tribute Video in memory of Matthew Goyak



Goldfinch Funeral Home - February 18, 2015 at 10:35 AM

PG

Thank you so much for the beautiful tribute. Matt was such a special part of my life, and very memory is precious. It was a privilege to have known him.

Peggie Goyak - February 20, 2015 at 11:04 AM

EY

What a wonderful tribute to this very special man. He always had a kind word and a big smile for everyone. He loved the youth of Georgetown County and had a great influence and such a positive role model for so many. He will always be very fondly remembered.

Edna Cribb Yarborough - February 21, 2015 at 01:34 AM

CM

“ Dear Matt, Linda, Karen, and all of the family,
Your Dad was an amazing man and I am so glad I was blessed to know him. The service was so beautiful. Matt, you did an outstanding job paying tribute to your Dad. I know he was so proud of all of you. Treasure all of your special memories as I know you will. Know that you are all in our thoughts and prayers. Love to you all!

Carey Macaulay-Schild and Bob Mossey - February 24, 2015 at 04:23 PM

RR

“ For about 40 years, I shared our love of baseball with Matt. I have never known a man who was so devoted to his family, his God, his Country, and his love of baseball like Matt was. I treasure those times that he and I spent together at the Dixie Youth Baseball World Series. Rip Ryman

Rip Ryman - February 22, 2015 at 09:16 AM

RT

“ Linda, Karen, Mat I am sorry to hear of your dad passing away. Your family, through his works, was much a part of so many other family's of Georgetown it would be hard to number. Everyone must have had some connection by docking their boats in the area, shooting a game of pool, or the dances after the football games. You guys in classes at school are sweet memories for me personally.
Robert Thomas

Robert Thomas - February 16, 2015 at 09:10 PM

DS

“ David Scott lit a candle in memory of Matthew Goyak



david scott - February 15, 2015 at 08:21 PM

RR

“ I have lost one of my dearest friends of many years.

Would like to wish all the family my condolences for the loss of Matt our best friend.

Raymond Riddles

Raymond Riddles - February 15, 2015 at 01:40 PM

L(

“ Matt was a very kind man I called him a gentle giant ! I really enjoyed knowing matt these past 2 years he always had a smile on his face ! im praying for the goyak family it was wonderful caring for him



Liz Gause CNA (brightwater) - February 14, 2015 at 04:49 PM

MG

“ Uncle Matt you were a Giant in our eyes we will Love and Miss you!
The Goyaks,
Mark, Tricia, Kayla, Carly, Corey and Krista

Mark Goyak - February 12, 2015 at 06:37 PM

TT

“ R.I.P. Matt. I would often sit with you and Hillman and my Mom at Brightwater. Prayers for your family and when you see my Mom at your final resting place please say hi!!!

twyla trabert - February 12, 2015 at 01:22 PM

LS

“ Matt will never be forgotten by all of us boys that he helped coach and guide us when we were young.I can still see the smile on his face when we won the 1963 Dixie Youth State Championship and went to Birmingham Al to play in the World Series although we lost He always said we had the best team there.He gave me my first baseball uniform when I was about 5 it was so big but it was mine.He was my friend in later years helping me learn to play golf a game He was very good at just a wonderful man who touched a lot of people in His life.Gods speed to a gentle giant. Lindy Swails
Pawleys Island SC

Lindy Swails - February 12, 2015 at 11:06 AM

DR

“ Will never forget Mr Goyak building a basketball program for us Kids at The Rec where I learned to play and went on to play in High School with Linda. Words can't express my respect and gratitude for this wonderful man who gave so much to so many! Prayers for this wonderful "Georgetown family" - Debi McCants Ridlehoover & Frank Ridlehoover

Debi Ridlehoover - February 11, 2015 at 10:07 PM

DH

“ Dixie Youth Baseball has been a very important part of my life for the past 45 years. I have been involved at some level each year from 1970-present. I am very grateful for Matt's vision, leadership, and contributions to so many - children and adults - through the DYB program. Many thousands of lives, mine included, have been greatly enriched through his efforts.

David Holladay - February 11, 2015 at 06:58 PM

JJ

“ Matt and Kay Richards were responsible for guiding young kids for over 30 years with the county recreation department. The amount of time they gave to so many children with so much love and care was amazing.,He was truly a very good man who gave unselfishly to his family ,church and his community.They do not make many like him and the world is a poorer place without him. John Joseph jr
Georgetown

john joseph jr - February 11, 2015 at 05:07 PM

PN

“ Matt was a pleasure to see his smile and friendly manor while my dad was in Brightwater Nursing Home. You will be missed by many. My God be with you and family.
Pat Norment

Pat Norment - February 11, 2015 at 03:11 PM

HJ

“ Matt Goyak richly deserved a long and happy life and I'm so glad that God granted this to him. RIP, Matt.

Harold Ward, Jr. - February 11, 2015 at 11:07 AM

BL

“ My heart and prayers goes out to the Goyak family on their loss of a great soldier/father/grandfather/brother. We will be missed.



Bill Landrum - February 11, 2015 at 07:49 AM

BL

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Bill Landrum - February 11, 2015 at 07:51 AM

KW

“ *What a wonderful legacy Matt left behind.
Love and prayers to all the family...Spike and
Kay Williams*



Kay Williams - February 11, 2015 at 07:26 AM

MG

“ *MaryLou Ray Gilleland lit a candle in memory
of Matthew Goyak*



MaryLou Ray Gilleland - February 10, 2015 at 10:13 PM

LD

“ *I'll never forget the 1998 World Series we hosted in Harrisburg and
the good times we had at the events and especially after the official
events were over. What great accomplishments this man made in
his lifetime. He had a positive effect on thousands of kids as well as
his many friends that he made in his 90 years.
Rest in Peace Matt*

*Larry Doleac
Hattiesburg Dixie Youth Baseball*

Larry Doleac - February 10, 2015 at 03:44 PM

WU

“ *RIP Sailor !!!!*
Wayne Williams
United States Marine Corps



Wayne Williams - USMC - February 10, 2015 at 08:40 AM