



William Everett "Coach" Cloud

December 29, 1938 - March 6, 2021

William Everett "Coach" Cloud of Murrell's Inlet, South Carolina passed away peacefully at home on March 6, 2021. He was 82 years old.

Everett was born in Washington D.C. in 1938, youngest child of Etienne Leroy and Dorothy Ball Cloud. He grew up with his older brother and two older sisters in Chesterbrook, Virginia, surrounded by cousins and friends from their tight-knit neighborhood community.

He played baseball, basketball, and football at both Falls Church and McLean High Schools, graduating from McLean in 1957. He received a scholarship to the University of Maryland and was drafted to play ball by both the Dallas Cowboys and Pittsburg Pirates. He chose instead to follow the path of his mother and sister and became a teacher and coach at George C. Marshall High School in Falls Church, Virginia. During that time earned his Masters of Education degree at George Washington University.

"Coach" was a popular teacher and revered coach at Marshall and later at Annandale High School. His influence on both students and players was long-lasting. He was recognized as a skillful, calm, and thoughtful leader, who truly cared about the young people he guided. He retired from teaching and coaching in 1988. His influence on students and, especially, players has been long-lasting.

Everett married his beloved wife, Candy, in 1980 and together they built a fun-filled life. Each had married their best friend and the depth of their commitment grew throughout their life together.

Everett was a loyal man, who had forged strong bonds with his forever friends from his life in Northern Virginia. He sustained those friendships throughout his life.

Always a beach lover, he and Candy moved to Murrells Inlet, South Carolina after retirement. There, he spent many days on the links and enjoying their time at Wachesaw Plantation. Once again, they created a circle of friends, who treasured boat rides, beach days, and cocktail hours spent with “Coach”. Those traditions continue through his two devoted daughters, Bridget and Rachel, who share his gift for laughter, friendship, hard work, and enjoying life. “Oach/Coachie” was idolized by his three grandchildren, Jake, Hailey, and Emma.

If you were lucky enough to know “Coach”, you knew how kind, modest, hard-working, and humble he was. He loved to tell outrageous stories and enjoyed playing and watching sports of all kinds. No one could match his play-calling and knowledge of sports trivia. He was a big presence and had an even bigger heart. How lucky we were to know and love him.

Everett is survived by his sweetheart of 41 years, Frances “Candy” Cloud; by his adoring daughters, Bridget Brancato of Myrtle Beach, South Carolina and Rachel Cloud of Annandale, Virginia; by his devoted son-in-law Paul Brancato; and by his delightful grandchildren, Jacob Aidan Watts, Hailey Elisabeth Brancato, and Emma Catherine Watts. He is also survived by two brothers-in-law, Ken Wilson and Fred K. Little, as well as many nieces and

nephews. He was preceded in death by his older siblings: Etienne, Barbara Ann Little, and Nancy Wilson.

He will be missed.

A service will be held in April in Southern Virginia.

In lieu of flowers, please send donations to Help 4 Kids or Hospice.

Tribute Wall

CS

“ *Cecil Starkey. purchased the Garden Accent - A heart of gold stopped beating... for the family of William Everett "Coach" Cloud.*



Cecil Starkey. - March 11, 2021 at 01:53 AM

JH

“ *My Coach Cloud Rest In Peace, I'm sure he is in a better place...My prayers are with his family...Played JV & Varsity football for him...Often think of Coach Cloud as I like to think he and other coaches helped me to be the person I have been...Joe Hughes GCM Class 67.*

Joe Hughes - March 10, 2021 at 02:05 PM

JL

“ I met Coach Cloud as my PE teacher Frosh year. I was quickly promoted to having to wait in his office after getting dressed. Since I had a knack for wondering and getting into trouble. He then encouraged me to read while I waited to be dismissed. He even let me borrow a few books. A fav was about Vietnam, Bat 21.

Coach Cloud was a calming presence. He was the man who ran the equipment room. He kept that place ship shape. It was his fiefdom. He made me clean more than a few helmets as well... As a coach he was great. He seemed to relish the underdog, something I benefited greatly from. Hard work and best efforts were the norm for him. He was fair, spoke softly and everyone listened...

My favorite 2 favorite memories of him. I asked his daughter to homecoming my frosh year. When coach Adams found out about that, he paraded me into Clouds office. While asking coach cloud to guess who is daughter was going to HC with...Coach Cloud handled it w class. Like I hope to, now that my daughter is 14.

The second memory was when I decided to go to a Allegheny College. A div. III football school. He was the first to tell me that I was going to be successful there.

Always a great guy, my regrets to his family. Julio

Julio Lacayo - March 09, 2021 at 03:38 PM

BV

“ RIP - CROW Your grace, dignity and fellowship will be missed by all who were fortunate enough to share in your life ... whether in the Chesterbrook, McLean, Terrapins, Marshall or Sun filled Myrtle Beach years ... We know you will be dearly missed most, by beloved Candy and Bridget, Rachel and Family ... but with a fond and joyous smile, you will never be forgotten by the Vincent Boys...
Joe Vincent

B. Joseph Vincent - March 09, 2021 at 10:23 AM

JB

“ I was not aware of Coach Clouds, four years my Football Coach's, history...
When you're a student, McClean and Marshall (1964) you aren't privy to there background...
After Vietnam I also played in the Vienna Softball League against his team...
We were lucky to have him as a Coach because I had no idea he was drafted by professional football teams...
He was a great athlete, one year he had the entire football team at Marshall run the length of the field, he ran backwards and beat us all!!!”
He was a favorite and that will continue...
RIP COACH...

John Blackburn - March 09, 2021 at 09:05 AM

JK

“ An amazing coach and wonderful person. I always felt that Coach Cloud would do anything to help a kid any way they needed. A great role model in every way. ❤️

Jim Keys - March 08, 2021 at 10:44 PM

EJ

Knew about his sport accomplishments at McLean High and met him at the schools 60th anniversary and was inducted in the schools sports hall of fame in 2015. RIP

Eddy B. Rynex, Jr. - March 09, 2021 at 07:14 AM

KM

“ *So sorry for your loss. He sounds like a nice man. Sending prayers to you and your family.*

Kathleen Mielke - March 08, 2021 at 09:38 PM



“ *Bridget your dad sounds like an absolutely wonderful fun filled person and now I know where you come from. My deepest sympathy loosing such a great dad. May William Rest in aPeace. Margaret Gregory.*

Margaret Gregory - March 08, 2021 at 09:31 PM

CK

“ *We are better people for having the privilege of knowing him.*

Chris Kirkwood - March 08, 2021 at 08:09 PM

TM

“ *That was so beautifully written. We live you guys and are here if you need anything !!!*



Trish Morgan - March 08, 2021 at 06:41 PM

SP

“ Sending lots of love and prayers for all of you.....

Sally Peeples - March 08, 2021 at 05:24 PM

MC

He led a wonderful life and was loved by all. He will greatly be missed. Love and prayers to the family 💕💕

Misha Coale - March 08, 2021 at 09:18 PM

MG

Everett was a solid addition to our family when he married my cousin Candy. A kind, easy-going rock we all enjoyed being around. He was really kind to me from an early age. He will be missed by many people, and remembered fondly.

Michael Greene - March 08, 2021 at 10:02 PM



We were from the Fifties, when guys had flattops, wore blue suede shoes and sang "Sixteen Tons," at early morning basketball practices. Everett Cloud was "The Man" when McLean (Virginia) High School opened its doors in 1955.

Rock-solid, handsome, humble, thoughtful, Ev Cloud - bold athlete - bashful, "Li'l Abner" at the 1956 Sadie Hawkins Day Dance.

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*Saturday, William Everett Cloud, the most accomplished athlete in McLean High School history, passed away peacefully at home in Murrells Inlet, South Carolina. He was 82.*

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*He was idolized by his three grandchildren, Jacob Aidan Watts, Hailey Elisabeth Brancato, and Emma Catherine Watts.*

*Always a beach lover, Cloud and his family treasured beach days and boat rides in South Carolina.*

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When my Navy duty ended in 1960, I wrote about Ev Cloud in one of my first columns at the Washington Daily News. My eyes were moist when I read the clipping today.

We had talked about his playing football at the University of Maryland, being drafted by the Dallas Cowboys of the NFL and the Buffalo Bills of the AFL.

If he had signed the Cowboys, Ev would have played with Roger Staubach - if the Bills, with O.J. Simpson.

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Cloud retired from teaching and coaching in 1988.

He was a role model for hundreds of young students and athletes. I understand their fondness and appreciation.

Everett Cloud was my first role model. I wanted to be like Everett Cloud.

russ white - March 09, 2021 at 01:15 AM

JH

What a Great role model for any Atom that was coached by him. Later in life you learn of his successes on and off the field and realize his humbleness is again a life lesson. He will be missed --- but I can only hope he is smiling down seeing just how many of us are better men because of him.

Jim Hatch - March 09, 2021 at 10:50 AM

CS

*Jim Hatch..
I totally agree with your memory of Coach Cloud. He was a soft spoken mentor to many many young Atoms..
I thought of him at many games during my side line times.
Prayers coming the way of his family and he will be greatly missed..
RIP Coach ..*

Cecil Starkey - March 11, 2021 at 01:12 AM

CO

Candy and Everett, How missed yous when I quit working,20 years and three houses. Alotof laughs and fun. I didn't know cleaning house for someone could build such a friendship. My deepest sympathy to you and the girls. Love Cory shelley

coryshelley - March 14, 2021 at 06:48 PM

EK

*I was an end on the Fall Church High School football team in 1954, when Eve -- we called him 'Joe' -- was quarterback. He was a year or two behind me in school, but as an athlete he was a couple of orders of magnitude ahead of the rest of us. I hadn't seen Eve since those days, but am touched to learn that he turned out to be such a fine person.
Edward L. Keenan*

Edward Keenan - September 19, 2021 at 09:35 PM