



David Robert "Coach Dave" McCuller

January 30, 1958 - June 30, 2021

David Robert McCuller "Coach Dave," passed away on Wednesday, June 30, 2021. He was 63, a native of New Orleans and resident of Jefferson Parish. He graduated from Ridgewood Prep and University of New Orleans and worked in administration with the Kenner Recreation Department for 25 years. Coach Dave wore many hats during his 40-year tenure with St. Matthew the Apostle parish and school including Athletic Director, Coach, Teacher, Youth Minister, Grief Counselor and Bereavement Minister. Additionally, he served as State President and National Board member for Dizzy Dean Baseball (26 years); President of Metro Middle School League of New Orleans (28 years); Chairman of Catholic School League of New Orleans (26 years); and Co-Commissioner of the East Jefferson Catholic Athletic Conference (26 years). He spent 10 years working at Jefferson Parish Recreation Department playgrounds: Jefferson, Metairie, Johnny Bright, Airline Park/Mike Miley, Delta, Cleary, Little Farms, Kings Grant, Bridge City and Avondale. He was a clinician for the National Youth Sports Coaches and Officials Association (7 years); wrote sports columns for the Eastbank Guide, Jefferson Parish Times and Kenner City News (6 years); a basketball and football referee and baseball umpire for many years. And, he was tournament director for 70 plus Dizzy Dean baseball, biddy basketball, national pre-prep basketball, Babe Ruth baseball, district, state, regional, national and international tournaments and world series. Additionally, Coach Dave was also a frequent guest on the Jimmy "J" radio show on WBLK AM.

Beloved son of the late Elizabeth Celeste Dunn McCuller and James Robert “Bob” “Red” McCuller and brother of Karen Elizabeth McCuller.

Coach Dave was more than a coach, he mentored hundreds of young people along with counseling at risk youth. He is fondly remembered for his dedication to the athletes he coached in cross country, flag football, baseball, basketball, swimming, soccer, bowling, volleyball and tennis. As well as the Youth Group members that he tirelessly gave his time and talents to during meetings, “Lock Ins” and retreats, intramural sports, game nights, awards lunches and Masses.

Notably Coach Dave had a special devotion throughout his life to the Teresian Sisters, St. Henry De Osso and St. Theresa of Jesus. A quote he used often and defines his life’s work is from William Wordsworth “The best portion of a man’s life, his little, nameless, unremembered acts of kindness and love.”

Relatives and friends are invited to attend the visitation at L.A. Muhleisen & Son Funeral Home, 2607 Williams Blvd., Kenner on Monday, July 12, 2021 from 2:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. followed by Funeral Services at 4:00 p.m. Interment in Garden of Memories Cemetery. To share memories or condolences, please visit www.muhleisen.com

Cemetery Details

Garden of Memories Cemetery

4900 Airline Dr.
Metairie, LA 70001

Previous Events

Visitation

JUL 12. 2:00 PM - 4:00 PM (CT)

L. A. Muhleisen & Son Funeral Home
2607 Williams Boulevard
Kenner, LA 70062

Memorial Service

JUL 12. 4:00 PM (CT)

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Tribute Wall



“ *David Robert "Coach Dave" McCuller*

October 15, 2023 at 09:39 PM



“ *Coach Dave was a kind soul whose hard work and dedication improved the lives of so many. His support of Camp Bon Coeur helped us to send countless children with heart defects to camp each year.*

On behalf of our campers and staff I am sending our heartfelt thanks to Dave for the many heart kids he supported and to his amazing family who shaped such a kind man. Our hearts and prayers go out to those who loved him.

Susannah Craig - July 13, 2021 at 07:02 AM



“ *Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of David Robert "Coach Dave" McCuller.*



July 12, 2021 at 12:38 PM



“ *Sweet Tenderness was purchased for the family of David Robert "Coach Dave" McCuller.*



July 09, 2021 at 09:58 PM

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“ Coach Dave was a wonderful person, coach and league coordinator that will be surely missed by all. We loved Coach Dave’s passion, organizational skills and patience with his players, parents and colleagues. RIP Coach Dave!

Your Friend,
Mike McGuire

Mike McGuire - July 09, 2021 at 04:33 PM

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“ Coach Dave was and will remain a beautifully kind soul. RIP Coach Dave

Denise Malo - July 09, 2021 at 01:10 PM



“ Crystal Cross Bouquet was purchased for the family of David Robert "Coach Dave" McCuller.



July 07, 2021 at 09:48 AM

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“ Coach Dave touched so many in his years of service to kids. Wish there were more men like him. He was a father figure to many. He led by example, the world is better for what he put out into it. Rest In Peace, you will be missed and remembered by many.

Billie Jean Zimmerman

Billie Zimmerman - July 06, 2021 at 03:48 PM

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“ Coach Dave was one of those people who had a truly beautiful soul. Always there for the kids, he was also there for their parents when we needed him. May his family find comfort in knowing how much he was loved by so many.

D. Dalme

D. Dalme - July 06, 2021 at 02:11 PM

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“ Dave was a person who devoted his life to the kids at our school, St. Matthew. At the dentist office last week, someone mentioned to me that when you think of St. Matthew you think of Coach Dave. We all lost a good friend and the world lost a good man. Thank you for all that you did to help everyone at St. Matthew, We love you! You will never be forgotten.

Liz Ehrhardt - July 06, 2021 at 08:33 AM