



Albert Lee Crow

July 20, 1932 - September 12, 2019

Albert "Al" Lee Crow, 87, of Manassas, Virginia departed his life on this earth on Thursday, September 12, 2019.

He was the son of the late Archie Campbell Crow and Emma Julia Sawyer Crow, born on July 20, 1932.

On May 22, 1954, he married his beloved wife, Nevia Ellen Turner of Fulks Run, Virginia.

He graduated from Porlock High School in 1950, and then attended Staunton Military Academy for one year. Following that, he received a four-year athletic scholarship to The College of William and Mary in football. His career was interrupted as a result of being drafted into the Army during the Korean Conflict.

He returned to William and Mary and completed his Bachelor of Science and Masters of Education in Physical Education.

Al was fortunate enough to have the opportunity to play Professional Football for the New York Giants, Buffalo Bills, and the Boston Patriots prior to beginning his lifelong career in education.

Al was a Physical Education teacher, Driver's Ed Instructor, Coach of Football, Baseball, Wrestling, and Track before being named the Athletic Director of Osbourn High School.

When Osbourn Park High School opened, he became their first Activities Director and enjoyed a successful career there until his retirement in 1991. He was honored by the school naming the football stadium Al Crow Stadium.

After retirement, Mr. and Mrs. Crow enjoyed eleven years on the Mission field in East Africa. He and Mrs. Crow have been active members of Manassas Baptist Church since 1961 serving as Deacons, Sunday School Teachers, Scout Leaders and many other roles.

He is survived by his wife of 65 years, Nevia; his son Scott (Sandy) Crow; grandsons, Joshua and Matthew Crow; a great grandson, Greyson Crow; brothers Billy (Judi) Crow and Frank (Linda) Crow; and numerous nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his sister Linda Crow Robinson.

A Celebration of Al's life will be held at Manassas Baptist Church on Saturday, September 21, at 11:00am.

In lieu of flowers, friends may make a donation in Al's name to the Manassas Baptist Church Mission Fund, 8730 Sudley Rd, Manassas VA, 20110.

Events

SEP **Memorial Service** 11:00AM
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Manassas Baptist Church
8800 Sudley Road, Manassas, VA, US, 20110

Comments



“ Coach Crow taught my 9th grade PE class. He turned the class into a team where we learned to accept people as they were. Nothing influenced my future at OPHS more than Coach Crow's 9th grade PE class. I found lifelong friends there and learned a lot about life. Thanks Coach!

F. Wesley Shortridge - September 17, 2019 at 04:46 PM



“ So sorry to hear of Coach Crow's passing. What a great man he was. He was a positive influence on thousands of young people who grew up better because of him. He didn't know much about wrestling, but without him we would NOT have had a wrestling team. Thank you Coach!

Bill Iddings - September 17, 2019 at 10:09 AM



“ So sorry for your loss. Al Crow had an impact on every life he touched. Our children played sports at Osborn Park. He was at every activity they participated in. He was such a positive influence in their lives. Two are educators in Prince William County. The other is in law enforcement and a coach. Al's influence was far reaching as well as the other wonderful teachers at OP. He shall be missed, but never forgotten. The Linder family.

Patricia Linder - September 16, 2019 at 07:50 PM



“ Rest in peace sweet soul. I hope to hold your hand again some day. Until then, may God hold you in the palm of His hand. Love you. Mary Evans

Mary Evans - September 16, 2019 at 04:43 PM



“ Al Crow was a great person to know and work with. He was always positive and supportive. Osbourn Park was fortunate to have him as a teacher. coach, and athletic director. He was a great example for students and teaching staff alike. I know I certainly benefited from his advice and support in my years at O.P. My wife and I send our condolences to Nevia, Scott, and family. Chuck & Carola Hornfeck

Chuck Hornfeck - September 15, 2019 at 07:01 PM



“ Big Al, there aren't enough words to describe you!!! You are truly one of a kind, a leader, a gentle giant, a caring loving man, willing to help anyone who needed you. I cherish the memories of working with you, and Jim. We had a ball. I shall never forget you and the years of laughter we shared. YOU WILL BE MISSED!!!

Peggy - September 15, 2019 at 02:58 PM



“ I fondly remember Coach Crow from Osbourn High from 66-70. He was a truly great mentor and role model for those of us that were blessed with his leadership. I recall one day during gym class in the 67-68 school year when we had a great laugh with the Coach. We were on the track near the football field and class was finishing up. We headed (running) toward the gym. Tommy Miller and I were just behind the Coach and we yelled to him to "look out for the ditch" that was just ahead. He turned toward us and I can almost hear his mellow voice in response saying....."WHAT!" , and at the same time he turned to look at us. That was precisely as he came to the ditch that he hadn't seen. Coach went down like a tree and we all nearly cried laughing...Coach included. I remember that like it was yesterday. It is the same memory as this wonderful gentleman's always kind and honest demeanor. He will be missed by everyone that ever knew him. My sincere condolences to the family and his many friends.

Randy Leonard

Randy Leonard - September 14, 2019 at 06:09 PM



“ Randy you are so right Coach Crow was a great mentor,gentle giant of a man. He was a good friend of my uncle Eddie Nelson who was also a coach at Oshbourn who was also a great man as well they were partners in crime lol.Coach will be missed greatly ,fond memories of seeing Coach Crow and his wife at Panera's at Westgate In recent months.My thoughts and prayers go out to the family and friends.It brought back memories with the mention of my brother Tommy Miller I remember you guys as good friends.

David Miller

David Miller - September 14, 2019 at 11:11 PM



“ What a dear gentle soul was Al. He was always so supportive and caring. My condolences to his family.

Carmela Dougherty

Carmela Dougherty - September 14, 2019 at 02:41 PM



“ A great many, great memories for so many... parents, teachers and particularly students!

Thanks Coach.

Hal Parrish

Hal Parrish - September 14, 2019 at 01:14 PM



“ Coach Crow and I worked together for many years at Osbourn and Osbourn Park. He was the best Athletic Director any coach could ever have. Always so fair and helpful to all his coaches both male and female. I am so sad that I will be in South Carolina the day of his service, but please know that the Crow family will be in my thoughts and prayers.

RIP in AI.....your work here is done and you did it well.

Love and hugs to the Crow family.

Nancy Huff

Nancy Huff - September 14, 2019 at 09:00 AM



“ Al Crow lived a full and rewarding life, giving so selflessly to others through education and ministry. He will assuredly be missed by family, friends, and so many in his community. Our deepest heartfelt sympathies to Nevia, Scott, Sandy, Matt, Josh, Greyson and all family members, friends mourning the loss of this great man.

Debara Bruggeman - September 14, 2019 at 08:17 AM



“ Thanks, Sis!

Sandy - September 14, 2019 at 10:32 AM



“ My Sympathy to the Crow family.
I remember Coach Crow from when I was a student at Osbourn Park High School. All the students liked him very much and he was well respected as he was a good man.

May he Rest in Heavenly Peace

Connie Pennington Class of 1980

Connie Pennington - September 13, 2019 at 09:29 PM



“ My brother, AC, was class of 1967 from OH. Coach Crow was his gym teacher. One cold day AC wore long johns under his gym uniform. Coach Crow told him to wear them they had to be the same color as his gym uniform. AC got dye on his way home and ask our Mom to dye his long johns. The next day all Coach Crow could do was shake his head. I was the class of 1988 from OP. One day AC came and picked me up from practice. He ran into Coach Crow and he remember AC and the long johns. Coach asked if he was there to pick up his child. My brother laughed and said no my sister.I saw Coach several years ago in Fulks Run where I now live. I was shocked to see him.That is when learn he had family in the area. Coach Crow manage to survive 3 other siblings that went to OH and OP. I'm sure we all have great memories.

Dawn Murray Tusing - September 13, 2019 at 09:22 PM



“ Hey I knew AC - loved him. Where is he???

Ruth Willis - September 13, 2019 at 10:50 PM



“ I know him too and I am sad to say if it is the same AC he oassed away a couple of years ago in Virginia.

Julie Holtzer, Bryan and Ben - September 13, 2019 at 11:54 PM



“ AC Beard? Afred Calberts Beard?

Julie Holtzer, Bryan and Ben - September 13, 2019 at 11:57 PM



“ Love this story!!

Sandy Binley Crow - September 14, 2019 at 06:41 AM



“ Osbourn High, in the 1960s was unimaginable without Al Crow. Such a wonderful human being. Rest In Peace, dear fellow.

Wilkie - September 13, 2019 at 09:22 PM



“ My deepest sympathy to the Crow family I remember him at Osbourn in the early 60's as a coach and phys ed teacher. RIP Al.

John Brewer - September 13, 2019 at 09:03 PM



“ Al was a great man to know and very faithful in his church and his church family. Al will be missed alot. This is a sad day for us who knows him.



Crystal Jacobs - September 13, 2019 at 09:01 PM



“ Our deepest sympathy to the Crow family.

Maury & Vera Gerson - September 13, 2019 at 08:44 PM



“ Al was always ready to help. He was steady hand, when the world was not too steady. When his brother in law fell ill, he gave guidance. And he became a strong and ready rudder, for me, when his nephew died so swiftly and suddenly, he gave me consul. Al was always a gentle giant with so much love and tenderness. I will miss you, we will miss you...Godspeed Al, you were a shining example of God's good works. We will be less without you.

Nancy Kupec - September 13, 2019 at 06:37 PM



“ To the Crow family, I am so sorry for your loss. I was fortunate to have had Al ("Coach") Crow as a coach, mentor and friend for 5 years at the old Osbourn High School. As good a coach as he was, he was an even better role model for me and many other young men.

Steve Unthank class of 1966

Stephen Unthank - September 13, 2019 at 06:31 PM



“ To the Crow family, I'm so sorry to hear of Coach Crow's passing. He was my driver's ed teacher at Osbourn Park High School in '78-'79.

Paula - September 13, 2019 at 08:34 PM



“ Rest peacefully, my sweet Pop. I am so blessed to have your name. You were the best man I've known and my memories with you will gladden my heart forever.

Sandy Binley Crow - September 13, 2019 at 05:21 PM



“ Mrs. Crow and Scott and family, just so sad to hear this. Coach Crow was the best of the best!! Please know my love and prayers are with you all

Grace (Dunaway) Bast - September 13, 2019 at 05:16 PM