



## Ronald McHenry

March 21, 1937 - January 10, 2018

Honoring the life of Coach Mac

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Ronald McHenry was born in Wewoka, Oklahoma on Sunday, March 21, 1937 to Walter and

Josephine (Alexander) McHenry. Ron passed away on Wednesday, January 10, 2018 at the age

of 80. He was preceded in death by his wife Martha, son Jon Walter, and father Walter.

Ron graduated from Broken Arrow High School in 1955. He attended Southeastern State

University in Durant where he earned a Bachelor's degree in Education. He also earned a

Master's in Education at Northeastern State University allowing him to serve as a high school

guidance counselor in addition to coaching football.

On August 18, 1958 Ron married Martha John in Durant, Oklahoma while attending

Southeastern. Their union was blessed with four sons and one daughter.

Ron McHenry began his teaching career in Synder, TX in 1959. His love for coaching began

while working with an underprivileged youth basketball team in Synder. In 1962 he moved

back home to Broken Arrow to serve as an assistant football coach under Coach Joe Robinson.

This marked the beginning of a coaching career that would span many years which allowed

him to touch the lives of many players and coaches along the way.

In 1965 Ron accepted his first head coaching job at Owasso High School. He moved to

Collinsville as an assistant coach in 1970 under Benny Kiger and later Paul Davis. In 1974 he

would become the Head Coach for Collinsville. In 1981 after a successful 7 year run at

Collinsville, he accepted the job of Head Coach at Coweta High School. This move would

allow him to be closer to his parents and his beloved home church. His head coaching career

concluded following the 2003 season. In 2004, Mac returned to Collinsville as an assistant

under long time Coweta Tiger assistant Bob Craig. In 2008 he began his final coaching stint

at Catoosa High School when he was hired by Head Coach Greg Whiteley and later served

under Aaron Meier. He cherished the times he worked as an assistant coach in the twilight of

his career. First returning to Collinsville to reunite and work with old friends and finally at

Catoosa where he was able to mentor a new generation of young coaches.

Coach McHenry ended his coaching career in 2013 after coaching six decades of Oklahoma

High School Football. At every coaching stop he was part of an undefeated regular season.

His Senior yr in HS he was a member of BAHS's last undefeated football team

in 1954. As a head coach he led Owasso, Collinsville and Coweta teams to undefeated regular seasons and served as an assistant coach at Catoosa on the 2011 undefeated regular season. A highlight of his career was being able to coach alongside his son Joe at Catoosa High School.

Coach Mac was a member of the Oklahoma Coaches Association. He received numerous awards for his coaching efforts and was inducted into the Oklahoma Coaches Hall Of Fame in 1999. He also served as Region 3 Representative for the Oklahoma Coaches Association. He served the OCA and OFBCA with respect and class, always dressed for coaching clinics and meetings in dress clothes and hat. Above all else the 2 things he loved the most about football was studying the game to stay current with the latest trends and finally sharing that knowledge with his fellow coaches.

Ronald McHenry was a devoted and committed member of the Broken Arrow Indian United Methodist Church. When he was baptized his grandmother Ida Kelley brought him forth along with his father Walter. He served as a Sunday School teacher, Church Lay Leader, Ex Officio member of all committees, and is the church Delegate to the Annual conference of the Oklahoma Indian Missionary Conference of the United Methodist Church. He enjoyed

worship, communion service, Creek singing and old Christian Hymns. He supported all aspects of Christian mission by feeding the homeless, attending Sunday evening services, going to visit the sick in the hospitals, attending home "cottage" prayer services. He was always willing to help the church mentoring young members. His leadership at Broken Arrow Church helped mold the Christian lives of many who had a desire to serve God and the church, praying for and encouraging them along the way. It brought him great joy to help plan the activities of the church, pray and prepare for them, and finally seeing them come to fruition with all of God's blessing. He gave God all the glory and his desire for us all would be to never lose our faith and to continue in our works.

Ron is survived by children, Eli McHenry and wife Cordelia, Broken Arrow, Ok; Ronda

McHenry, Dallas, TX; Joe Dan McHenry and Lisa Deere of Broken Arrow, Ok; Steve McHenry

and wife Traci, Ponca City, OK; Mother Josephine McHenry, Broken Arrow, Ok; Grandchildren

Jessica McHenry, Broken Arrow; Joseph and wife Rachel, Broken Arrow; Luke McHenry, Ponca

City, OK; Great grandchildren Greyson and Taloa McHenry. Brother Chuck McHenry and wife

Francis, BA. Sisters Janis Imotichey, Fillmore, OK and Teena Boyce and husband Mike

Broken Arrow. Numerous nieces, nephews, cousins and his church family.

Memorials may be made to BAIUMC 20854 E. 141st St. S., BA, OK 74014



# Previous Events

## Viewing

JAN 13. 9:00 AM - 9:00 PM (CT)

Hayhurst Funeral Home  
1660 South Elm Place  
Broken Arrow, OK 74012  
(918) 258-9623  
hayhurstfuneralhome@gmail.com

## Visitation

JAN 13. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

Hayhurst Funeral Home  
1660 South Elm Place  
Broken Arrow, OK 74012  
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## Viewing

JAN 14. 2:00 PM - 4:00 PM (CT)

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## Wake

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JAN 14. 5:00 PM (CT)

Broken Arrow Indian United Methodist Church  
20854 E. 141st St.  
Broken Arrow, OK 74014

## Funeral Service

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JAN 15. 1:00 PM (CT)

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Broken Arrow, OK 74014

# Tribute Wall



“ *Ronald McHenry*

October 23, 2023 at 01:21 AM



“ *Learned to never quit from Coach Mac*

*Tim Passmore Collinsville Cardinals. 1978 Football Team #65*

**Tim Passmore** - January 21, 2018 at 03:32 PM



“ *Godspeed coach! What a great man, teacher, coach, and friend! He made playing football in highschool more fun than it already was. We were good very good. My thoughts are with you all today. I'll miss you coach!*



**kirk martin** - January 15, 2018 at 12:14 PM

GF

“ Coach Mac was a giant among men and I had the privilege of being in his very first class coached at Coweta as a sophomore in 1981. My senior year we went 9 -3, defeated the #1 ranked Wagoner Bulldogs, which started the rivalry, and made it to the playoffs for Coweta's first time in 12 years. We defeated Muldrow in round 1 in multiple overtimes, one of the longest state playoff games ever and lost to Hartshorne 12-6 in the 2nd round!

Coach had a significant impact on me and my family as my father played for him when Mac was fresh out of college and assisting at BA in 1963, then he coached my brother, a 1994 Coweta grad. His impact on generations of young men as players and coaches is monumental!

Time to name something at Coweta Public Schools in his honor is way, way over due...

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**Garry Fletcher** - January 15, 2018 at 12:01 PM

SD

“ I am just one of many people are were blessed by this man and his family. He will be missed, but he is in a better place. He is a great man. Thanks Coach McHenry.

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**Steven Dyer** - January 15, 2018 at 11:21 AM

CW

“ Coach Mac was one of the kindest men I have ever known, who was respectful to everyone he ever met. My life has been blessed to know him! To the McHenry family, thank you for sharing your son, father and grandfather with the countless student athletes whose lives he influenced over the years. The world is a better place because of Coach Mac!



*Christy Wheeland  
News Editor  
Coweta American/Wagoner County American-Tribune*

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**Christy Wheeland** - January 15, 2018 at 12:06 AM

RW

“ I am sorry for your loss and am praying for your family. Romona White

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**Romona White** - January 14, 2018 at 06:50 PM

RO

*Thank you Romona.*

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**Ronda** - January 21, 2018 at 10:13 PM

HE

“ It's a privilege to call Ron McHenry my "Friend". He always had a kind word and good thoughts to share. He was a well-respected coach and I knew our team always had to be well prepared when we met him on the field. He will truly be missed. Our thoughts and prayers are with all of Ron's family.

*Harry Roy Red Eagle and family.*

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**harry red eagle** - January 14, 2018 at 03:48 PM

RW

“ *Coach Mac, just an outstanding man. Have many memories of his time in Collinsville. He always had my respect .*

Raymond Witten - January 14, 2018 at 03:25 PM

TR

“ *The Family of Joe Robinson purchased the Florist Choice Bouquet for the family of Ronald McHenry.*



The Family of Joe Robinson - January 14, 2018 at 12:07 PM

TH

“ *Teauna Hause lit a candle in memory of Ronald McHenry*



Teauna Hause - January 14, 2018 at 10:10 AM

KS

“ There is a huge celebration in heaven going on right now with all of Ronald's family and friends that have gone before him! He was a very special man in my life as I grew up in the church watching and learning from him and his dad Walter and my grandparents Tom and Harriet Marshall. He was a constant that will not be able to be replaced! God bless you McHenry family! Praying for you and the Broken Arrow Church Family!



Trenna Kay Gandy Kaut.

kay kaut strauss - January 13, 2018 at 11:45 PM

AA

“ Amy Craig Armstrong sent a virtual gift in memory of Ronald McHenry



Amy Craig Armstrong - January 13, 2018 at 08:30 PM

AA

What a Coach, What a Father, What a friend and inspiration to so many.....They just don't make'em like you Coach....FOREVER REMEMBERED!!!!

Amy Craig Armstrong - January 13, 2018 at 08:35 PM

RO

Much love to you Amy

Ronda - January 21, 2018 at 10:14 PM



“ 4 files added to the album Family Album



Hayhurst Funeral Home - January 13, 2018 at 12:42 PM



“ 3 files added to the album Family Album



Hayhurst Funeral Home - January 13, 2018 at 12:13 PM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Ronald McHenry.



January 13, 2018 at 10:41 AM



“ So sorry for your loss. Coach lived a great life and inspired so many. He is with Martha and Wally boy now. RIP

Gary Williams - January 13, 2018 at 09:10 AM

BM

“ Coach Mac was a great leader of the young men he coached. I am thankful for the impact that he played on me and so many others. He really helped me when I was in need at a difficult time in my life. His legacy lives on through the lessons taught to so many players. “Attendance, Attention, Attitude....”

Brent Marley - January 13, 2018 at 12:19 AM

DF

“ My prayers are with the family. Coach was a teacher, a family friend and a great Godly man. He taught me so many life lessons. Many of us are better men, better husbands, better dads, and better friends because of this man. God has welcomed one of the great ones home. My prayers are with you all. Danny Fleetwood

Danny Fleetwood - January 12, 2018 at 10:28 PM



“ Guiding Light Bouquet was purchased for the family of Ronald McHenry.



January 12, 2018 at 06:42 PM

MR

“ The McHenry family is in our prayers. With many condolences, Mary Ramos (John J. Pershing Elementary)

Mary Ramos - January 12, 2018 at 05:19 PM

RO

Thank to my Pershing friends

Ronda - January 21, 2018 at 10:16 PM

JS

“ John J. Pershing Elementary Staff purchased the Sentiments of Serenity Spray for the family of Ronald McHenry.



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**John J. Pershing Elementary Staff** - January 12, 2018 at 03:45 PM

AL

“ Abbie Larney lit a candle in memory of Ronald McHenry



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**Abbie larney** - January 12, 2018 at 12:49 PM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Ronald McHenry.



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January 12, 2018 at 11:45 AM

MF

“ Mark & Lori Lenhart Family purchased the Country Basket Blooms for the family of Ronald McHenry.



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**Mark & Lori Lenhart Family** - January 12, 2018 at 11:43 AM

CW

“ To the family, We are so sorry for your loss and are holding you up for the Lord to bless and comfort each of you.

*Jerry and Carol Sue Willcutt*



**Carol Sue Willcutt** - January 11, 2018 at 10:25 PM

AB

“ We are so sorry for your loss. Ron and Martha were wonderful caring people. Coach had such a great impact on so many boys, both on and off the field. Your family is in our prayers.



**Abby Booth** - January 11, 2018 at 01:23 PM

HH

“ It is our honor and privilege to serve the McHenry family and to provide this permanent tribute website in memory of Ronald McHenry.



**Hayhurst Funeral Home** - January 10, 2018 at 08:02 PM