



Frank Broyles

December 26, 1924 - August 14, 2017

John Franklin Broyles (Dec. 26, 1924 – Aug. 14, 2017) Frank Broyles always said he lived a charmed life, and it was true. He leaves behind a multitude of legacies certain never to be replicated. Whether it was his unparalleled career in college athletics, as an athlete, coach, athletics administrator and broadcaster, or his tireless work in the fourth quarter of his life as an Alzheimer's advocate, his passion was always the catalyst for changing the world around him for the better. He felt he was blessed to work for more than 55 years in the only job he ever wanted, first as head football coach and then as athletic director at the University of Arkansas. An optimist and a visionary who looked at life with an attitude of gratitude, Broyles lived life to the fullest for 92 years, almost 60 of them in his adopted state of Arkansas. To all who knew him, including thousands of Razorback fans who never met him, he was Coach Broyles, ambassador to the Razorback Nation and the state of Arkansas. To countless others, he was an advocate for caregivers around the world.

Coach Broyles, 92, died from complications of Alzheimer's disease, on August 14, 2017. A man of faith and a true Southern gentleman, Coach Broyles was a native of Decatur, Ga., but adopted Arkansas as his home in December 1957, when he became the head football coach for the University of Arkansas. He leaves an unmatched legacy of more than five decades of service to the University of Arkansas, the Razorback athletic program, and Arkansas. Born Dec., 1924, to O.T. and Mary Louise Solms Broyles in Atlanta, Broyles was the youngest of five children and was a three-sport athlete throughout high school and college. He received a B.S. degree in industrial management from Georgia Tech University in 1947, where he lettered in football, basketball and baseball and set numerous records as quarterback of the Yellow Jacket football team. He led the Yellow Jackets to four football bowl appearances, was twice All-SEC and was the 1944 SEC Player of the Year. He joined the U.S. Navy Reserve in 1942 just prior to his 18th birthday. While still at Georgia Tech, he was activated in early 1945 and served until the spring of 1946. In 1945, he married his high school sweetheart, Barbara Day, who remained his sweetheart until 2004, when she died from complications of Alzheimer's disease. Coach Broyles and Barbara had four sons, Jack (Janet) Broyles, Hank (Mary Bassett) Broyles, Dan (Debra) Broyles and Tommy (Tisha) Broyles; twin daughters, Betsy (David) Arnold and Linda (Jim) Mayes; 17 grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren. In December

2005, Broyles married the former Gen Whitehead of Fayetteville, doubling the size of his family to include Gen's seven children, Bruun (Kim Willis) Whitehead, Kathleen (George) Paulson, Eric (Jennifer) Whitehead, Joan (John) Threet, Ruth (Kevin) Trainor, Ted (Kelley) Whitehead and Philip (Kamron) Whitehead, as well as 13 grandchildren. Additionally, he is survived by his sister, Louise Broyles Ferguson of Cornelia, Ga., and numerous nieces and nephews. Broyles was preceded in death by his parents and three brothers (O.T. Broyles Jr., Charles Edward Broyles and Bill Broyles). Following his graduation from Georgia Tech, Broyles was drafted in three sports, baseball, basketball and football, but he turned down professional offers to become an assistant football coach for Bob Woodruff at Baylor. After three years in Waco, he moved with Woodruff to Florida. A year later, Coach Bobby Dodd hired Broyles as the offensive backfield coach at Georgia Tech, and the team promptly rolled to a 31-game winning streak. In 1957, Broyles was named head football coach at the University of Missouri where he served one season before receiving an offer from UA Athletic Director John Barnhill to come to the University of Arkansas. Broyles arrived in Fayetteville in December 1957, beginning a more than five-decade affiliation with the University of Arkansas and the Razorbacks as a coach and athletics administrator. In 19 seasons (1958-76) as the Razorbacks' head football coach, Broyles amassed a record of 144-58-5, seven Southwest Conference (SWC) titles, 10 bowl bids, 20 All-Americans and 88 All-SWC selections. In 1964, Broyles led the Razorback football team to an undefeated season that culminated in a 10-7 win over Nebraska in the Cotton Bowl. The National Championship was awarded to the Razorbacks by the Football Writers Association of America (FWAA) following the bowl games. The Cotton Bowl was part of a school record 22-game winning streak launched in the final game of the 1963 season and ending in the 1966 Cotton Bowl. In 1973, Broyles was named UA Director of Athletics, a title he balanced with his head coaching duties until 1976 when he retired as Razorback head coach. Soon after his retirement from coaching and while still serving as athletics director, Broyles made a move to the broadcasting booth working alongside legendary sports announcer Keith Jackson with ABC's college football coverage for nine years. During his 34 ½ years as Athletic Director (1973-2007), Broyles transformed the Razorbacks from a program competitive primarily in football to one of the most successful all-sports programs in the nation. His vision and leadership was the driving force behind the University of Arkansas moving to the Southeastern Conference (SEC) in 1990. The move set the stage for the program's growth and future success while dramatically changing the landscape of intercollegiate athletics. Arkansas won 43 national titles, 57 SWC titles, and 48 SEC titles, and the football team went to 22 bowl games during his tenure as athletic director. Broyles worked tirelessly to build and renovate athletic venues including Bud Walton Arena, Donald W. Reynolds Razorback Stadium, Baum Stadium at George Cole Field, John McDonnell Field and the Mary B. and Fred W. Smith Razorback Golf Center. Following his tenure as athletic director, Broyles

continued to serve the program at the Razorback Foundation (2008-14). Broyles garnered numerous prestigious awards throughout his career and was inducted into more than a dozen Halls of Fame. A member of the inaugural class of the UA Sports Hall of Honor, he was inducted into the College Football Hall of Fame in 1983. He is also a member of the Arkansas Sports Hall of Fame, Cotton Bowl Hall of Fame, Gator Bowl Hall of Fame, Georgia Tech Hall of Fame, Orange Bowl Hall of Fame, National Association of Collegiate Directors of Athletics Hall of Fame, SWC Hall of Fame and the State of Georgia Hall of Fame among others. Broyles was honored by the National Football Foundation as the 2000 recipient of the John L. Toner Award for outstanding achievement as an athletic director. The Arkansas Democrat-Gazette named him the most influential figure in athletics in the state during the 20th century. Broyles was active in the Fellowship of Christian Athletes, including serving as its chairman from 1971-73 and later being named as a Lifetime Trustee of the organization. In 1996, the Broyles Award was created in recognition of his long-standing history of developing successful assistant coaches. The Broyles Award is given annually to college football's top assistant coach. In 2007, the field at Donald W. Reynolds Razorback Stadium was dedicated as Frank Broyles Field. In 2013, a bronze statue of him was dedicated in front of the Broyles Athletic Center, the athletics administration building which also bears his name. In 1982, Coach Broyles chaired the "Campaign for Books" at the University of Arkansas, and more than 100,000 volumes were added to the University Libraries. He was co-chair of the Campaign for the Twenty-First Century that raised \$1.046 billion for the university and has been a generous personal benefactor to the university's academic programs. In 2015, Broyles earned an honorary Doctor of Humane Letters degree from the University of Arkansas. Broyles was an avid golfer and a member of the Augusta National Golf Club in Augusta, Ga., for more than a half-century. Seven times Broyles hosted the awards ceremony at the Masters, including presenting the coveted "Green Jacket" to such legendary golfers as Jack Nicklaus and Gary Player. In 1982, Broyles appeared in the TV miniseries "The Blue and The Gray." Broyles played the doctor who pronounced President Abraham Lincoln (played by Gregory Peck) dead after being shot at Ford's Theater. Beyond his professional career in athletics, Broyles' second legacy is his personal commitment to improving the quality of life for those suffering from Alzheimer's disease and their loved ones. In 2006, Coach Broyles established the Barbara Broyles Legacy, later becoming the Frank & Barbara Broyles Legacy Foundation. From 2005-10, Coach Broyles appeared before governmental agencies in Washington, D.C., and served on the White House Council on Aging. He spoke throughout the country at countless events and seminars on behalf of the Alzheimer's Association, as well as private eldercare organizations. In 2006, he turned his energies toward the publication and national distribution of a guidebook for caregivers, entitled "Coach Broyles' Playbook for Alzheimer's Caregivers" which is based on his family's personal experience caring for his first wife, Barbara Day, in their home. To date,

more than one million copies of the playbook have been distributed. A private family burial will be held at Fairview Memorial Gardens in Fayetteville. A Celebration of the Life of Coach Broyles will be held this Saturday, August 19 at 2 p.m. at Bud Walton Arena on the University of Arkansas campus. The celebration is open to the public. In lieu of flowers, the family requests contributions may be made to the Frank & Barbara Broyles Foundation (BroylesFoundation.org) or Central United Methodist Church in Fayetteville. To sign the online guest book please visit www.nelsonberna.com

Comments



“ Great man loved playing for him

Jerry Bailey - October 01, 2017 at 12:00 AM



“ Gen, I am so sorry for your loss. You have survived two wonderful husbands --- your heart is full. I have prayers for you and I know that you will find peace and comfort in your family and loved ones. You are an extraordinary women I am grateful I have known you. Love, Josey

August 23, 2017 at 12:00 AM



“ We will all miss Frank. He was a blessing to the people of Arkansas in so many ways.

Jaleta Boyd - August 22, 2017 at 12:00 AM



“ Thanks Coach for the times you and Coach Royal gave us (college kids) those golf tips at Paradise Valley back in the 70's.God Bless You all. Dan, Tommy and family.

Ricky Clifton - August 20, 2017 at 12:00 AM



“ Coach Bret & jennifer & briella bielema. Know he is with his lord and savior and calling the hogs in heaven.Bielema family Will miss coach broyles

Bret Bielema - August 20, 2017 at 12:00 AM



“ Coach will be missed, thoughts and prayers for his family. Go Hogs!

Steve Ridenoure - August 20, 2017 at 12:00 AM



“ Sending love and prayers to the family of Coach Broyles. Thanking God for giving us the opportunity to have Coach touch all our lives.

Karen Moyers - August 20, 2017 at 12:00 AM



“ I would like to offer my sincere condolences to the Broyles family. I know you are already aware of the impact he had on so many lives, mine included. I never remember Razorback football without Coach until his retirement. I was honored to have had several visits with him over the years. The one thing that always sticks with me is the fact that he always made me feel we were close friends and he had known me all my life. That is just the kind of gentleman he was. One of my favorite memories is his story telling. At each visit, I always got a great Coach Broyles story. There was no way you could be in his presence and not smile! I feel I am a better person for knowing him. As I enter my 4th quarter, I want to do my best to live my life as Coach did! Thank you for sharing him with the rest of us! May God continue to comfort you all. Fly High Coach Broyles! We will miss you tremendously.

Karen Moyers - August 20, 2017 at 12:00 AM



“ To a great Man.He will be missed. I will never forget Him he was like a father to me and help me so much. My deepest sorrow for the Broyles family.

Luigi Viglietti - August 19, 2017 at 12:00 AM



“ Thank you for the wonderful memories. Arkansas will miss you greatly. RIP Coach.

August 19, 2017 at 12:00 AM



“ Praying God will comfort each of you as only he can.

Sammy & Cindy Dilworth - August 19, 2017 at 12:00 AM



“ My condolences to the family of Coach Broyles. He was more than a coach, he was a true example of a leader. He will be greatly missed in this community.

Valarie Rico - August 19, 2017 at 12:00 AM



“ My prayers are with you and your family during this difficult time now and days ahead.

August 19, 2017 at 12:00 AM



“ I had Coach Broyles as a patient several years ago.I found him to be one of the most interesting patients I've ever head.I could have talked to him all day.His wife Gen was equally as nice .Arkansas lost its biggest fan this week.The impact he had on Arkansas as a whole cannot be measured.We were blessed to have him for our own.My sympathy to his family and all those he touched.

Judy Zimpel - August 19, 2017 at 12:00 AM



“ He was a great man and a great coachwill be missed by allArkansas Football Family
FanTimmons Family

michelle Timmons - August 19, 2017 at 12:00 AM



“ So sorry for your loss. Prayers for the family.

Charlinda Reeves - August 19, 2017 at 12:00 AM



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Valenda Newell,

Indianapolis, Indiana

Valenda Newell - August 18, 2017 at 12:00 AM



“ There's no one like Frank Broyles. He was a father figure, friend and mentor to many. He had an infectious smile and always took time to listen. His enthusiastic spirit and love for the Razorbacks are forever with us. I first met Coach Broyles in the 1960s when I was a senior at Peabody University High, on the U of A campus. A fond memory... Before kickoff of one of our Razorback football games in Fayetteville, Coach, in his Georgia accent, told us to call the Hogs loud enough so Little Rock could hear it! Coach Broyles had a stalwart Faith in The Lord. He fought the good fight, he finished the race, he kept the Faith. I know Coach is calling the Hogs in Heaven today!

Helen Roberts - August 18, 2017 at 12:00 AM



“ Coach Broyles was my first dementia coach: <https://www.linkedin.com/pulse/coach-broyles-my-first-dementia-ethelle-lord-m-ed-dm> Dr. Ethelle Lord President International Caregivers Association [icareassoc \(dot\) com](http://icareassoc(dot)com)

Ethelle Lord - August 18, 2017 at 12:00 AM



“ What a wonderful life and legend! Growing up in Fayetteville and at the U of A in the 60's, Frank Broyles was RAZORBACK FOOTBALL and even after moving from the state in '71, followed his career not only as the AD but his life spent continually helping others. Thank you family for sharing him and his life!

Charles Stubblefield - August 17, 2017 at 12:00 AM



“ A true gentleman fore every man to emulate!

David - August 17, 2017 at 12:00 AM



“ Frank Beyenka

August 17, 2017 at 12:00 AM



“ A sad day in Arkansas, but a joyous day in heaven.. You will be missed Coach..
Wooo Pig Soooooie!!

Bonnie - August 17, 2017 at 12:00 AM



“ I met coach at a FL-GA game in Jax, FL when he was commentating. I wanted to talk about his career at Georgia Tech, typically, he wanted to talk about how long I had been a fan of the Techs. God bless all associated.

Mike Stroud - August 17, 2017 at 12:00 AM



“ Rest in Peace Coach Broyles. You have earned it.Woooooooooooo Pig
Sooooooooooooie!Razorbacks!

James Wacaster - August 16, 2017 at 12:00 AM



“ Very saddened by the passing of Coach Broyles. I remember the first game and the last game he coached at Arkansas as if it were yesterday. A true Southern Gentleman and real ambassador for the State of Arkansas and Razorback football. He leaves a legacy that will probably never be surpassed in Razorback athletics . By far his greatest achievement as coach at Arkansas was not winning football games but developing character of the young men he coached. Our condolences to the Broyles family.

Gene Sirmon - August 16, 2017 at 12:00 AM



“ My thoughts and prayers go out the Broyles family. The University of Arkansas and the state of Arkansas was lucky to have coach broyles. He is one of a kind and will be greatly missed by many. Heaven received a great person and I'm sure he'll have them calling the HOGS!!! WPS!!! God Bless you all

Harry Harris - August 16, 2017 at 12:00 AM



“ Thanks for the years of dedication and leadership to the state of Arkansas...you will never know how many people you positively impacted..myself included..Enjoy your new home sir..Rest in Peace

Martin Ratcliff - August 16, 2017 at 12:00 AM



“ RIP coach you will be missed

linda funderburg - August 16, 2017 at 12:00 AM



“ Good night coach RIP.

Steve Collins - August 16, 2017 at 12:00 AM



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Matthew McGuire,

Cheshire, Connecticut

Matthew McGuire - August 16, 2017 at 12:00 AM



“ Our thoughts and prayers are with the family.

Ralph & Nelda Williams - August 16, 2017 at 12:00 AM



“ Sincere condolences to the family-I myself am the One that is comforting you people
Isaiah 51:12

Rhj - August 16, 2017 at 12:00 AM



“ Please accept condolences in your loss. May the God of Comfort strengthen you in your time of bereavement and help you in the weeks and months ahead as you deal with your loss.

August 16, 2017 at 12:00 AM



“ Thank you to Mr Broyles family for sharing him and his talent with us. May the God of comfort and peace be with all of you. God love you.

August 16, 2017 at 12:00 AM



“ Broyles family, we are sorry for your loss. May God comfort you at this time and welcome Frank to his heavenly home. God bless

Stephen Spakes - August 16, 2017 at 12:00 AM



“ Great man. Great coach. Great ambassador for sports in the state of Arkansas. Prayers to his family during this time.God Bless

Marvin Wendel - August 16, 2017 at 12:00 AM



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Waymon Burnett,

Benton, Arkansas

Waymon Burnett - August 15, 2017 at 12:00 AM



“ May God bless you and your family in this time of sorrow.

C Mitchell - August 15, 2017 at 12:00 AM



“ I have used Coach Broyle's play book on helping a loved one (his first wife) with Alzheimer's and so many families have benefitted from it. So very sorry to hear he was also stricken with this horrible disease. Prayers to the family and thank you for sharing your parents with us!

Judy Wright - August 15, 2017 at 12:00 AM



“ Our thoughts and prayers are with your family.

Fred and Susan Wizer - August 15, 2017 at 12:00 AM



“ Thank you, Coach. Thank you. Rest in peace, assure you made your mark - and a great mark it is - and you will never be forgotten.

Jim Wilson - August 15, 2017 at 12:00 AM



“ So sorry for the family's loss...

Dan Nunley - August 15, 2017 at 12:00 AM



“ So sorry for the family and the state's loss...Betsy was a friend when I was in Fayetteville...He must have been a good father as well as everything we know him for....God Bless

Dan Nunley - August 15, 2017 at 12:00 AM



“ The entire Sutton Family has been so Blessed by Coach Broyles and his whole family...He brought our family from Creighton University and introduced us to becoming Razorbacks... We loved every year we were there...I loved his hearty laughter and his eyes that lit up at the same time... His wife Barbara was always so gracious and was a true Angel on earth and yes, she welcomed him Home...We love all of your family Betsy, your family will always be part of ours..Love you...Stephen

Stephen Sutton - August 15, 2017 at 12:00 AM



“ Coach Broyles was associated with college football at a time when there was far less money involved and the importance of a college education was emphasized. He also became one of the best TV commentators ever for ABC. Thanks for the fond memories coach.

Robert Weisner - August 15, 2017 at 12:00 AM



“ Godspeed Frank, and thank you for sharing a part of your life with us.

Harry Simpson - August 15, 2017 at 12:00 AM



“ As a youngster growing up in Helenal I idolized Coach Frank Broyles. Later in life I worked with and around him and the feeling never changed. He will be sorely missed. My thoughts and prayers go out to his wonderful family.

Ray Tucker - August 15, 2017 at 12:00 AM



“ Tommy, My heart goes out to you and the family. Your dad was one fine gentleman. I will always have memories from 9th grade and the fun everyone always had with your family. He and Mrs. Barbara are in their home with our Lord and in perfect health once again. My prayers for all of you. God Bless, Myrna Wilson

August 15, 2017 at 12:00 AM



“ RIP Coach Broyles. You will always be the first name that is Arkansas Razorback football A legend!!

Sandra Greenfield - August 15, 2017 at 12:00 AM



“ Coach Broyles was a very understanding and carrying leader of men. He made athletics what it is today at Arkansas.

John Mack - August 15, 2017 at 12:00 AM



“ My thoughts and condolences are with the Broyles' family at this time of loss. He was a very fine gentleman in addition to his many career accomplishments. My love to his family. God bless.

Nancy Vangilder - August 15, 2017 at 12:00 AM



“ What a long and full life! So many cannot say the same. May Frank Broyles forever be in our hearts and in God's book of life.

August 15, 2017 at 12:00 AM



“ My wife and I were sorry to hear of the passing of Coach Broyles. We will always be mindful of the things he did for Arkansas and the U of A. Our thoughts and prayers our with the family. Terry and Sherry Thomason Bismarck, AR

Terry Thomason - August 15, 2017 at 12:00 AM



“ We'll miss you !

Adrian Barnette - August 15, 2017 at 12:00 AM



“ In loving memory of a wonderful person. We will love you and miss you always.

August 15, 2017 at 12:00 AM



“ Broyles was a great coach and put Arkansas on the map. My prayers are with the family.

Kent Sivadge - August 15, 2017 at 12:00 AM



“ No words can express the sorrow felt by family, friends, and fans. Coach Broyles was difinally the best man, coach, director, and role model. His legacy is the positive effect he had on so many lives. He lives on through those he touched. My prayers for comfort and peace through this time are with the family, as well as all of us that felt the impact of his life.

Miss Vicki - August 15, 2017 at 12:00 AM



“ I am so sorry for your loss, may your memories keep consoling you and may God sustain you with his promise of one day soon reuniting you with your loved one. Some words of comfort In Hosea 13:14. My deepest and sincere condolences to your families and friends.

Patricia DeStefano - August 15, 2017 at 12:00 AM



“ I hope he wonderful memories of your dad help you during this sad and difficult time.

Beth Patterson - August 15, 2017 at 12:00 AM



“ Our dearest condolences go out to the Broyles family. As the days and months pass, may you draw ever closer to our Almighty Father to carry and strengthen you in your grief (James 5:8).

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Ann M Stokman,

Milwaukee, Wisconsin

Ann M Stokman - August 15, 2017 at 12:00 AM



“ To the Broyles family-My thoughts and prayers are with you all. Coach was loved and respected by many. My late husband met Coach thru Charlie Bruce. I have a picture of Coach and my husband in my home

Paula Smith - August 14, 2017 at 12:00 AM



“ The Greatest of all times!! He will always be Mr. Razorback. My prayers are with all of you. There will never be anyone to love the Razorbacks like he did. I lived in Arkansas all of my life and still call the Hogs on TV. I will never forget Frank.

Sue Butts - August 14, 2017 at 12:00 AM



“ I am so sorry for your significant loss. May the God of all comfort bring you peace during this time of grief and sorrow.

August 14, 2017 at 12:00 AM



“ I was a skinny Sophomore End at Missouri when Coach Broyles arrived 60 years ago to lead the Tigers. He was an exceptional coach, father, husband and role model for so many young coaches and administrators. Easily one of the most influential men in my lifetime. The university and the state just lost their greatest Razorback!

RUSS SLOAN - August 14, 2017 at 12:00 AM



“ A well lived gives credit to our Creator who made us in his image Genesis 1:27. It is no small wonder that we thirst for life to realize our dreams and to search for new adventures. One day soon, our Creator will provide an environment in which we no longer cry from the pain of death. My sincere hope for you and your family.

August 14, 2017 at 12:00 AM



“ Offering condolences for the loss of your loved one. May your fondest memories, loving support of family and friends, and the wonderful provision God made by means of His loving kindness (John 3:16) help to strengthen and console your hearts during difficult times.

Betty - August 14, 2017 at 12:00 AM