



## Rodney Clyde Colson

August 20, 2010

COLSON, Rodney Clyde, 85, of Plant City, Florida, departed this life on August 20, 2010. He was a Hillsborough County Educator, Coach, Assistant Superintendent, school and park namesake, Commissioner, and a beloved husband and father. He was born in Plant City to the late Pauline and Clyde Colson, and lived in the Plant City area for the majority of his life until moving 8 years ago to The Estates of Carpenters in Lakeland. He is survived by the love of his life, best friend and wife of 55 years Jackie; son Clay; sisters Carmen Walker and Ebbie Hamilton (Rollie); nephews Travis and Wally Walker, and Ted Whitaker; and nieces Sheila Whitaker and Sonja Mizell (Kenny). A Celebration of Life will be held at Plant City's First Baptist Church, 503 N. Palmer Road on Tuesday, September 7 at 12:00 P.M., where the family will receive friends beginning at 10:00 A.M. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to the Rodney Colson Elementary School Library, 1520 Lakeview Avenue, Seffner, FL 33584. Expressions of condolence at [www.hopewellfuneral.com](http://www.hopewellfuneral.com).

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“ Dearest Jackie, A lot of people are sharing in your loss. Wanted to let you know that he was one of my heros since the 7th grade at Pinecrest. He was a prince of a fellow and always had that beautiful smile. God bless you and Clay. Mac & Patty Clements##imported-begin##Mac & Patty Sumner Clements##imported-end##

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“ Jackie, We were sorry to hear about Rodney. Our thoughts and prayers are with you and your family at this very sad time. God Bless you. Ray & Alma##imported-begin##Ray & Alma Collins##imported-end##

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“ Sorry to hear about Rodney, I know he will be greatly missed. I am from the first graduating class he had at Pinecrest High School in 1959.##imported-begin##Terry Hutcheson##imported-end##

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“ My heartfelt condolences go out to the Colson family. Mr. Colson will be greatly missed by all here at Colson Elementary.##imported-begin##Emilsa Guillot##imported-end##

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“ So sorry to hear of your loss. Celebrate all the awesome memories and remember all the wonderful things this fine man did for so many people. God bless you all~ Lisa Camp Martin on behalf of myself and the Clay Turner family.##imported-begin##Lisa Camp Martin##imported-end##

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“ My deepest sympathy to you, Jackie.##imported-begin##Louise Michal##imported-end##

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“ My sincere condolences to the family of our school's namesake: Rodney Colson. I had the pleasure of meeting him once and introducing my current class to him. He was a once in a lifetime gentleman. It was a great pleasure to get to spend this time with him. He was quite knowledgeable and loving to myself and the children. We will miss him.##imported-begin##Karen Prentice##imported-end##

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“ As the principal of Rodney Colson Elementary I would like to extend our condolences and say how proud we are to be named after such a wonderful gentleman. Our thoughts and prayers go out to Mrs. Colson and the rest of his family.##imported-begin##Karen Lynch##imported-end##

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“ Jackie, Clay, Carmen, Ebbie and all of Rodney's family, You are all in our many thought & prayers. Hope it helps to know that we too loved Rodney & share in your grief! May all of your wonderful memories help to bring you great comfort in the days, months ahead! Much love hugs and prayers.##imported-begin##Sam and Carol Conrad##imported-end##

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“ Thank you, Rodney, for being my friend and mentor. As my coach you inspired me to never quit. To Coach's family, please accept my deepest sympathy.Bobby Pinson,Captain Class of '56.##imported-begin##Bobby Pinson##imported-end##

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“ Decades since last seeing him I remember what an exceptional person he was. And in the decades ahead, family, friends and former students will be treasuring their memories of Rodney Colson.##imported-begin##Ed Pyle##imported-end##

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“ DEAR JACKIE AND FAMILY, I SUCCESSFULLY RAN FOR THE COUNTY COMMISSION WHEN RODNEY LEFT IN 1991.HE LEFT WITH LARGE SHOES TO FILL AS A COMMISSIONER AND AN EDUCATOR,I WAS PROUD TO HAVE SUCCEDED HIM. YOU AND YOR FAMILY CAN BE MOST ASSURED THAT HIS LIFE MADE A POSITIVE DIFFERENCE IN OUR COMMUNITY. JOE CHILLURA###imported-begin###JOE CHILLURA###imported-end##

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“ Mr Colson was one of the finest gentleman I have ever known. He will always be remembered as "our coach" our days at Pinecrest was the greatest. We all loved him and will miss him! Annie (Ash} McTavish###imported-begin###Annie Ash McTavish###imported-end##

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“ so sorry to read about Rodney. He was a very good person, fair and balanced in his dealing with his fellow man and workers. Helped with the FFA. Clay will not forget that, I am sure.###imported-begin###Donald & Juanita Vaughan###imported-end##

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“ Rodney will not be forgotten, nor will your faithfulness Jackie. Celebrate his life and know he is at peace.###imported-begin###Stan & Charlotte Anthony###imported-end##

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“ My heart goes out to the family. Mr Colson was a real gentleman and a person that I always looked up to. This town will not be the same without you. I am so sad to say "Good Bye Rodney". We will miss you very much.##imported-begin##Ferris Waller##imported-end##

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“ My thoughts and prayers go out to all of Mr. Colson's family and friends. He will be missed and remembered.##imported-begin##Janet Wester##imported-end##

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“ I am so sorry for the loss of a fine man. My thoughts of him ran from him playing baseball at Atlantic Steel for my Father, who was manager, to my high school days at Sylvan where Mr. Colson was my baseball coach.##imported-begin##Max Mayfield##imported-end##

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