



Dr. Robert J.C. Driggers

March 5, 1947 - August 22, 2020

CLAXTON: Dr. Robert J. C. Driggers, went to be with his Lord and Savior Jesus Christ on Saturday, August 22, 2020, after a short illness., Robert was born to the late C. C. Driggers and Jeanne Brauns Driggers in Hasselt, Belgium on March 5, 1947. He was raised in Claxton, GA, one of 7 children. Robert is preceded in death also by his brother, Sammy Driggers.

SURVIVORS: Survived by his loving wife, Anne Driggers, three children, Deborah Kirk (Thomas), Amy Driggers, Warren Driggers, grandchild, McCain Kirk, and numerous nieces, nephews, great nieces and great nephews. Also survived by his siblings, Marie Driggers, Nancy Cowart, Richard (Kaye) Driggers, Johnny Driggers, all of Claxton, Jeannette (Roger) Fillmore of Jesup and sister-in-law, Beverly Driggers of Hagan, brother-in-law Terry Partridge (Karen) including numerous aunts, uncles, nieces and nephews.

Robert was loved by and known by many as Teacher, Mr. Driggers, Coach Driggers, Pastor Driggers, Brother Driggers, Daddy, Uncle Robert, Grandpa and, most recently, as "Preacher" by the many brave soldiers he ministered to in the Wounded Warriors Retreat. They were his "family" and he dedicated his life to their needs, both emotional and spiritual, until he passed. Stories abound of the men and women who have had their lives eternally changed because of his dedication. Throughout his life in God's work, he brought encouragement, leadership, comfort, strength and wisdom to countless lives, a testimony to the depth of love he had for the people God placed in his path, but his focus, his passion always, was to serve the Lord above anything and everyone else.

SOCIAL DISTANCING WILL BE OBSERVED DURING THE SERVICE, DUE TO THE COVID-19 PANDEMIC.

FUNERAL: Wednesday, August 26, 2020, 10:00 AM at Brewton Cemetery.

BURIAL: Brewton Cemetery

REMEMBRANCE: Wounded Warriors Retreat 8722 N Elam Church Road, Norwood, GA
30821 or Brewton Cemetery P.O. Box 978 Claxton, GA 30417

Mellie NeSmith Funeral Home in charge of arrangements

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Cemetery

Brewton Cemetery

Hagan, GA, 30429

Events

AUG 26 Service 10:00AM

Brewton Cemetery
6901 US-280, Claxton, GA, US, 30417

Comments



“ Dear Anne & Family:
We are praying much for each of you.
We first met around forty years ago.
Robert was always kind and caring.
Love y'all.
Pastor Ed & Dale Chambless
Mikado Baptist Church
Macon, Ga.

Pastor Ed Chambless - August 29, 2020 at 01:57 PM



“ Classic Sympathy Dish Garden was purchased for the family of Dr. Robert J.C. Driggers.



August 26, 2020 at 12:41 PM



“ Coach was an inspiration to me and the teams he led! A godly man who loved his boys, his church, sports, but most of all he loved The God he served! What a testimony and legacy he leaves behind! May God comfort the family with His love that passes all understanding during this time. Richy Williams

Richard Williams - August 25, 2020 at 02:37 PM



“ Dear Anne, such beautiful memories of Pastor Driggers' warm smile, his deep friendship with my parents - now reunited in the presence of their Lord Jesus Christ!! - and of course of his part in Joshua's and my wedding. My heart aches as you know over the tragedy of death this year and cries out "this is not how it was supposed to be!" - Even so, come Lord Jesus, and bring us back together with our loved ones soon. This world was never their spiritual home, and now no longer their physical one, may we be as they are, whole and in His presence in glory. How long, O Lord? Much love, hugs, prayers, wishing I could be there -
Sara-Elizabeth (Blair) Cottrell

Sara-Elizabeth Cottrell - August 25, 2020 at 01:38 PM



“ To the Drigger family, we met Robert while we were at Gilead Baptist Church and christian school. I had the privilege to be his assistant coach in baseball at Gilead. There were great times together. He would calm me down during the tense times in the sport. Win or lose in the game he was an Wonderful encouragement to me Spiritually as well. Ann, our hearts go out to you and your family at this time and praying for you and your family. Ron and Diane Lighty

Ron and Diane Lighty - August 25, 2020 at 12:36 PM



“ "...ye sorrow not, even as others who have no hope." As I learned of Coach's home going this past Saturday morning, memories came flooding back. He was a man who showed his passion for his Lord through kindness, consistency and his immeasurable patience for those of us who were fortunate to play for him. He had a twinkle in his eye that let us know that in spite of the foolishness we were causing, he was there to help us and guide us. His influence on my life was monumental! Sadly, I don't remember ever telling him. I hope to tell him in heaven.

Our thoughts and prayers are with Mrs. Driggers and the family as you navigate these challenging days knowing that His grace is sufficient.

Wyatt Parker, MCA class of '74



Wyatt Parker - August 25, 2020 at 12:10 PM



“ Prayers for Anne and the Driggers family. He was a positive influence on me so many years ago. His faith and love for the Lord were unwavering, and I know I was probably one who might have tested that. That I have always remembered, along with his patience . It is not often, this day and time that you hear this, but" He was a Good man" that I am proud to have had in my life. RIP Coach

Keith R White - August 25, 2020 at 10:02 AM



“ I have good memories of Coach Driggers and Anne. I thank the Lord for their faithfulness in serving The Lord.
Praying for the family.
Jo Ann Bandy. Joe Bowker's Mom.
Ps 91

jo ann bandy - August 25, 2020 at 09:49 AM



“ I have been truly saddened by the loss of an incredible brother and friend, Pastor Robert Driggers. He entered into heaven during the early morning hours of Saturday, August 22, 2020 to be with our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. Now, many Wounded Warriors across America, as well as myself, are struggling with the tremendous loss of such a special godly man who loved us.

My heart hurts especially for Anne and the family during this difficult time. While we are all saddened, we rejoice knowing he is in heaven with a new body and no longer suffering.

Pastor Robert never served in the armed forces because God had a different plan for him. God led Robert into the ministry to become a Pastor, husband, father, leader, coach, mentor, and friend. His efforts were to save the lost, equip the saints and further God's kingdom. Little did we all know God was setting the stage for divine appointments with Pastor Robert and many veterans and warriors for which he, nor the rest of us, could have understood.

From the onset of

Pastor Robert's ministry he realized he had a great burden for his church families.

But through his years in the ministry he also developed a tremendous burden for veterans and warriors returning from the Persian Gulf War, Kuwait, Pakistan and Afghanistan conflicts. He personally felt led to take actions that would make a positive influence on the physical, mental and spiritual life for injured and broken warriors. Most importantly their eternal destiny. With fervent prayer, and community based support, leadership and involvement, he became the Co-Founder and President of The Wounded Warriors Retreat, Georgia.

To us, Wounded Warriors, Pastor Robert Driggers was a WARRIORS WARRIOR.

He fought for US in ways many of us will truly never understand.

The Holy Spirit began a work that led him from the pulpit to a full time "mission field ministry" for the warriors at the Wounded Warriors Retreat. When it came time for him and Anne to move from Hephzibah to "Come Away Plantation" he became ill and was ultimately diagnosed with pre-pneumonia.

Warriors, family and friends came together to move Anne and Robert. I recall that He was so sick we all had to fuss at him to stay down and allows US to take care of the move and minister to him.

With this move, Robert could devote all his energies to ministering to warriors and families. He provided a place for us to come for fellowship, comradeship, ministry and love. He always made us feel special by showing us the love of Christ.

His story is a True Testament to the "Measure Of The Man" he was and would continue to be for beloved Warriors.

Again, it is a great loss for all of us and I will be forever grateful for the time spent to get to know him and I was blessed to be called his friend. Well done my good and faithful brother.



“ Tim, Barbara and Kathy Driggers purchased the Serene Green Bouquet For Sympathy for the family of Dr. Robert J.C. Driggers.



TIMOTHY DRIGGERS - August 24, 2020 at 10:01 PM



“ Blue & White Sympathy Floor Basket was purchased for the family of Dr. Robert J.C. Driggers.



August 24, 2020 at 08:38 PM



“ Brother Robert will always be fondly remembered as a gentle and loyal friend. Praying that God would wrap you all in His comforting arms.

Dr and Mrs Ron Tankersley - August 24, 2020 at 08:08 PM



“ Johny, Claire and Jetje Brauns (Hasselt Belgium) purchased the White Standing Spray for the family of Dr. Robert J.C. Driggers.



Johny, Claire and Jetje Brauns (Hasselt Belgium) - August 24, 2020 at 03:29 PM



“ Robert has been as close a friend to me as any friend I've had. He reached out to me and invited me to take part in the ministry of Wounded Warriors Retreat. Each time we came together to minister to the Warriors and their families I could see God working through him and in him. He showed himself to be a humble soul as he spoke kindly of each person that he introduced me to. And each person I came to know through the WWR spoke highly of Robert.

Robert was a good preacher and a great pastor. I heard many conversations of how Robert ministered to the lives and souls of those whom God put into his path.

Robert loved his family and he didn't mind telling me.

The last time I visited with Robert we went fishing together which was a rarity. He was usually taking care of others and very seldom spent time for his own pleasure. I will cherish that time with Robert always and will cherish his friendship also.

Praying for Anne and the family and friends. We are all torn by our loss but we know that Robert is now in the bliss of Jesus.

Thank you Robert my friend.

Pastor Bob Gosey - August 24, 2020 at 03:20 PM