



Thomas Dowling

January 3, 2009

Thomas Edward Calhoun Dowling TEC of Murrells Inlet, South Carolina passed away Saturday, January 3, 2009 after a long and valiant battle against cancer. Mr. Dowling was born June 24, 1947 in Mullins, South Carolina. He was the son of the late James Harry and Sarah Lane Dowling. Mr. Dowling is survived by his wife, Tippy Dowling; one son, Eddie, wife Kelli, two granddaughters Abby and Emma Dowling of Fort Mill; two daughters, Krissy Larson, husband Chris, of Myrtle Beach and Kelsey Dowling of Fort Mill, South Carolina; sister Sarah Lane Norton, husband Ronnie, of Murrells Inlet, and brother, Joe Dowling, wife Kathy of Garden City, South Carolina and many other family and friends who will miss him. Mr. Dowling received a Bachelor of Science degree from Pembroke State University and a Master of Education and Education Specialist degrees from the University of South Carolina. His teaching career began at Blenheim Elementary School and continued at Clio High School where he also served as coach of both boys and girls basketball teams and football team. Mr. Dowling's career carried him through successive positions as assistant principal of Butler High School, Hartsville, South Carolina; then principal of Lamar High School in Lamar, South Carolina; Supervisor with the Office of School District Accreditation and Assessment of the State Department of Education; Director of Middle and Secondary Education for Dorchester School District Two, Summerville, South Carolina; District Superintendent of Newberry County; Superintendent of Fort Mill School District and Interim Superintendent for Richland/Lexington District

5, Irmo, South Carolina. Upon retirement to Murrells Inlet, he continued to serve the field of education by serving as an Education Consultant for Moseley Architect. His strong faith and altruistic spirit is reflected in his dedicated service through numerous activities which include Clio Rescue Squad, Hartsville Sertoma Club, Lamar Christmas Parade Committee, Lamar UMC, SC High School League Executive Committee, Newberry and Fort Mill Rotary Clubs, Fort Mill Chamber of Commerce, and YMCA Board. In addition to his community activities, Mr. Dowling served on numerous educational consortia such as The Olde English Consortium, and other associations and committees relating to the field of education such as SC Association of School Administrators, and Southern Association of Colleges and Schools. Mr. Dowling was named Conference Coach of the Year, for basketball and football, and has been recognized as one of the Outstanding Young Men in America. He also received service awards from the town of Lamar and the SC High School League, and SACS CASI Service Award and was selected by the SC Vocational Directors Association as Superintendent of the Year. He was recognized by the SC House of Representatives with Resolution H 3970 as well as with the Paul Harris Fellow Award by the Fort Mill Rotary Club. He has published numerous articles, has been a respected lecturer at different events across the state, and was active in the implementation of the Summer Leadership Conference for School Administrators. Mr. Dowling's dedication to his career was matched by his love for his family and friends. He was a beloved "Papa" to his grandchildren, the instigator of golf tournaments in Newberry and Myrtle Beach which were cherished by everyone that participated. He enjoyed most being surrounded by his family where he would cook his infamous chili and Hoppin' John while practicing his shagging techniques. More often you would find him playing golf, fishing, or just enjoying a good book. He was a beloved husband, father, brother, educator, mentor, and friend. Funeral Services will be held 3:00 PM Tuesday, January 6, 2009 at Surfside United Methodist Church. Directed by Goldfinch Funeral Home, Beach Chapel. The family will receive friends from 6-8 PM Monday,

January 5, 2009 at Goldfinch Funeral Home, Beach Chapel. Sign a guest

Tribute Wall



“ Tippy, Angie and I did not know about TEC's passing until recently. Please rest assured our prayers and thoughts are with you and your family. Our long relationship will always be cherished. Duke and Angie Hucks###imported-begin###Duke Hucks###imported-end##

January 16, 2009 at 12:00 AM



“ I taught biology at FMHS during the tenure of TEC and respected him very much. I am so sorry for your loss. I pray that your grief will be manageable and that you find peace in your future. Working in a district where you know the leaders are faithful Christians is a real comfort. I offer my condolences with the utmost love and respect. Philippians 4. Respectfully, Rachael Wilson-Cranshaw, Don Cranshaw, Hannah Marie Rozier and Bascom Cranshaw 401 Confederate St Fort Mill###imported-begin###Rachael Wilson-Cranshaw###imported-end##

January 14, 2009 at 12:00 AM



“ I enjoyed working for you, as did many others! You touched many students', parents', and educators' lives! Your leadership made a difference in our school district! "Children First!"###imported-begin###Miriam, Jessie, and Roy Hunt###imported-end##

January 11, 2009 at 12:00 AM



“ Tippy, I just wanted to let you know that I am thinking about you. I am so sorry for your loss. I miss running into you around town. Please know you are in my thoughts. Lisa Harris###imported-begin###Lisa Harris###imported-end###

January 10, 2009 at 12:00 AM



“ Hello Tippy, Wanted to extend our sympathy. We thought the world of you all. If you should need anything please let us know and we will be glad to help. Take care of yourself & may God give you strength in the days to come. Our love, Anne & Benji###imported-begin###Anne & Benji Kirkland###imported-end###

January 08, 2009 at 12:00 AM



“ Mr. Dowling played a HUGE role in the occupation I am in now, a media specialist in Newberry County. I thoroughly enjoyed his student superintendent's liason meetings which involved students from all over the district. It meant alot that it mattered what we, as students, thought. I developed many friendships from those meetings. And to get a HUG from the superintendent when I graduated from high school meant more than the typical hand shake. He will truly be missed!###imported-begin###Christi Vinson###imported-end###

January 07, 2009 at 12:00 AM



“ Dear Tippy, Dodd and I both were very saddened to hear of TEC's passing. We have thought of you both over the years and loved following TEC's career from life guard at Lake Paul Wallace to one of South Carolina's finest educators. We were very proud of his accomplishments. Our thoughts and prayers are with you during this difficult time. Fondly, Beth and Dodd Owens Columbia, SC##imported-begin##Beth Owens##imported-end##

January 07, 2009 at 12:00 AM



“ Each of you are in my thoughts and prayers. I am so sorry for your loss. God Bless.##imported-begin##Emily Hobbs##imported-end##

January 07, 2009 at 12:00 AM



“ Tippy and Family, So sorry for your loss. I hope to see you soon. As always our thoughts and prayers are with yall.##imported-begin##Linda & Butch Rumsey##imported-end##

January 07, 2009 at 12:00 AM



“ My sincere condolences go out to Joe and the rest of the family at Tec's passing. I had the opportunity to work with him on a few occasions, including the State SACS Committee and was always impressed by his character and sincere desire to serve the needs of others. His integrity was an inspiration to me and many other educators throughout the state. He was a man who not only professed his faith, but lived it. My prayers of comfort are with all those who will miss him.##imported-begin##Darrell Ricketts##imported-end##

January 07, 2009 at 12:00 AM



“ I was so saddened to hear of Mr. Dowling's passing. I have fond memories of him as Superintendant in Newberry. I taught in the basement of Gallman El. The conditions were less than perfect. This make shift art class had no sink or water supply. When I asked Mr. Dowling about getting a sink in the room, he answered like a true politician, "Why ask for a sink, ask for a new room!" I will always have fond memories. So sorry to hear of your loss. Thoughts and prayers are with you. Sincerely, Ann Abbott###imported-begin##Ann Talbert Abbott###imported-end##

January 07, 2009 at 12:00 AM



“ Tippy & family, Please know that my thoughts and prayers are with you all.###imported-begin##G. Lance Smith###imported-end##

January 06, 2009 at 12:00 AM



“ With heartfelt condolences - may your wonderful memories comfort you now and in the days ahead!###imported-begin##Lynn McClary###imported-end##

January 06, 2009 at 12:00 AM



“ Dear Tippy and family, We just found out today. We are so sorry to miss the service and let all of you know personally how we feel. You know how much we loved TEC. He did so much for me and was such a good friend. All the FUN we had in Newberry and so many events over the years. We will miss him tremendously. All our love, Steve and Margaret###imported-begin##Steve and Margaret Bond###imported-end##

January 06, 2009 at 12:00 AM



“ TEC Dowling was an exceptional educational leader. His focus was always upon benefiting students. I was fortunate to get to know TEC as a result of my work with Southern Association of Colleges and Schools. His leadership will be greatly missed.##imported-begin##John Kelley##imported-end##

January 06, 2009 at 12:00 AM



“ To the family of TEC Dowling, You are all in my prayers and in my thoughts. I had the privilege of working for TEC in Fort Mill. He was a wonderful, compassionate person. I know he will be dearly missed.##imported-begin##Beth Sidwell##imported-end##

January 06, 2009 at 12:00 AM



“ Tippy, It was a honor to have the opportunity to work for and with Mr. Dowling. He touched so many lives in such a positive way. Please know you and your family remain in our thoughts and prayers.##imported-begin##Cindy & Roy Mills##imported-end##

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“ Sara Lane , Joe Harry , Tippy , Tec was a true Ambassador of S.C. Education and a great friend to many . God bless him !##imported-begin##Dennis Miller##imported-end##

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“ I am so sorry for you loss. My thoughts and prayers are with you.##imported-begin##Elizabeth Powell##imported-end##

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“ My wife, Rosemarie, taught with Tec in Clio, SC 1970-1972. I worked with him on having Andy Robustelli, great New York Giant player come to speak to the first athletic banquet in ten years. He was such a great cheerful fellow. I have never forgotten him. I spoke with him when he came to Fort Mill. God bless you all.##imported-begin##Ernie Nivens##imported-end##

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“ Dowling Family, You are all in our thoughts and prayers. Tec did so much for our schools and children here in Tega Cay and Fort Mill. We will surely miss that smile and he touched us all while he was our Supt. of Ed. Thanks for sharing him with us. God bless you all. Kaye B. Harper and Family##imported-begin##Kaye B. Harper##imported-end##

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“ May time and cherished memories gently ease the loss you bear- as the comfort and understanding of others help your sorrows fade away. My thoughts and prayers are with you all during this difficult time.##imported-begin##Sara Unrue##imported-end##

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“ TEC was in his first year as a principal at Lamar High when I was a first year teacher. He was a wonderful mentor and friend. The greatest lesson I learned from him was "Skin your own skunk" in dealing with classroom behaviors. It worked for me for the 30 years I was in the classroom. I remember TEC bringing Eddie around with him after school to visit with those of us still at school after hours. He was a good father and a great principal. He certainly had an effect on my life and I am truly grateful.##imported-begin##Anne Neely##imported-end##

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“ Our thoughts and prayers are with you. God Bless you, Bobby and Terry Hoffman and Emily##imported-begin##Bobby and Terry Hoffman##imported-end##

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“ Joe, Ron and I just read about your loss tonight in the newspaper. We are so very sorry. You are in our prayers, along with your entire family, as you grieve for such a beloved sibling.##imported-begin##Sandy and Ron Perry##imported-end##

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“ Tippy, Kelsey, Krissy, Eddie, Joe, TEC adored you all. He was so proud of each of you- for who you are and all you have done for him and others. He was an inspiration to so many people not in just what he accomplished but how he treated people. He made everyone who came in contact with him feel special. He really listened to what people had to say, with his ears, eyes, and heart. This was his gift. It was a joy coming to work with TEC. His positive spirit embraced and strengthened our district. His friendship was precious to all of us.##imported-begin##Marty McGinn##imported-end##

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“ So sorry to hear of your loss. Will be thinking of you and keep you in our prayers.##imported-begin##Janet Long##imported-end##

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“ Tippy & Family, I was saddened to hear of TEC's passing. He was a blessing to anyone who knew him. I credit much of my good fortune to TEC having confidence in me and providing oportunities that have opend many doors for me and my family. Much of my decision making and leadership style was forged through my association with him. Take care and God bless. Terry Styers##imported-begin##Terry Styers##imported-end##

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“ Dear Ms. Tippy and family, I was sad to hear from Mom and Dad that Mr. TEC has passed away. You are certainly in my thoughts and prayers. Lucia###imported-begin##Lucia Griffin Miles###imported-end##

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“ Iwill certainly miss TECs visits to Florida and getting to golf and fish with him as well as he sharing stories of live with me.###imported-begin##Earl French###imported-end##

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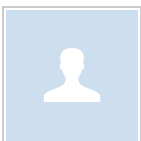
“ Our prayers are with you and your family. Leila Caldwell and family.###imported-begin##Leila M. Caldwell###imported-end##

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“ NULL###imported-begin##Dana Taylor###imported-end##

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“ I would like to offer my condolences during your time of bereavement. I will continue to keep you and your family in my thoughts and prayers.###imported-begin##Beth Shelton-Brooks###imported-end##

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“ Please know that you are in our prayers. We are thankful for the time that Tec was in our lives - he was a dedicated educator and a wonderful person.##imported-begin##Anderson and JoeAnn Gray##imported-end##

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“ My heart -felt sympathy for your loss. I remember playing basketball with him at Central. He was a good man. Merritt Moseley##imported-begin##Merritt Moseley##imported-end##

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“ You are in my thoughts and prayers. Allow great memories to get you through this very difficult time.##imported-begin##Candice Morris Lominick##imported-end##

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“ Tippy & Family, Just wanted you to know that I am very sorry to here that Tec passed away. You and your family are in my prayers at this time. Its been a long time since I have seen you Tippy. I remember Tec working here in the Department of Education and your Daughter Krissy when she worked here part time at SDE. I have kept of with you and your family through Eddie Hailey whom I have worked with in the Office Of Transportation for a long time. Again my sympathies to you and your family. Derek Montrose West Columbia S. C. Formally of Bennettsville, SC##imported-begin##Derek Montrose##imported-end##

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“ It was an honor to work with such a dynamic leader who moved our county forward. Tec will be dearly missed by the education community statewide and by friends in Newberry County. I will keep your family close in my prayers and if I can help in any way please let me know. May God watch over you and your family and provide his healing hand. Sincerely, Sarah Dipner Griffin##imported-begin##Sarah Dipner Griffin##imported-end##

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“ Your family is in our thoughts and prayers.##imported-begin##Maria Howe & Family##imported-end##

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“ Mr. Dowling was and will always be an inspiration to me. I have fond memories of meeting with him throughout high school. I also know that he was well-respected by my grandfather, Dr. Johnny Roche. Your family will be in my thoughts and prayers.##imported-begin##Alison Westmoreland Cody##imported-end##

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“ Please know that during this very difficult time, that the Lord will carry you and may He help you find peace in the passing of your loved one. Your family is in my thoughts and prayers.##imported-begin##Tracey Nettles##imported-end##

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“ Your family continues to be in my thoughts and prayers. I pray that God may grant you the peace that passes all understanding and keep you safe in the palm of his hand during this difficult time.##imported-begin##Cindy Long##imported-end##

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“ Tec, there are so many memories. Do tell Mrs. Frances Dudley that you and you alone spilled the M and M candies in English class! And tell Mr. Steele that you did work the Physics problems for us because you were the only one who knew how to work them. Keep everyone from Clio straight in heaven!##imported-begin##mary newton##imported-end##

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“ I am so sorry to hear of Tec's passing. I worked for Tec in Newberry County many years ago. He was a wonderful man with a great personality. His courage during his fight with cancer was commendable. He will be missed by many whose lives, including mine, he touched. My condolences to his family.##imported-begin##Dena Lester##imported-end##

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“ You will always be remembered by the Newberry High School JROTC Cadets. May God Bless the Family##imported-begin##CSMR Melvin Everson##imported-end##

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“ My thoughts and prayers are with you at this difficult time. I have many fond memories of working with TEC and of teaching Eddie and Krissy. May God ease your pain and send you comfort during your grief.##imported-begin##Kay Long##imported-end##

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“ Thinking of your family in this time of sadness. TEC had a remarkable influence in Newberry County and is certainly missed. Your entire family is in our thoughts and prayers.##imported-begin##Beverly and Lee Leslie##imported-end##

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“ He will be greatly missed. I had the pleasure of meeting him when he visited Newberry High when he worked at the State Department. I was working at Buildings and Grounds when he became our Superintendent. He was a great man and gave us much pleasure with his company. He will be greatly missed.##imported-begin##Judy S. McGee##imported-end##

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“ Mrs.Dowling you and your family have my deepest sympathy. I was the school secretary at Prosperity-Rikard for 23 years I am now at Mid-Carolina Middle. I enjoyed working with Mr. Dowling. God bless you and your family, he will always be there with you.##imported-begin##Margaret L. Chaplin##imported-end##

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“ Tippy, I am so sad to hear of TEC's passing Friday.I know that my words cannot ease your pain but wanted you to know my family & I are thinking of you.He was a terrific man who I am honored to have known and loved. Please know that you and your family are in my thoughts and prayers! Hang in there and hope to see you soon.
Love, Angie###imported-begin###Angela Angie McCrae###imported-end##

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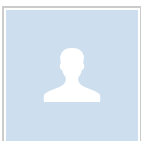
“ Please know that you are in our thoughts and prayers. Bill and Eleanor###imported-begin###Eleanor and Bill Sommerville###imported-end##

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“ Family, My deepest sympathy to you during your loss. Mr. Dowling will never be forgotten in Newberry for he was a wonderful person. May God continue to be with you.###imported-begin###Cheryl A. Wilson###imported-end##

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“ May God bless TEC and his family. I first met TEC when he was coaching at Clio. It was evident then that this young man was mentally sharp with a vibrant personality and destined to make a mark in this world. We need more TEC Dowlings.###imported-begin###Arlo Hill###imported-end##

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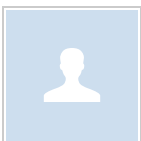
“ Tippy and Family, We are so saddened about TEC's passing. He did so much for so many people. Newberry will always remember his strong advocacy for our children and our schools, in spite of considerable opposition to put it mildly. TEC fought a remarkable fight against his cancer---we know it was the love and support of you all that helped him sustain his fight. Our love to you all and you remain in our prayers. Love, Cynthia and Frank Downs###imported-begin##Cynthia and Frank Downs###imported-end##

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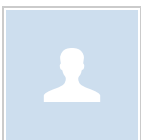
“ The faculty and staff of Nation Ford High School mourn the loss of a dear friend and former colleague. Without his efforts and hard work, Nation Ford High School would not exist today. Our thoughts and prayers are with you all during this time of sadness. Beveley Bowman, Principal Nation Ford High School###imported-begin##Nation Ford High School###imported-end##

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“ Dear Tippy and Family, We were so sad to hear about TEC. He will truly be missed. Know that you, your children and the rest of your family are in our thoughts and prayers.###imported-begin##Susan and Robbie Dowd###imported-end##

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“ My thoughts are with your family during this difficult time.###imported-begin##Katie Counts Engen###imported-end##

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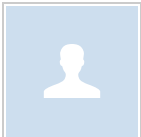
“ Just wanted you to know that our thoughts and prayers are with all of you at this time. Rick, Judy Casey, Jamie, and Heath McCutcheon##imported-begin##Judy McCutcheon##imported-end##

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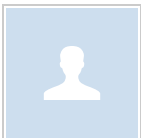
“ Your family is in our thoughts and prayers. We really haved missed your family at Central United Methodist Church, Newberry, SC. TEC was a great asset to our Sunday school class, The Seekers, and a great Sunday school teacher. We also miss his leadership and his determination to begin our much needed school building program. God Bless, Randy and Susan Senn##imported-begin##Susan Senn##imported-end##

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“ You all are in thoughts and prayers. Mr. Dowling will be missed greatly.##imported-begin##Mary Helen Stuhr##imported-end##

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“ My deepest sympathy to the family. TEC was a valued colleague and a friend.##imported-begin##Woody Lucas##imported-end##

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“ Please know that you are all in our thoughts and prayers. TEC gave me my first job opportunity after grad school as media specialist at Whitmire High School and for that I will be eternally grateful. He will be truly missed.##imported-begin##Donna Hagen##imported-end##

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“ Tippy, Eddie, and Krissy, I am so saddened to hear of TEC's passing, but know that he is in a better place free from suffering and pain. I have kept up with him since leaving Newberry as he made such an impression on me as a young teacher! It was also so wonderful to watch you both grow up and attend NHS when I was there. I will never forget the day he saw me in the hallway at Newberry High School and asked me for my hall pass - I was a first year teacher, and I am sure that I looked it, too. He just smiled and laughed when I told him that I was a teacher. We shared this story in following years. I was also so impressed with his words of wisdom and advice when I left NHS in 1994 to move to Lugoff after getting married. He shared time with me during an exit interview to hear some of the things that I had learned while being in Newberry County as well as share advice for my future career. It is leaders like him whom I look to today and thank for shaping me into the person and principal that I have become! God bless you and your family. I pray for you all.##imported-begin##Ginger##imported-end##

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“ Tippy and Family: TEC will always be remembered as an ambassador for the children of Newberry. He was a dynamic leader that taught us all so much. Your entire family touched us during your time in Newberry and after. Our thoughts and prayers are with you. Tommy, Pam, Lindsey, Lauren and Matt Arrington###imported-begin###Pam Arrington###imported-end###

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“ TEC was a remarkable person! He will never be forgotten. Please know that you are in my thoughts and prayers.###imported-begin###Vicki Mays###imported-end###

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“ Mr. Dowling will be greatly missed. I was in my first year as an administrator when he served as our interim superintendent in Lex 5. He always operated in integrity and was never afraid to share the truth with those of us who were just coming into leadership. I will always remember and appreciate that. TEC Dowling has left a true legacy. I am sure the Lord has already said to him, "Well done, my good and faithful servant." Please be encouraged in knowing that TEC is now resting in the Master's arms.###imported-begin###Francina Gerald###imported-end###

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“ My heart breaks for you all! Mr. Dowling was always so kind to me and my family, as he was to so many others. I appreciated him very much. You're in my thoughts and prayers.###imported-begin###Melanie Dillingham Watson###imported-end###

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“ Tippy and Family, I am saddened this morning to hear about TEC. My mind went back to the many thoughts of our days together when he was superintendent of Fort Mill Schools. To know him was to love him. He was quite passionate about his work and his quest for public education and it showed through his actions day in and day out! He was quite a leader and I respected him for that. Not only did we develop a good working relationship, but formed a personal one as well. He always was thought of fondly and holds a special place in my heart. I will forever treasure these memories! He and Martin were quite 'chummy' also. We will be thinking about you and praying for you as you adjust to your loss. TEC left his mark and will certainly be missed! Love you much, Chantay and Martin Bouler Fort Mill, South Carolina###imported-begin###Chantay Bouler###imported-end###

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“ Tippy and Family, Thanks for all of the fond memories we enjoyed and shared. We will all surely miss TEC but just know and be comforted by the thought that he is in a much better place and feeling "NO Pain". Let us all remember the good times we shared. Our thoughts and prayers are with you all. May God Bless each of you. Rudie, Nancy, and Holly###imported-begin###Rudie Tarver###imported-end###

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“ Dear Tippy and Family, We are saddened to hear of TEC's passing. He was a mentor and friend. His courageous battle against cancer was an inspiration to all that knew him. Our deepest sympathies are with you and your family at this difficult time.##imported-begin##Len and Teresa Richardson##imported-end##

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“ Tippy and family, Sarah Lane and Joe, You are in our thoughts and prayers. It was an honor to know Tec in the Clio days. He will be truly missed.##imported-begin##George McIntyre##imported-end##

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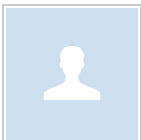
“ I have been thinking about you all and offer my sincere sympathy! I pray that God will give you peace during this difficult time. Sincerely, Jennifer Downs McCullough##imported-begin##Jennifer Downs McCullough##imported-end##

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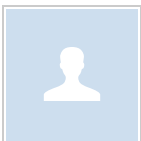
“ So sorry to hear of the passing of TEC. He was a great man and educator. He will always be remembered by his educator friends for what he accomplished for education in SC.##imported-begin##Jim Spencer##imported-end##

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“ Dowling Family, I was saddened to hear of your recent loss. TEC Dowling was my interim superintendent in Lex/Rich 5 for a year, and I gained much wisdom from him and his service to public education. I still wear the pin that he gave each of us that year: CHILDREN FIRST. He lived this statement in every aspect of his life. He also gave me good advice as I considered leaving the classroom for administration. Before he was my superintendent, he was a dear family friend. I grew up a couple of houses down from Mr. Joe and Ms. Kathy in Lancaster, and since all of our families were in education, we spent a lot of time together. I treasure those memories, and even though I am an Assistant Principal now, even when I was a child among the Dowlings, TEC acknowledged me and made me feel appreciated. He left every place he went a better place than he found it, and although he will be missed terribly, he is remembered fondly by so many. My thoughts and prayers are with you all.##imported-begin##Anna Mathis Miller##imported-end##

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“ Tippy, We were so sorry to hear about TEC. You and your family are in our prayers. Love Pete & Jan Meyer##imported-begin##Jan Meyer##imported-end##

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“ Larry and I were so sad to hear about Tec. Our memories of him as superintendant and friend here in Fort Mill are fond. We know that his fight against cancer was long and devastating but he serves as inspiration for us all for his brave effort. We are enriched for having known him and we share your loss. Brenda and Larry Stewart###imported-begin###Brenda Stewart###imported-end###

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“ Eddie and Kelli, Please know that you and your family have our thoughts and prayers to support you. If we can do any more for you please let us know. Alan###imported-begin###Alan & Terry Abernethy###imported-end###

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“ Our thoughts and prayers are with you.###imported-begin###Chad and Eiko Hendrix###imported-end###

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“ To the family of TEC: Over the past years, I worked with TEC in the SC Association of School Administrators on several occasions. As a former President of SCASA, I had several oppotunities to work with both Joe and TEC. It was always a pleasure to talk to and be associated with TEC. He has left a tremendous legacy, and today he is remember by many people, including me, whom he touched with his positive and caring attitude. Please know that all members of the family are in my thoughts. David Ledbetter###imported-begin###David B. Ledbetter###imported-end###

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“ I thought a GREAT deal of Mr. Dowling as a person as well our Superintendent for a while. My thoughts and prayers are with you and your family at this most difficult time. God Bless !! My husband Tony also enjoyed Mr. Dowling in numerous golf adventures here in Newberry.##imported-begin##Gina Hester Hedgepath##imported-end##

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“ I feel honored to call TEC a good friend and a great educator. He will be greatly missed. We pray for you all and may God bless you in the days to come. You will be in our thoughts and prayers. Richard and Ann Huggins formerly of Blackville##imported-begin##Richard Huggins##imported-end##

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“ Jerry and I were so sorry to learn of Tec's death. We have fond memories of growing up in Clio. My sister Betty Jean was a classmate of Joe Harry's. Your family will be in our thoughts and prayers. May God bless you and give the strength you need at this difficult time.##imported-begin##Sarah Perkins Therrell##imported-end##

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“ NULL##imported-begin##Darrell Bradfield##imported-end##

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“ Dear Dowling Family, I am so sorry to hear about Mr. TEC. He was a blessing to everyone and will truly be missed. You and your family are in my thoughts. With Deepest Sympathy, April Bailey Peel###imported-begin##April Bailey Peel###imported-end##

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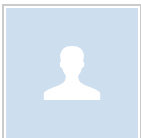
“ Your family is in our thoughts and prayers at this difficult time. Our love goes out to you, Jac and Lynn Ullman.###imported-begin##Lynn Ullman###imported-end##

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“ I just read that I had lost one who meant so much to my family.He finished High School with my daughter in Clio and was coached by my husband Ray.Such a wonderful group of young people.I wish I could go back to those days.You don't find many like that today. My deepest sympathy to the families.Fondly Annette Hamer###imported-begin##Annette Hamer###imported-end##

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“ Dear Joe and family: I am very sorry about Tec. You spoke fondly of him when we had meetings in 2003 discussing the career program The Sun News offered to area schools. He moved to the beach when I moved here to Fort Mill. God bless you all. Kathy###imported-begin##Kathy Metallo###imported-end##

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“ To the Dowlings, we are all saddened by the loss of Tec. We are all better people for having known him. From all of us at Carolina Training please know that our prayers and condolences are with you. Tec always did a wonderful job of making you feel great about the time he got to spend with you. That each moment no matter how long or short really made his day that he got to spend time with you. We will all miss getting to spend time with him. Sincerely,
Marshall##imported-begin##Marshall Millican##imported-end##

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“ My thoughts and prayers are with your family during this time of loss. TEC was an outstanding educator and a truly kind and caring gentleman.##imported-begin##Carolyn Klein##imported-end##

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“ Tec was a mentor, friend, golfing buddy, but most of all someone that I admired for his dedication to children and education. Our prayers are with family and friends. Denise and Terry Holliday##imported-begin##Terry Holliday##imported-end##

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“ My deepest sympathy to his family. I was honored to have worked with Tec at FMES, Fort Mill, SC. His motto was "Put Children First" and he gave each of us a pin saying just that. He loved what he did each and every day. He was more than our superintendent, he was our friend. His door was always open to us. He gave unselfishly to everyone. We retired together in 1999 and, as I recall, we had a really good time at that retirement get-together. He may be gone but he is not forgotten. God Bless.##imported-begin##Anita E. Hall##imported-end##

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“ To the Thomas Dowling Family - Sorry to hear of the loss of Tom, he will be missed. Best, Paul Crandall, Director Marion County Technical Education Center, Mullins, SC##imported-begin##Paul C. Crandall##imported-end##

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“ Mr. Tec Dowling was an outstanding Superintendent. There was no big I's and little u's. You could always go to him about a situation and not be intimidated, he was considerate, Kind and caring of other. It is truly a lost. I'm proud to say that I feel he earned his wings a long time ago. Keep your faith and all your wonderful memories of Tec and I'm sure it will out weigh your days of sorrow. Sincerely, Cynthia##imported-begin##Cynthia D. Wallace##imported-end##

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“ You are in our thoughts and prayers. Sorry we did not get down there to see Tech.##imported-begin##TRACY&BRENDA PHILLIPS##imported-end##

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“ Tippi and children... I share in the loss of TEC. The years we worked together in Fort Mill are some of my most cherished memories. TEC was a great employer, coworker and encourager. I am a better person for having known him. May God bless you and keep you close. Susan Allred##imported-begin##Susan Allred##imported-end##

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“ Tec is at peace now with God. We pray for your family. We enjoyed our friendship so much with you both, being neighbors in Ft. Mill. God Bless you, Tippy and please come and visit us. Sincerly, Jack and Sharon##imported-begin##Jack & Sharon Moore##imported-end##

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“ Tec was a real trooper. He always was thinking of other people even when he was battling Cancer. He treated everyone very nicely and alike no matter who you were. He always made me feel special. I will always remember my days working with him at ST James High School. Even though I was a Bus Driver he treated me like a part of the school. I will miss him very much.##imported-begin##Mary Lou Saunders##imported-end##

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“ Please know that you are in my thoughts and prayers. If you need anything don't hesitate to call! Capt. Jay Cobbett, Security Wachesaw East Plantation###imported-begin##Jay Cobbett###imported-end##

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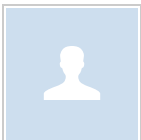
“ Tippy, Joe and Families, Our thoughts and prayers are with you all at this difficult time. Tec always "Put Children First" in his career. His kindness and caring always showed. He will be missed.###imported-begin##Ray and Marcelle Boland###imported-end##

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“ Tec has and always will hold a very special place in my heart along with the rest of the Dowling family. My thoughts and prayers are with you. With much love and prayers...###imported-begin##Jackie Hubbard Nolan###imported-end##

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“ You are in our thoughts and prayers. May God bless you. Harriett and John Rucker###imported-begin##john m rucker###imported-end##

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“ Sara Lane, Joe Harry, Tippy I was so sorry to hear of TEC's passing, but I am sure you are very proud of all he contributed. What is most important are the special memories we shared so many years ago in that small, but very special town of Clio. My brother Gerald was connected to your father, Mr. Harry because of the railroad industry, Joe Harry to my brother Larry and Sara Lane, a special, very kind young girl who has come into her own. I did not know of all the accomplishments TEC achieved, however I know you are proud beyond words. Please know that thoughts and prayers are with you. To you Tippy, I have the upmost respect to a woman who has stood by her husband through the most challenging times. It can break the strongest and the most faithful in spirit, however you stood the test. Because of my experience with my son and his bouts with cancer, I can understand. Life doesn't give you anything, it is what you give to life. Be proud in what TEC contributed. May I add, it was amazing to watch him play basketball, he rarely missed the hoop. Love and Prayers, Janice Herring Stevens###imported-begin##Janice Herring Stevens###imported-end##

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“ Dear Tippy and family, We are thinking of you at this time. Tec fought long and hard and we will always remember his strength and his friendship. I especially will remember his kindness and courtesy to my children. Jimmie and Doris###imported-begin##Jimmie and Doris Coggins###imported-end##

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“ Tech was one of those very special people who got along with everyone. I had the opportunity of working with him as a fellow superintendent, as a member of SCASA, as a SACS team member, and as one of those educators who loved being involved. My last memory of Tech was our working together as a three-member team to evaluate some charter schools in Charleston. We knew Tech did not feel well but he NEVER gave up. He ALWAYS completed his responsibilities, ALWAYS stressed the positives of every situation, and ALWAYS brought laughter to the group. I remember his getting phone calls from his daughter and he would smile and say, "I've got to take this call. It is my daughter." The group made plans to work together again in the future with Tech as our fearless leader! He will be the center of many future conversations and pleasant thoughts!##imported-begin##Cheryl Allread##imported-end##

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“ Dear Tippy and family, I just read about Tec's passing. I am so sorry. You all have my deepest sympathy and heartfelt prayers. Eric has another friend to welcome and rejoice with. Please know that our friendship has and will forever be treasured. Hold on to your memories. Your "Angel" will always be around. I love you all.##imported-begin##Ronda Lessmeister##imported-end##

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“ To Mrs. Dowling and family, It is with deep regrets when I heard of the passing of our dear friend Tec Dowling. I had the privilege of working with him in Newberry County School District. I will always remember his kindness. Continue to trust in God.##imported-begin##TaShawn Cannon##imported-end##

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“ Tec and I servered on the State SACS Committee. He was always a pleasure to serve with. Chip###imported-begin###Gordon Chipukites###imported-end##

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“ Tippy, How sad we were to read of TEC's homegoing. He was a wonderful educator and person and we enjoyed working with him for many years. May God hold you close to Himself and give you a peace that surpasses all understanding. We will be praying for you and the family. Ellison & Elizabeth###imported-begin###Ellison & Elizabeth Smith###imported-end##

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“ Tippy, My thoughts and prayers are with you all. I have such wonderful memories of TEC as we all were growing up in Clio. Even though he was more Dee Gee and Bernette's age...I can remember that he made everyone feel special...young and old. Charlie and I were talking tonight that we have not had a hot dog as good as those "Dowling Dogs" since those wonderful days in Clio!! Please give Sarah Lane my love! Melinda###imported-begin###Melinda McIntyre Wilfong###imported-end##

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“ Dear Tippy and family, Kent and I were so sad to hear about TEC's passing. He was a wonderful friend to us in Newberry and then again in Fort Mill. We are thinking about you and we love all of you. Kent and Tracy Haltiwanger###imported-begin###Kent and Tracy Haltiwanger###imported-end##

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“ Our most sincere sympathy to Tippy and family. There just are not enough words to express what a fantastic man TEC was. His passion for education was something like non-other and it was so infectious! I admired him so much and he is missed much more than you may ever know. Karen and Steve Chase###imported-begin###Karen S. Chase###imported-end##

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“ Tec will be sorely missed, but he was a man who made a positive difference in the world. The ideals and principles that were so much a part of him will carry on through the very many people who were directly and indirectly touched by him. He was an enthusiastic and caring man who did so much for education in South Carolina. He knew the teachers at Fort Mill and inspired us want to live up to his expectations. I know that we are never ready to lose someone we love so much as you do your husband/daddy, but hopefully knowing how much he was loved and admired by so many others will give you some small comfort. Mike and I will continue to remember your whole family in our prayers. Mike and Beth Spratt, Fort Mill High School###imported-begin###Beth and Mike Spratt###imported-end##

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“ Dear Tippy and Family, TEC will be missed by all of his friends and colleagues in Fort Mill. His leadership carried us through times of challenging growth and financial issues. He always kept us updated on administrative perspectives and professional responsibilities. His commitment to the youth of the community was exemplified by his high standard of decision making, which reminded everyone to put CHILDREN FIRST. I feel fortunate to have known and worked with him. My prayer will be for your strength during this difficult time.##imported-begin##Linda Locklier##imported-end##

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“ Our deepest sympathy to the entire Dowling family. TEC was a most impressive advocate of "Children First", and for that my family is most appreciative. And we thank the entire Dowling family for sharing him with us. It is hard to put into words how important TEC was to shaping the quality of education the Fisher children continue to receive in Fort Mill School District Schools. We still feel his wonderful presence in Fort Mill. Peace be with the Dowling family, now and in the days to come. The Fishers Brynne, Dave, Layne, Cleve and Gray##imported-begin##Brynne Fisher##imported-end##

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“ Tippy and Family, I was so saddened to hear about the TEC'S passing. He was a wonderful man and superintendent. My thoughts and prayers are with you.##imported-begin##Margie Cutler##imported-end##

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“ Tippy & Family: Please know that you are in our thoughts and prayers. I am so very thankful to have known TEC and to have called him friend. He was an outstanding educator, but more than that, he was an outstanding person who we will all miss.##imported-begin##Jim Jordan##imported-end##

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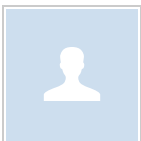
“ Joe, I did not know your brother but he must have been dedicated, as you are, to educating young people. You and your family are in my prayers. Cindy##imported-begin##Cindy Elsberry##imported-end##

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“ Tippy & family, Our condolences are with you at this time. I remember TEC as always being accessible to the teachers and the parents of Fort Mill. I enjoyed working for him and also having him as a neighbor. I know he looked forward to retiring so he could spend more time with his family that he loved so much. Sincerely, Caren Baye and Family##imported-begin##Caren Baye##imported-end##

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“ Mr. Dowling was a kind, generous, and gracious gentleman, and will be greatly missed by all of us who were fortunate to know him. May God be with his family and those many who loved and admired him at this time of deep sorrow.##imported-begin##Smith C. McDonald##imported-end##

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“ Our thoughts and prayers are with you. I have fond memories of Tec and want you to know that we are thinking of you. Lawrence and Fran Norton###imported-begin###Lawrence Norton###imported-end##

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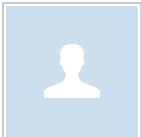
“ Tippy abd family, Sorry to hear about the loss of TEC. He was a true friend of education and will be missed. I treasured the times I was able to have conversations with TEC. He truly made a difference in lives of many people across the state. Joe and Kathy, our thoughts are with you during this time. May God Bless! Bob Couch###imported-begin###Bob Couch###imported-end##

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“ You are in my thoughts and prayers.###imported-begin###Michael Mack###imported-end##

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“ I just wanted to express my sympathy to your family. Mr. TEC was a wonderful man and will be truly missed. You are all in our thoughts and prayers.###imported-begin###Kelly Jenkins Folk###imported-end##

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“ Tippy, Eddie, Krissy, Kelsey and family, with TEC's death comes the loss of a true South Carolina treasure. This is surely indicated by the outpouring of support from friends near and far. We are so lucky to have come to know him over the past years. You are in our prayers and will help in any way we can to get you through this time of grief and celebration. Be strong.##imported-begin##Karen and Jay##imported-end##

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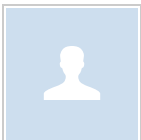
“ My Dearest Abby, My thoughts are with you as you remember all of the wonderful memories about your grandfather. May his memory and legacy live on in you. Bless you and your loving family. Mrs. Coolidge Riverview Elementary School##imported-begin##Kim Coolidge##imported-end##

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“ Tippy and family, Billy, Ashley, Kimberly, and I were so saddened to hear about TEC. He fought a long, hard battle with dignity and determination. Please know that all of you are in our thoughts and prayers. TEC was such a dynamic person who made everyone feel special. He will be missed tremendously.##imported-begin##Lou Anne Cornwell##imported-end##

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“ Thinking of you. TEC was such a wonderful force in Fort Mill schools. He has been missed since he left.##imported-begin##The Ron Powell family##imported-end##

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“ TEC was an awesome Superintendent and I always felt he cared for his staff and teachers. I loved his back to school speeches! I will be praying for your family.##imported-begin##Tamara Jolly##imported-end##

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“ Dear Tippy & Family: We were saddened to hear of TEC's passing. He was not only an excellent superintendent, but a wonderful friend. There are no words that can adequately comfort at this time, just know that our prayers are with each and every one of you and that TEC is in a much happier place.##imported-begin##Ron & Chrystal Harsha##imported-end##

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“ My condolences to you and your family. I really admired Tec for all he did for Fort Mill Schools. He was a strong leader for our schools and really cared about the children of the community. He also listened to parents concerns as the district grew. We will all miss him, but know he is in a better place with our creator and not suffering. Sincerely, Debbie Hirsch##imported-begin##Debbie Hirsch##imported-end##

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“ Those of us in Fort Mill will grieve along with your family the loss of Mr. Dowling. He was an amazing leader, mentor and friend. Please know that your family here in Fort Mill is praying for all of you. Jim and Heidi Wilke##imported-begin##Jim and Heidi Wilke##imported-end##

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“ Tippy and Kelsey my thoughts and prayers are with you during this time. TEC was a wonderful man and you were very lucky to have him as a husband and father.##imported-begin##Amy Wilson##imported-end##

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“ Dear Tippy, I cried all day when I heard of TEC's passing. My prayers are with you and your family. As we were "cancer" survivors, TEC and I would give each other a "healthy hug" when we saw each other. I will be at chemo on Tuesday so SADLY I cannot make the memorial service. He was the first person I went to when I found out my cancer had returned in 2005 started in 2002! . He said "what do you want, Barbara?" and I said " I want to see my grandchildren!" and he said " well that's what you'll live for then!" What a sweet, sweet man. I am glad God gave me the opportunity to work with TEC. May the LORD grant you peace as I know TEC is dancing on streets of gold...maybe he'll teach the angels to SHAG! take care, Barbara Butts, admin. secretary/ FMHS##imported-begin##Barbara Butts##imported-end##

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“ Thinking of the family with deepest sympathy. TEC had many friends at St. James High School and I am proud to say I knew him if only briefly. May God bless and be with you all.##imported-begin##Anne Winters##imported-end##

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“ I am sorry to hear of your loss. Tec was a wonderful man. I admired him during his tenure as superintendant of the Fort Mill School District. You are in my thoughts and prayers. We will miss him. Joyce Crabtree/Kindergarten Teacher, Orchard Park Elementary, Fort Mill##imported-begin##Joyce Crabtree##imported-end##

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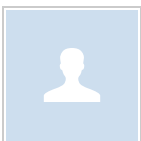
“ Dear Eddie and family, So sorry to hear of your loss. Thinking of you and your family.##imported-begin##Janice Kahaly##imported-end##

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“ Tippy, I am sure you will not remember me but we meet at Bess's 90th birthday party in Vanville last year. Tec and I are cousins. I have kept Tec in our paryers and will keep the family now. We are so sorry to hear this sad news but he put up a good fight and now he has received his reward. God bless all. Ed Zeigler North Augusta, SC##imported-begin##Ed Zeigler##imported-end##

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“ I knew and worked with TEC for a long time. I am so sorry I can not attend but my wife is having surgery on Tuesday. My thoughts and prayers are with you. Lewie Hartley##imported-begin##C. Lewie Hartley, Jr.##imported-end##

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“ Dearest Tippy and family, my heart is so saddened. I pray that the Lord's hands will comfort and guide you all. Love, Sybil

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“ Tippy & family, My thoughts and prayers are with you during these difficult times. I graduated high school with Tec. He was certainly a nice person. He will really be missed by many. love to each of you Mary

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“ The Palmetto State has lost a true friend of education. TEC provided inspiration to all who came to know him. We will miss you my friend. Don't forget the lapel pin TEC would wear... Children First.

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“ My heartfelt and sincere condolences to the family. My parents really thought the world of "Tec" and I remember "Tec" when he was a lifeguard and was dating "Tippy". He would leave his dating clothes at our house in Bennettsville; after leaving work he would come by to dress and go pick up Tippy around the corner! I was a young kid at the time, but even then he made a lasting impression on me. I looked up to him as a big brother. I'm sure Tec influenced so many other young people as well in a very positive way!

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“ *Tippy, Our thoughts and prayers are with you and your family.##imported-begin##David & Jean McLean##imported-end##*

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