



## Coach Jim Buist

April 6, 1930 - February 22, 2012

### Coach Jim Buist

North Augusta, SC—Funeral Services for Mr. Samuel J. “Jim” Buist, 81, of Fairfield Avenue, North Augusta, SC, who entered into rest February 22, 2012, will be conducted Saturday morning at 11 o’clock from the Grace United Methodist Church. Rev. James D. Dennis, Jr., Dr. John M. Younginer, Jr. and Dr. John M. Newell, III, officiating. Interment in Pineview Memorial Park with Veterans Honors.

Mr. Buist was a native of Blackville, SC, having made North Augusta his home for the past 55 years and was the husband of the late Mrs. Anne Wells Buist. He was a member Grace United Methodist Church where he served as an Usher, Chairman of the Grace Lake Thurmond Site and a member of the Stillwell Sunday School Class and the United Methodist Men. Mr. Buist was a 1952 Graduate of Clemson University and received his Master’s Degree in 1956 from the University of South Carolina. He was a US Army Veteran of the Korean War and retired from the US Army Reserves with the Rank of Colonel. Coach Buist taught Chemistry and was a Football Coach at North Augusta High School from 1957 until his retirement in 1985. Following his retirement, he taught and coached at St. Angela Academy, Wardlaw Academy and Curtis Baptist School. He was the recipient of the 1983 Sertoma Service to Mankind Award and in 2009 was inducted into the North Augusta Sports Hall of Fame. Survivors include three sons and daughters -in- law, Dr. Robert Buist and his wife Cindy, Chris Buist and his wife Michelle, and John C. Buist, all of North

Augusta; a sister, Jean Landrum, Tega Cay, SC; four grandchildren, Andrew Buist, Walker Buist, Christy Anne Buist and Mattie Buist.

Pallbearers will be Charles Buist, Danny Bishop, Sammy Anderson, Dick Day, Dr. Billy Thurmond and Mickey Derrick.

The family will receive friends at the funeral home Friday evening from 6 until 8.

Memorials may be to the Grace United Methodist Church Building Fund, 639 Georgia Avenue, North Augusta, SC 29841. Posey Funeral Directors of North Augusta in charge of arrangements (803.278.1181). Visit the registry online at [www.poseyfuneraldirectors.com](http://www.poseyfuneraldirectors.com)

# Cemetery Details

## Pineview Memorial Park

450 West Five Notch Road  
North Augusta, SC 29841

# Previous Events

## Visitation

FEB **24**. 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Posey Funeral Directors  
1307 Georgia Avenue  
North Augusta, SC

## Service

FEB **25**. 11:00 AM (ET)

Grace United Methodist Church  
639 Georgia Ave  
North Augusta, SC

# Tribute Wall



“ Posey Funeral Directors created a Tribute Video in memory of Coach Jim Buist



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**Posey Funeral Directors** - February 22, 2012 at 12:00 AM



“ Coach Jim Buist

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October 06, 2023 at 06:29 AM



“ Coach Jim Buist

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September 24, 2022 at 12:12 PM



“ this man was the best man in the world he is like me grandpa

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**derrick emeson** - February 26, 2012 at 04:17 PM



“ Jim Buist was a wonderful teacher, smart, funny, and greatly loved by all his students--an incredible human being.

Judi Cheek, "61

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**Judi Cheek** - February 24, 2012 at 01:37 PM

FH

“ *My God Be with the family of Jim Buist. With love and sympathy, Frankie & Jerry, Taylor & Bryce.*

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**Frances Felder Howell** - February 24, 2012 at 09:40 AM

PM

“ *Coach Buist taught my sister Chemistry in the early 60's, and taught me Chemistry in the late 70's. He was a kind and compassionate teacher, and will be sorely missed.*

*Philip Moore*

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**Philip C. Moore** - February 24, 2012 at 08:21 AM

SG

“ *Coach Buist was a dignified man who conducted his life with quiet courage and selfless integrity. He was a dedicated teacher and coach, who often dispensed his wisdom with rapid and unsurpassed wit. He was a great and humble man who touched the lives of many.*

*Steve Griffin*

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**Stephen O. Griffin** - February 24, 2012 at 07:55 AM

WG

“ *We were neighbors of the Buists when I was little. I stepped on a bee in their yard one day and it stung my foot. Coach put me in a wheelbarrow and pushed me home. My condolences to Robert, Chris and John. Your dad was a special man who positively affected a lot of lives.*

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**Will Graybill** - February 24, 2012 at 06:50 AM

MM

“ I didn't take chemistry or play any sports. Coach did talk to me on occasion. Usually telling me to quit clowning around and get to class. A wonderful man, teacher, coach, and father. RIP Coach.

Mark J Moody - February 23, 2012 at 09:11 PM

DG

“ My mother (Ada Stillwell) and I send the Buist family our deepest sympathy. Mr. Buist was a long-time neighbor, teacher, coach, colleague, and friend. His devotion to his Lord, his family, and his calling as an educator were strengths and guideposts of his life. He lived his faith and acted when many simply talked or waited. All of you are in our thoughts and prayers.

Dee Stillwell Gulledge

Dee Stillwell Gulledge - February 23, 2012 at 08:54 PM

BB

“ I will always remember very fondly Coach Buist's memory. Words cannot express ... Robert, Chris, and John my thoughts and prayers are with you all..  
Brooks Bryan



Brooks Bryan - February 23, 2012 at 08:08 PM

SC

“ Susan Cliett lit a candle in memory of Coach Jim Buist



Susan Cliett - February 23, 2012 at 07:58 PM

LM

“ There are not words to express my sadness over the death of Coach Buist. Coach, they don't make 'em like you anymore. Not only did you give me knowledge I'll carry throughout my life, but you gave me wonderful memories of laughter and fun times in your class that will also be carried throughout my life. Thank you!

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**Lisa Nelms Murphy** - February 23, 2012 at 06:35 PM

BC

What a helluva "Coach" he was , and always will be. He may have never been Head Coach" at NASH , but he would have would have shown Morris a thing or two. Coach Buist commanded respect and received it, period. Not a better man , nor coach has ever passed through the doors at NASH. And a darned goo biology teacher at that!

*B. Kevin Counsell*

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**B. Kevin Counsell** - February 23, 2012 at 06:47 PM



“ I have such fond memories of Coach Buist. RIP and know that friends are missing you and praying for those that you have left behind.

*Jeri Browder Austin and Staci Browder Britt*

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February 23, 2012 at 05:00 PM

KC

“ K. Janice Koss Cook sent a virtual gift in memory of Coach Jim Buist



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**K. Janice Koss Cook** - February 23, 2012 at 04:55 PM

KC

*Coach we're going to miss you every morning at the Waffle House doing your crossword puzzles. You were an inspiration to me, especially during this past year while my son was on the front line of battle in Afghanistan. I know God heard your prayers for my son when you prayed. You were concerned about him in his treatment in the wounded warrior program when he returned. I know that you are in the loving arms of our Lord and Savior.*

**K. Janice Koss Cook** - February 23, 2012 at 05:02 PM

KC

“ *K. Janice Koss Cook lit a candle in memory of Coach Jim Buist*



**K. Janice Koss Cook** - February 23, 2012 at 04:53 PM

ML

“ *NASH Class of 81 - he was my chemistry teacher and such a sweet man with a sharp sense of humor. He called me Yank and would have me read out loud to the class and then poke fun at how I pronounced certain words. I saw him last year while I was in town at Sunrise Breakfast - he had such a big presence and warm smile. Prayers and kind thoughts to his family. Michelle Long*

**Michelle Long** - February 23, 2012 at 04:03 PM

CH

“ Oh, I am so sorry. My blessings and prayers of peace to the family. Coach used to call me Bucketmouth Hewitt because of all the time he spent answering my questions on chemistry and even took the time to teach me football so I could use the the proper cheer for the football teams. I loved him dearly as a Teacher and he was one of the few who genuinely cared for his students. My deepest regards to the Family.  
Cherie Hewitt



Cherie Hewitt - February 23, 2012 at 03:12 PM

AN

“ Our middle school did not have a football team, so Coach Buist let me come out and play for the high school. He was my coach for 5 years! A lot of memories and stories. As I get older, I believe the fog has finally lifted... Thanks to you! Rest in Peace Coach!

Anonymous - February 23, 2012 at 02:13 PM



“ As people go through life, they are only so lucky if they can be touch by a single soul that makes a difference in one's life. Coach Buist was that soul for me. Growing up just up the street from the Buist family I knew them well. Going to high school I was fortunate to be able to be coached by Coach Buist and was part of the last of many undefeated JV teams. There will always be a special place in my heart for the greatest coach I have ever known!!!

February 23, 2012 at 11:43 AM



“ Coach Buist was one of the "Rocks" upon which many of laid the foundation of our lives. A truly fine man, an outstanding "life" coach and teacher. He meant so much to all of us at North Augusta High School. I have many fond memories of the fun we had in his Chemistry class. He was not an overly ostentacious man, but quietly from just off-stage he kept life events on track for so many of us. He guided us through the critical formative years of our life, and helped us all to chose the correct path. My prayers go out to all his family, he will be remembered often and missed by all that knew him.

*Mell Cunningham  
(N.A. class of 62)*

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**Mell Cunningham** - February 23, 2012 at 10:17 AM

MD

“ Taught me more chemistry than I learned anywhere else.

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**Mike DeGennaro** - February 23, 2012 at 09:53 AM

CW

“ Coach Buist was responsible for getting me a football scholarship, as it was his idea to move me (a baseball player) to QB, when we needed one. "You have a chance to get a "ride" if you play QB, because of the exposure." "Brilliant!" I responded, imitating him, as "brilliant" was one of his sarcastic expressions he used when one of us would not do right. His dry wit and low key approach to any situation exuded a calm over all of us. I loved Coach Buist... a true gentleman: humble, committed and never took himself too seriously... a mentor.

*Charlie Waters*

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**Charles T. Waters** - February 23, 2012 at 09:44 AM

JD

“ Coach Buist was a great coach and teacher but a better man. I am so thankful that I had an opportunity to play for Coach Buist. There is seldom a day that goes by that I don't think of a funny or teachable moment from Coach Buist.

*Jolly Doolittle*

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**Jolly Doolittle** - February 23, 2012 at 08:13 AM

JG

“ Our thoughts and prayers go out to Chris, John and Robert and their families. My brother and I had the pleasure to play for Coach Buist. I also later coached under him at Wardlaw. He was like a father to both of us. Unfortunately, I had not seen him in years but, when I heard the news it hit me like a ton of bricks. There is not a day that goes by that I don't think about him and all that he taught us. Without him I don't know where my life would be. RIP Coach Buist. I hope you know how much you meant to everyone.

*James Gregory*

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**James M. Gregory** - February 22, 2012 at 08:19 PM

WD

“ My prayers go to Coach Buist's Family. He had a great influence on my life and I'll always cherish the memories of the many hours we spent on and off the football field, but especially the guidance he provided me on life's challenges and the encouragement to follow my dreams.

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**Wally Dill** - February 22, 2012 at 07:12 PM

BA

*My thoughts and prayers go out to Coach's family....Coach Buist had so much impact on my life. The days spent with him at Wardlaw Academy will always be special to me. The football practices and games I coached with him bring great memories to me. I feel so blessed to have seen and spoke to Coach about 3 weeks ago. I was at fellow coach Dan Watson's funeral....It had been 20 years since I had seen Coach Buist. I thank God for that time we talked 3 weeks ago.! The one thing I will always remember and think of when speaking about Coach Buist is how he treated people and especially the young men he coached. I will miss you Coach! God bless you!*

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**Billy Amick** - February 22, 2012 at 07:23 PM

JJ

*I feel honored to have been in North Augusta High School when he was there, as well as have him teach my son in high school. He was a kind, quiet, gracious man and will truly be missed. I know he is happy to be with his wife in heaven. My prayers and thoughts go out to his family.*

*Judy Adams Jackson*

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**Judy Adams Jackson** - February 23, 2012 at 10:33 AM

CM

*“ I have so many fond memories of Coach Buist at NAHS in the late 70s. He made class interesting and fun... RIP "Jolly Jim"...*

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**Cindy Miller McNeill** - February 22, 2012 at 05:17 PM

MB

*“ My condolences to the entire Buist family.*

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**Michael Bultman** - February 22, 2012 at 04:29 PM