



Faurest Earl Coogle

March 8, 1940 - September 7, 2013

Dr. Faurest Coogle, 73, of Frankfort, died at his home on September 7, 2013. He was born in Stephensburg, Kentucky to Evin H. and Anna Marie Coogle. He played basketball for Shawnee High School and Florida State University. In 1963, he began a 50 year commitment to the education of Kentucky's children as a basketball coach and biology teacher at Hickman County High School. He later taught and coached at Iroquois High School in Louisville and earned a Master's Degree at Murray State University. He earned an Ed.D. at the University of Kentucky and served as Assistant Superintendent of Union County Public Schools. In 1980, he became Superintendent of Franklin County Public Schools, where he served for a decade. While at Franklin County, he was among the founders of the All Academics Team which continues to honor outstanding students and teachers in Franklin County. In 1987, he was awarded the FL Dupree Award recognizing the Outstanding School Superintendent in the State of Kentucky. He continued his work in education at the Kentucky School Boards Association. At the time of his death, he was employed on the Leadership Staff of the Kentucky State Senate where he assisted in the drafting of education-related legislation, including Kentucky's Senate Bill No. 1.

He was preceded in death by his parents and his sister, Rita Coogle Elzy. He is survived by sons, Matthew Coogle of Louisville and Kent Coogle (Minda) of Winchester, and his nephew, Todd Toles. He loved watching his granddaughter, Sylvia, pick and eat cherry tomatoes from his garden, and

enjoyed seeing his grandson, Silas, play baseball in his backyard. Faurest was an avid fan of Bob Dylan and the Louisville Cardinals.

Visitation will be held on Wednesday, September 11, at Harrod Brothers Funeral Home from 4:00 p.m. until 8:00 p.m. Graveside services will be Thursday at 11:00 a.m. EST at Stephensburg Community Cemetery in Stephensburg, Kentucky, with Dr. Jackson Brewer officiating. A Celebration of Life Service will begin at 2:00 p.m. EST on Thursday, September 12 in the Senate Chambers of the Kentucky State Capitol also officiated by Dr. Brewer. In lieu of flowers, the family requests that donations be made to either the Stephensburg Community Cemetery, c/o James C. Farver, 130 Wonderland Cavern Rd., Cecilia, KY 42724 or to the Portland Museum, 2308 Portland Avenue, Louisville, KY 40212.

Arrangements are under the direction of Harrod Brothers Funeral Home.

Tribute Wall



“ *Faurest Earl Coogle*

October 06, 2023 at 03:15 PM



“ *I am from Louisville and played basketball against Faurest in High School and joined him at FSU and played with him for 4 years. He and I played one-on-one almost everyday. I am so sorry to hear that he passed away. I have been so impressed with his education career. I am sure he touch many lives*

Charlie Long - January 04, 2014 at 04:16 PM



“ *When I began working at Hearn Elementary School in 1987 Dr. Coogle was the Superintendent. I believe I met him the first day of my employment. I felt so welcome in the Franklin County Public Schools and felt we were truly a community of learning working as a team to help students and families learn, thrive and grow. I especially enjoyed being a part of Dr. Coogle's faculty advisory council. I am very grateful for my years with him and the many blessings that came to me through FCPS. Sincerely, Judy Burris*

Judy Burris - September 13, 2013 at 04:41 PM

JF

“ To Faurest sons, Matthew and Kent, we would like to express our deepest sympathy on the lost of your father. We were great teen friends of your dad. We remember what a great man he was then and what a remarkable life he lived from very humble beginnings. As a member of our Wedding party some 50 years ago, we have some photos of your Dad in our wedding. If you would us to share these photos, please let us know.
Again our deepest sympathy.

Jim and Dodie French - September 12, 2013 at 01:06 PM

MM

“ Matt,
So sorry to hear about your dad. Thoughts and prayers your way.

Michael McAfee - September 12, 2013 at 12:51 PM

KR

“ The front page article in Tuesday's edition of *The State Journal* was a fitting tribute to Dr. Coogle. However, there could have been so much more written about this innovative, caring educator and all-around good guy. Dr. Coogle helped to make my first decade at Franklin County High School productive and smooth, with his laid-back, supportive approach. I am grateful for the time I spent as part of his staff and glad to have had the opportunity to work with his sons. He will be missed by many friends, family and coworkers. My prayers are especially for Matt and Kent, for comfort in your grief in the loss of your dad but also for the ease your good memories of him will give you and your family.

Kathleen (Billiter) Riggs - September 12, 2013 at 09:43 AM

SR

“ I graduated from Shawnee High with Faurest. I loved being a cheerleader for Shawnee and cheering our team forward; particularly Faurest. I harbored a crush on him, but he never showed any interest. Years later we corresponded a few times; and he told me he never knew I had cared for him. I remember he signed my yearbook "to the person with the most school spirit in the school". To this day I treasure that sentiment he expressed. He also saw to it that I became a Kentucky Colonel, a real honor for this girl from the wrong side of the tracks in Louisville.
To his family: Please be aware that even in high school Faurest was a kind, gentle, gentlemanly soul. I mourn his loss with you all.

Sandy Roberts Class of 1959

sandy roberts - September 11, 2013 at 07:00 PM

KS

“ My heart has been heavy ever since I heard of Faurest's passing. We still live in the same neighborhood and bought our house here because of our friendship with Faurest and Liz. We enjoyed many nights sipping wine and listening to music together, not to mention our yearly trips to the Memphis Blues Festival. Faurest encouraged me as a teacher and helped me to believe in myself as a writer. For that I will always be grateful. We shared our love for Bob Dylan and I will never hear another Dylan tune without thinking of Faurest. Bill and I are thinking of you, Matt & Kent, and sending loving thoughts your way.

Kay Scott - September 11, 2013 at 03:35 PM

HP

“ Farewell Faurest, you did well for a Griffiths Ave, Portland boy. I am proud to have been your classmate at Shawnee High School.

Harry Page - September 11, 2013 at 12:12 PM

JK

“ Matt:
I'm sorry for your loss. Thoughts, prayers and deepest sympathies are with you.

Jason Vincent- Louisville, KY - September 10, 2013 at 06:25 PM

PS

“ *A true warrior for education. Faurest was a man of intelligence and integrity. His wit and wisdom will be missed by many.*

Penney Sanders - September 10, 2013 at 04:35 PM

JM

“ *Never met a greater competitor on the court. His teams a Shawnee were hard to beat.
I often wonder what happened to Faurest, since our High School days. I pleased to know that he survived and prospered.
Jim Miller St.X '58-'59*

Jim Miller - September 10, 2013 at 11:19 AM

ST

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Steve Todd - September 10, 2013 at 11:13 AM

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Steve Todd - September 10, 2013 at 11:12 AM

GC

“ *Matt, so sorry to hear about your father. He certainly led a full and productive life. I hope you are well. --Gary Conklin.*

Gary Conklin - September 10, 2013 at 09:05 AM

AN

“ *A wonderful gentile giant of a man, admired and thought of affectionately by many. Our love, thoughts and prayers are with the family.*

Agnes Nelson - September 10, 2013 at 09:01 AM