



# Ronald James "Ron" Dickey

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**O**bituary of Ronald James Dickey Please share a memory of Ronald to include in a keepsake book for family and friends. [View Tribute Book](#)

Ronald James Dickey, 61, passed away December 15, 2018, with his wife and daughter by his side after a courageous battle with cancer. Ron was born February 19, 1957 in Huntington Station, NY. He was the son of Harold and Helyn Dickey of McDonough, GA.

Ron received his undergraduate degree from Brockport College in New York and a Master of Education from the University of Houston. Ron's passion for teaching led him to Texas where he worked as a teacher and coach in the Alief Independent School District for 19 years.

Ron found his "work family" at River Oaks Baptist School where he has been teaching and coaching for the past 18 years. Ron was a role model and mentor to many students, inspiring and leading with a calm wisdom, a loving approach and just the right amount of humor.

Ron had the gift of making everyone he came in contact with feel cared for and appreciated. As much as Ron loved teaching, his first love was his family. He enjoyed spending as much time as he could with his wife and daughter, parents and siblings, as well as his extended family.

The times they spent together were filled with lots of love and laughter. In addition to his parents, Ron is survived by his wife of 34 years, Joanne, and their daughter, Taylor, a brother Harold (Denise) Dickey of Las Vegas, sister Karen (Elzee) Williams (Stockbridge, GA), as well as a loving extended family of nieces, nephews, aunts, uncles and cousins.

The family would like to thank Dr. Nazir Tannir of MD Anderson Cancer Center and Dr. Rex Marco of Houston Methodist Hospital, along with both their staffs for the care they provided during Ron's fight with cancer. The family would also like to extend a special thanks to MD Anderson's Palliative Care Team on 12NW for the compassionate and loving care they showed during Ron's four week stay there.



## Obituary

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They made an especially difficult time a little easier, and the family is forever grateful to them. A memorial service celebrating Ron's life will be held Thursday, December 27, 2018 at River Oaks Baptist Church, 2300 Willowick Rd., Houston, TX 77027, at 2:00 pm.

If desired memorial contributions may be made to The Coach Dickey Athletic Fund c/o River Oaks Baptist School, 2300 Willowick, Houston, Texas 77027. Online condolences may be left for the family at [www.claytonfuneralhomes.com](http://www.claytonfuneralhomes.com).



## Tribute Wall

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PS

**Peter Smart** posted:

Joanne: I am so sorry for your loss. I just learned of Ron's passing. You may remember I coached with Ron at AMS in the late 80's, and my wife taught at Kerr for a year or two with Ron. He was a special person. I liked him very much, and the kids all loved him. My sympathy goes out to you.

September 19 at 7:00 PM

KW

**Kim & Todd Wilcox** posted:

So much love and sympathy for you, Joanne and Taylor. You were long time wonderful neighbors. We have missed you. We wish you peace and God's tender mercies in your life. We wish we could have known at the time of Ron's passing. God bless you all.

March 25 at 7:00 PM

KG

**Kc Grenier** posted:

I am sorry to hear of Ron's death. I was a roommate of his at Brockport State for a year. Everything that was said about him in his obituary, and in the previously submitted condolences, are all true. Ron was a truly exceptional human being, and will be missed.

March 7 at 7:00 PM

MD

**Melissa Dyches** posted:

I attended Alief Middle School from 1990-1993 and remember Coach Dickey well. He was one of the few educators that left a lasting impression. I am saddened to read that he has left us. Many prayers to his family and friends as you heal during this time.

December 29 at 7:00 PM

DM

**Dorenda Mcadory** posted:

Everything in the obituary is true. He made everyone he came in contact with feel special and important. I was with him every morning for a year & loved every single minute with him. He always made me laugh & was the most down to earth person. You will be truly missed, Coach Dickey!!

December 29 at 7:00 PM



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JS

**Jacquelyn Scaduto** posted:

This news saddens me deeply. Coach Dickey is someone who continues to pop up in my mind to this day, periodically and for no particular reason other than to remember his kindness fondly. I remember very vividly being in Health class when I was a freshman and dealing with some hard feelings. I started to cry and decided to crawl under the table to hide, because I was embarrassed. Instead of getting upset with me for crawling under the table in the middle of class he crawled under the table with me and comforted me. His kindness that day and every day until I graduated will never be forgotten. I send love and condolences to his family. Your person made a huge impact in my life and I'm sure many others. I am a better person for knowing him and I hope that can provide just a sliver of comfort at this time. Love and blessings to you all.

December 28 at 7:00 PM

WB

**Wally Bian** posted:

Coach Dickey was with me throughout my years in Kerr High School. He was a massive inspiration to me, my future and a huge influence in the man I was to be. Always caring, appreciative, and understanding, there was never a dull moment with him around. His talent was to bring inspiration to the uninspired, even if it was a small gesture like a smile. A smile at the right moment can change the tide of the day, week and month. I always looked forward to seeing his big smile; it was contagious and will forever be embedded in my mind's eye every time I think of him. Condolences to his family and close friends, he will be truly missed.

December 27 at 7:00 PM

AL

**Allison Le** posted:

Coach Dickey was a great man. Even decades later, I'll never forget how he encouraged me to take my rightful place in a basketball game when the boys tried to crowd me out. Teaching wasn't just a job to him. He genuinely cared about us students and I'll always remember him for that. I'm so sorry for his loss. Thoughts and prayers are with his family.

December 27 at 7:00 PM

MW

**Mike Weber** posted:

Rest in peace

December 27 at 7:00 PM



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DM

**Dimitry Manzano** posted:

Love coach from AMS. My heartfelt condolences to the family. God bless you Coach Dickey

December 27 at 7:00 PM

MM

**Mimi M** posted:

Had Coach Dickey's class over 20 years ago, he will always be remembered for his kindness. May he rest in peace.

December 27 at 7:00 PM

LS

**Liliana Saavedra** posted:

I attended AMS ( Alice Middle School) I had Coach Dickey, a very memorable coach he was my favorite. He always built me up ... saying I complained a lot which I did ( still do) I now catch myself and think about how he always told me to be grateful and stop complaining. He will be missed. My deepest condolences to his wife & family. Liliana Saavedra

December 27 at 7:00 PM

TR

**Toni Maness-Richards** posted:

Ron was a great PE teacher. Everyone loved him, and it was a sad day at Kerr when he decided to leave. One year he even won the "Best Legs Contest"--he honestly had the best legs of all the males at school. :-). Kerr High School is celebrating 25 years this April, and I am sure there will be many older alumni who will have fond memories of Ron.

December 26 at 7:00 PM

WS

**Wasi Syed** posted:

I knew the coach while I was at Kerr. He thought me many great things in the two years I knew him. Thx coach.

December 26 at 7:00 PM



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SD

**Sandra Dean** posted:

I am so sorry for your loss. I worked with Ron at Kerr High School where we all worked as a team to open that new school. I don't think I ever saw him without a smile no matter how difficult the days were with the newness of the school and concept we implemented. He was a role model for his peers and his students. He will be missed.

December 26 at 7:00 PM

VS

**Victoria Stewart** posted:

I had Coach Dickey as my Coach in middle school. He was a warm and kind soul. Jet was always going on about how he was a size 9 when someone showed up with new shoes. I was very soft spoken and shy, he would tell me to "use my diaphragmatic, and speak up" so i could be heard. Now, I catch myself telling the children I mentor to do the same. Even though I haven't seen him in a lifetime, I will miss him dearly. After all, he taught us to play football, and fueled my passion for the game. Rest In Peace Coach.

December 26 at 7:00 PM

KC

**Kayla Chandler** posted:

My sincere condolences to your family. I remember Coach Dickey as one of my favorite coaches at Kerr High School. My thoughts and prayers are with you at this time. God bless.

December 26 at 7:00 PM

AD

**Atalie Duncan** posted:

I knew him when he taught at Kerr, he was my coach.. His loving and kind approach to students was always admirable. He was devoted to teaching with charisma and always set the standards high for himself and others. I never forgot him, because he was so unique as a teacher. The world lost a wonderful person, but the heaven's gained a beautiful soul...

December 26 at 7:00 PM



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NK

**Nadia (Al-Haj) Karim** posted:

Coach Dickey was such an inspiration!! I just want his family to know what an impact he made on a short unathletic girl who was new to the school. At 4'nothing, I pretty much failed at most PE tasks. Coach Dickey pushed me to believe that I could and I remember him fondly. He made me keep trying pull ups (he spent HOURS with me, with a box, boosting me up, steps, trying to help me learn to do one without any help) until I got one done. He said small could be fast and had me try my speed runs until I had one of the best times in my group (a race where you run laps increasingly faster until you're sprinting). In fact, in high school, I made the super competitive track team! As a human being, he cared about my self confidence, about me not giving up just because others were better, about knowing I was just as important a member of the team as the kids who were naturally great at sports. Sending my condolences and hoping you are comforted that his legacy will not be forgotten!

December 26 at 7:00 PM

HT

**Hannah Tamimi** posted:

Coach was such a fun teacher. I always looked forward to his class and felt encouraged by him and his big smile.

December 26 at 7:00 PM

DO

**Dianna Onyekwelu** posted:

The Onyekwelu family (Charles, Chase & Chandler) is so saddened by the loss of Coach Dickey. We are so thankful to have called him our Coach, Teacher & Mentor. He encouraged us to pursue excellence. Our thoughts and prayers are with Mrs. Dickey, Taylor and the entire family.

December 26 at 7:00 PM

BV

**Brandi Verdun** posted:

To his beloved wife, beautiful daughter and family, Coach Dickey was my high school teacher and advisor. He was more to me than that. He was an inspiration. He was not only a great coach, but one of my mentors. I have the fondest of memories of him. I will miss him. Last year he reached out to me to check on me, and I was not aware of his health conditions. I offer up my condolences to you his family. I will keep y'all in my prayers and know he's in heaven looking fondly at y'all. May God bless you and continue to bless you and may the holy spirit give y'all comfort. I love you Coach Dickey and you hold a special place in my heart and will not be forgotten. Love, Brandi Verdun

December 26 at 7:00 PM



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MH

**Mike Hertlein** posted:

To Ron: Thank you for your guidance and professionalism you have to young coaches like me. You were a great coach of integrity and I always looked up to you to see the type of coach I wanted to become. Rest well my friend until we meet again! To The Dickey Family: My heartfelt condolences and prayers are with y'all and everyone Ron touched. He will be very missed!

December 26 at 7:00 PM

JK

**Joshua Kessler** posted:

Coach Dickey was a great man, I was fortunate enough to have him as a coach back at Kerr in the 90s. He was a true role model and allowed many of us to grow in a positive direction in our troubled years. I am saddened by his passing. His spirit will live on in all of us who were fortunate enough to know him.

December 26 at 7:00 PM

EC

**Ed Colucci** posted:

Coach and I started at AMS many years ago at the same time. He was a great man and coach. Sorry to hear of this. May God be with him and comfort his family.

December 25 at 7:00 PM

CR

**Colette Romo** posted:

He was my coach in the 90's at AMS. Coach Dickey was one of the best coach/teacher I ever had. I could talk with him about anything and he was very honest and straight forward and as an adult today I appreciate it his no nonsense way. My prayers and condolences to the family. God Bless

December 25 at 7:00 PM

BF

**Booth Family** posted:

Remembering fun weekends in Tallahassee with the Dickey family. FSU Football Saturdays won't be the same. We love and miss you Ron.

December 25 at 7:00 PM



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