



Johnny Nolen

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Funeral Service for Mr. Johnny Nolen, 55, of Alexander City, Alabama, will be Tuesday, October 3, 2023 at 5:00 pm at the Savarese-Martin Football Stadium. The family will receive friends on Monday, October 2, 2023 from 4:30 pm to 8:00 pm at Benjamin Russell High School Auditorium.

Johnny Nolen, affectionately known as "Coach Johnny," passed away surrounded by loved ones. A pillar of his community, he was known for his selfless, loving, and passionate nature. His love for family, sports, and his beloved dog, Twinkle Toes, defined his life, bringing joy to those around him.

Johnny was born to Wilma Gene Nolen and Virginia Ann Nolen in Alexander City, Alabama. He was the cherished brother of Tina Williams, Gregory Gene Nolen, Francis Scott Nolen, and the late Tammy Regina Nolen. He was a beloved uncle to Pamela Brooke Baker, Cynthia Marie Schultz, Kimberly Ieronimo, and a great-uncle to Kaitlyn Nolen, James Brown, Aaron Ieronimo, Kaleb Hatcher, and Khaloki Edwards. Johnny was also a loved nephew of Barbara Nolen, Evangline Rousso, and Willie Hayes, and brother-in-law to Pamela Harris.

Johnny spent his career coaching children of all ages and in all sports. His passion for coaching extended beyond the field as he also managed to bring a smile to children's faces while working in the school lunchroom. Known all over for his caring nature, he was a beacon of positivity and encouragement in the community. His dedication to nurturing and mentoring young athletes earned him the endearing title of "Coach Johnny."

Outside of coaching, Johnny was a devoted fan of the Benjamin Russell Wildcats, Atlanta Braves and Crimson Tide. He never missed an opportunity to cheer on his favorite teams, often while enjoying his favorite snack of hot dogs and Dr. Peppers. His love for sports was infectious, and he was known to inspire even the most casual observers with his enthusiasm and knowledge.



Johnny's love extended beyond people and sports to his cherished pet, Twinkle Toes. Their bond was a testament to his gentle and loving nature. Twinkle Toes was not just a pet but a companion who brought additional joy and companionship to Johnny's life.

In the face of loss, we remember Johnny's passion for life, his dedication to the children he coached, and his unwavering love for his family. His legacy will live on in the hearts of those he touched, in the community he served, and in the countless lives he enriched through his coaching and mentorship.

Johnny was preceded in death by his father, Wilma Gene Nolen, and sister, Tammy Regina Nolen. He is survived by his mother, Virginia Ann Nolen; siblings, Tina Williams, Gregory Gene Nolen, Francis Scott Nolen (Tammy Kay); nieces, Pamela Brooke Baker, Cynthia Marie Schultz, Kimberly Ieronimo (Joshua Moore); great-nieces and nephews, Kaitlyn Nolen, James Brown, Aaron Ieronimo, Kaleb Hatcher, Khaloki Edwards; aunts, Barbara Nolen, Evangline Rousso; uncle, Willie Hayes; and sister-in-law, Pamela Harris.

In remembering Johnny, we celebrate a life lived with love, passion, and selflessness. His spirit will continue to inspire those who knew him, and his memory will forever be a part of the community he loved. Rest in peace, Coach Johnny Wildcat. Your love and dedication will be missed, but never forgotten. WILDCAT PRIDE!!! In honor of Johnny's memory the family has requested that student's and youth wear their uniforms. Also, any others attending wear their BRHS Wildcats shirts.



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Radney Funeral Home shared 2 photos to the **Obituary Wall** album.

August 29 at 1:11 PM



Lynita posted:

Johnny was such a great person he coached my daughter many years ago he was loved by so many people (Coach Johnny) gone way too soon but he will never be forgotten. Johnny would go over and stay the night with my Mom when she was sick so she wouldn't be alone and I couldn't be there I will be forever grateful for his help. Thank you Johnny

October 9 at 7:00 PM



Joe And Susan Neighbors Family lit a candle in honor of Johnny.

October 8 at 7:00 PM



Shelton, Mother Reseda lit a candle in honor of Johnny.

Sincere Sympathy. I met Johnny while in high school and he was a nice person.

October 5 at 7:00 PM



Shelton, Mother Reseda lit a candle in honor of Johnny.

While working in the Alexander City Career Center, I met Johnny (Coach) there in the office during his job interview. Also met his Mom and they were both genuinely "good folk." Since my retirement a decade ago, I have run into Johnny walking either to and/or from work, and have given him rides to his destination. Although, he was now a man, he was the same kindhearted person that I met as a teenager. I have read some of the lovely tributes posted and want to give witness that they are true. Wish more people could have gotten to know him. Our community has lost a young man who made it great. Rest Johnny! To the family, as Coach rest, May the grace of God rule and abide with you all.

October 5 at 7:00 PM





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LA

Lannett lit a candle in honor of Johnny.

Roll Tide Johnny may you RIP you're going to be missed so much ❤️

October 3 at 7:00 PM



PB

Pamela & "Coach Bawt" Bart Britton posted:

SOAR HIGH JOHNNY NOLEN! YOU DEFINITELY EARNED THOSE WINGS BUDDY!WE WILL ALWAYS MISS YOUR KIND HEART! ALEXANDER CITY LOVES YOU! RIP KNUCKLEHEAD!

October 3 at 7:00 PM

TT

Tim Trammell lit a candle in honor of Johnny.

Omg where do I start I met Coach about 20 and was a great guy we would trade stories about when the Wildcats were playing Avondale 3rd street will miss you my friend

October 2 at 7:00 PM



CE

Clasherrol Edwards lit a candle in honor of Johnny.

Rest well Johnny! The best coach for all sports and the best sweet tea maker I've ever known!

October 2 at 7:00 PM



SJ

Sandy Jones lit a candle in honor of Johnny.

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DL

Dana Little lit a candle in honor of Johnny.

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WR

William Lee Russell posted:

Rest in peace Coach . Rest from your labor. Rev William Russell BKA Butter Ro

October 2 at 7:00 PM

RH

Rodney Huett lit a candle in honor of Johnny.

R.I.P Johnny, You will be greatly missed by all us .

October 1 at 7:00 PM



JS

Janet Snyder lit a candle in honor of Johnny.

October 1 at 7:00 PM



LM

Lewis & Connie Mooney lit a candle in honor of Johnny.

October 1 at 7:00 PM



BS

Belinda Spivey posted:

I enjoyed seeing Johnny interact with the many kids and people on the field. It didn't matter what sport it was Johnny was there. I will miss seeing him there. My sincere condolences to his family and many friends. See you later Coach Johnny. #WERBR #Wildcat Pride

October 1 at 7:00 PM

DG

Dytisha Goodgame lit a candle in honor of Johnny.

Praying for the family during this difficult time.

October 1 at 7:00 PM





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Ginny Mcghee posted:
Prayers for you and your family
October 1 at 7:00 PM



Jerome Messer posted:
I am so glad he was a wonderful Friend. And everytime I seen him he was always had a smile. And he would say ROLL TIDE ROLL.
October 1 at 7:00 PM



Lynita Johnson lit a candle in honor of Johnny.
October 1 at 7:00 PM



Gregg Morrison lit a candle in honor of Johnny.
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Danny And Cindy Whatley lit a candle in honor of Johnny.
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Gloria Howard lit a candle in honor of Johnny.
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KB

Katrina Lynn Butler posted:

Oh no I'm so sorry he will be greatly missed 🙏❤️

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MJ

Misti Jackson lit a candle in honor of Johnny.



September 30 at 7:00 PM

HA

Hayden lit a candle in honor of Johnny.

every morning I walked into school he would hug me and say " let's go let's go another day of school it's gone be a gooooood day young lady". U will forever be missed by many of us couch Johnny. Rest easy ❤️



September 30 at 7:00 PM

MS

Martha Jordan Scott lit a candle in honor of Johnny.



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BD

Bobby Dunn posted:

Alexander city #1 citizen

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AY

Autumn Yates posted:

After a late night Wildcat Football game Maddux and Johnny got to enjoy a little Taco Bell and Dr. Pepper

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AY

Autumn Yatesyates posted:

We were fortunate enough to be able to take Johnny with us to watch our son Lucan Yates play college soccer at Truett McConnell University in Cleveland, Georgia he so enjoyed this trip getting to support Lucan.

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PD

Paul Lisa Dumas posted:

Praying for the family

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KE

Kim Ennis lit a candle in honor of Johnny.



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BS

Barbara Sewell posted:

My prayers for the families. 🙏🙏🙏

September 30 at 7:00 PM

KI

Kittievsmith lit a candle in honor of Johnny.

Coach Johnny gone too soon but not forgotten ❤️ He touch alot of the kids and there parents . He was a sweet person .My condolences for his family and his school family and all.the students ! R I P Coach Johnny Nolen .



September 30 at 7:00 PM

AB

Anelia Bruce posted:

I can still hear Johnny telling my son, Josh, "way to go, big guy". Johnny was an inspiration to all who knew him. He will be greatly missed.

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Anonymous posted:

Our deepest sympathy and prayers for all you.

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Ken And Libby Housand posted:

All of the Housand's - Ken, Libby, Zachary and Jonathan- are devastated by Johnny's passing 😞😞
He was a joy to know and he was so great with our boys. We gave him many rides home when I worked at BRHS after football and basketball games. Heaven has a new and Blessed Angel ☐☐☐

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Janice Talley posted:

Johnny made lasting memories on the hearts of the ones he met. RIP!!

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Udora Berry lit a candle in honor of Johnny.



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Memories only last if you share them

Join us in honoring Johnny by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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