



## Coach Willie R. Bradshaw

September 17, 1928 - March 23, 2015

Willie R. "Coach" Bradshaw passed at Treyburn-Peak Resources On Monday, March 23, 2015. He was a native of Durham, NC, born on September 17, 1928.

For many years, he was an employee for Durham City and Durham Public Schools, serving as teacher, coach and Athletic Director.

Survivors include his loving wife, Shirley M. Bradshaw; daughter, Natalyn Bradshaw-Haile Selassie and granddaughter, Fana Ruth Haile Selassie.

Services will take place on Thursday, March 26, 2015 at First Calvary Baptist Church, 1311 Morehead Avenue, Durham, NC 27707 beginning at 12 noon. The family will receive friends one hour prior to the service.

# Previous Events

## Visitation

MAR 26. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (ET)

First Calvary Baptist Church  
1311 Morehead Ave  
Durham, NC 27707  
[info@firstcalvary.org](mailto:info@firstcalvary.org)  
<http://firstcalvary.org>

## Service

MAR 26. 12:00 PM (ET)

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# Tribute Wall

EH

“ Evelyn Hicks lit a candle in memory of Coach Willie R. Bradshaw



Evelyn Hicks - March 26, 2015 at 12:59 PM

EH

Please accept our condolences for a dear man who will be missed, especially at UBC where he could be counted on to be sitting in his usual seat with a smile and a greeting to everyone. May you rest in peace friend. Lee and Evelyn Hicks.

Evelyn Hicks - March 26, 2015 at 01:03 PM

MP

“ My sincere condolences to the family of Coach Willie R. Bradshaw. He will always be remembered for his contributions to the community and the lives of the young people he touched.



Marguaree Durden Pyoas - March 26, 2015 at 08:55 AM

RH

“ Willie was a very important part of my life. I will always remember officiating his basketball games, and he gave me a lot of confidence, he never said a word even when i officiated the Hillside games and Northern where i graduated from. Most coaches would not have allowed that. over the years we became friends and he allowed me to be his insurance agent for many years. he was always so gracious. i will miss him and want to express my condolences for the family and sorry i cannot attend the services. Please call on me if you need anything. Love, Rusty Herring

Rusty Herring - March 26, 2015 at 08:18 AM

CJ

“ Shirley, and Family

We were deeply saden to learn of your loss. Our thoughts and prayers are with you. Willie will be missed by many in The Sports and Hillside Band World.

Clarke & Johnsie

C A Egerton Jr. - March 26, 2015 at 08:01 AM

DW

“ Dwight Womble and the Womble Family lit a candle in memory of Coach Willie Bradshaw.



Dwight Womble - March 25, 2015 at 10:34 PM

AF

“ *Althea LaVerne Flythe lit a candle in memory of Coach Willie R. Bradshaw*



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**Althea LaVerne Flythe** - March 25, 2015 at 07:38 PM

VL

“ *Vincent Lawrence lit a candle in memory of Coach Willie R. Bradshaw*



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**Vincent Lawrence** - March 25, 2015 at 07:15 PM

AM

“ *ARTHUR B BOYD JR MD purchased the Arrive in Style for the family of Coach Willie R. Bradshaw.*



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**ARTHUR B BOYD JR MD** - March 25, 2015 at 03:11 PM

BG

“ I am so sorry to hear about Willie Bradshaw. I met Willie many years ago (mid 90's) as a beginning athletic director. Willie had no reason to know me or talk with me, but he did. Over the years, every time I saw him, he seemed to make a point of talking with me and finding out how I was doing. Willie showed me that veteran athletic directors need to show an interest in younger AD's, and let them know of a willingness to help. I will always remember Willie's help. I consider it a privilege and honor to have met this great human being!

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**Bobby L Guthrie** - March 25, 2015 at 01:41 PM

DB

“ Shirley, Natalie and Fauna,

*I was very sad when I learned of the passing of Coach Bradshaw. I know how much he meant to each of you. Shirley, when I was home from California in February, I am glad that I had the opportunity to visit with you and Brad and have prayer with him and you at the hospital. Now, Ma Belle, Brenda and Brad are smiling together in heaven.*

*You have my deepest sympathy, and I am sorry that I will not be able to be there with you on Thursday. However, I will be sure to contact you when I get to Durham on Monday, March 30, 2015. My prayers are with you and your family during this difficult time. Remember that as Christians, we know that to be absent from the body is to be present with the Lord, and through faith, you shall see your loved ones again.*

*Take care and may God keep each of you in his care.*

*With sincere condolence,  
Rev. Deborah Long Burroughs (Debbie)  
225 Coronado Ave. Apt 312  
Daly City, California 94015*



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**Deborah Burroughs** - March 25, 2015 at 12:52 PM

JA

“ You all have my deepest sympathy in the passing of your love one. I remember him so well as far as Teaching me to play tennis while I was in school. May God comfort you in this time of need.

*Jackie Cross*



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**Jackie** - March 25, 2015 at 12:50 PM

AL

“ Shirley, Natalyn and Fanta

*I was deeply sadden to hear of the passing of Mr. Bradshaw. Living in the Walltown community and attending the same church at one time, I came to love and respect who he was. I pray for peace and comfort during this time and he will be missed. God Bless you.*

*Annette C. Love*

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**Annette C Love** - March 25, 2015 at 10:55 AM



MC

“ Shirley, Natalyn and the Bradshaw family

*Growing up in the Walltown community and having the privilege of knowing Coach Bradshaw for many years is a great honor for me and my family.*

*We are deeply saddened by the loss of Coach Bradshaw. Our prayers are with you and your family throughout this difficult time.*

*Robert and Marilyn Carver*

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**Marilyn E Carver** - March 25, 2015 at 10:15 AM



SM

“ Shirley, Natalyn and Fanta,

*I was so hurt to hear of "Pop's" passing. I met "Pop" through his daughter Brenda McKinnon, one of my best friends. He was always there for all of us (Brenda, Cecelia, Deborah, Regina, and Lillie) the "gang" with wisdom and wit. He loved life and encouraged us to do the same. I could not have met and had a better friend that "Pop." He will be sorely missed.*

*I will pray for your peace and comfort during the days to come and beyond. May God give hold all of you in His loving arms and give you strength."*

*Love,  
Sylvia*

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**Sylvia Mason** - March 25, 2015 at 09:23 AM

RD

“ *My sympathy and prayers go out to the Bradshaw Family. Willie was a great coach and a good man. He and I coached against each other, but games never interfered with our friend ship. Willie touched so many young lives and they were better because of him. God bless you the family, and all his many friends. He will be missed!*

*Reid Davis*

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**Reid Davis** - March 25, 2015 at 09:05 AM

DE

“ I was saddened to hear about the passing of Coach Bradshaw. He was kind, hard but fair. He was always there for you in the good and even your worse times. A true mentor. Farewell Coach and thanks for all that you did for me.

*Darvin Ezell*

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**Darvin Ezell** - March 25, 2015 at 08:13 AM

MT

“ Shirley, Natalyn and the Bradshaw Family:

*I was very saddened to hear about your loss of Willie.*



*I had the wonderful privilege of knowing and working with your husband/father for almost 30 years when he served as DPS AD and as a member of the Durham County Stadium Authority, while I was the Durham County Director of General Services. He was a true gentleman and community leader in every sense of the word. I will always remember him for his professionalism, great sense of humor and contagious smile.*

*May GOD hold you in his hands and comfort you during this great time of loss.*

*Mike Turner,  
Former - Director of General Services (1981-2010)*

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**Michael Turner** - March 25, 2015 at 06:20 AM

BB

“ To the Bradshaw Family. I remember Coach Bradshaw when I was a student at Hillside High School. He was a very kind and humble person. He would always ask how was the family whenever I would run into him. God loves a beautiful garden, he always picks the most beautiful flower that he created. I pray God's blessing and healing upon you all.  
Brenda Boyd



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**Brenda Boyd** - March 24, 2015 at 10:58 PM

LK

“ I became acquainted with coach Bradshaw in January 1968 when I bought a house next door in the Highland Heights community of Durham. We were neighbors for the next twelve years and we had quite a time competing for the best looking lawn on the lower end of Uzzle Street. Coach Bradshaw and Shirley attended our wedding in June 1980.

*I was not an athlete, but I learned of his high caliber teaching and coaching skills from friends who were his former students at Lincoln High School in Chapel Hill and Hillside High School in Durham. I was impressed by his personal appearance, bearing and authoritative nature.*

*Coach Bradshaw set a standard not likely to be equaled. Our condolences are extended to his family.*

*Linwood and Alice T. Keith  
4505 Valley forge Road  
Durham, NC 27707*

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**Linwood Keith** - March 24, 2015 at 06:56 PM

WW

“ So sorry to hear the sad news about Coach Bradshaw. As one of the few white players to play basketball at Hillside in the early 70's, you could always count on Coach Brad to be tough, but fair. He took pride in his fierce demeanor, but there was usually a twinkle in his eye when you got past the rough facade. I ran into Coach and Mrs. Bradshaw at the Angus Barn over Christmas several years ago and it was great to see him. i will cherish his memory as I'm sure all his family will.

---Win Walker, HHS '74

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**Win Walker** - March 24, 2015 at 04:03 PM