



Howard (HL) Leon Bailey Jr.

August 17, 1953 - October 30, 2021

Howard Leon (HL) Bailey Jr, age 68, of Flowery Branch, passed away on Saturday, October 30, 2021. A memorial service will be held at Luxomni Baptist Church (Lilburn) and officiated by Rev. Warren Was. A date for the service has yet to be scheduled. HL is preceded in death by his parents Avis "Mema" and Howard "Papa" Bailey. He is survived by: his loving sweetheart Linda Fitzpatrick and her daughter Daley, Cumming; sons & daughters-in-law: Kellen Bailey & Jeanette Le, Johns Creek; Graham & Kate Bailey, Woodland Hills, CA; former spouse, Debbie Ledwell, Milton, FL; granddaughters: AJ Bailey & Evelyn Healy, Johns Creek; brothers & sisters-in-law: Jerry & Wanda Bailey, Grayson; Jeffery & Amy Bailey, Lawrenceville; extended family: Kegan & Kristin Bailey (Emerson & Lucas), Statham; Garrison & Katie Bailey, Marietta; Kyle Bailey, Lawrenceville; Brandon Bailey, Lawrenceville; and his always faithful companion: Thor.

HL was born on August 17, 1953, in Duluth, GA.

Starting at an early age, he excelled both academically and athletically. He was a varsity athlete in track, football, and basketball and the captain of Berkmar High School's High Q team.

He was proud to have attended UGA and had a love for his Georgia Bulldawgs, was a voracious reader, music lover, and enjoyed singing and playing guitar (a skill he picked up in his early 50s).

He was a member of 12 Stone Church in Buford, where he was an active

participant as a member of several men's groups and as an usher. His unwavering faith in the Lord was a guiding light and a cornerstone in his life. HL also found the time to remain active in the community. In 1995, he began volunteering with the Brookwood High School Swim team. He would later go on to become the president of the teams' booster club. Starting in the late 90s, he took up officiating GA high school swimming, where he was named Official of the Year in 2011. And in 2014, he began coaching the Forsyth County Special Olympics basketball team, where he made a tremendous impact on many of the athletes through his kindness and positive energy. He was most recently employed at Atlanta-based Aptean, where his knowledge and generosity were greatly valued. Aptean plans to name an annual award after HL Bailey for the sales team member who best embodies his spirit and goes above and beyond to help others succeed. He was a great man, and he will be missed tremendously by many. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to the Forsyth County Special Olympics: www.soforsyth.com

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Tribute Wall



“ *Howard (HL) Leon Bailey Jr.*

October 08, 2022 at 11:31 AM



“ *HL was a close colleague and friend of mine...to say he will be missed at Apteau is a huge understatement. Thank you for always being there, HL, and for setting a true example of your hard work ethic, with always mixing in your unique personal touch! We will all miss you! - Donna Mancinelli, Apteau*

Donna Mancinelli - November 09, 2021 at 08:16 AM



“ *The picture attached shows Coach HL's true spirit. Coach's love & acceptance of all we're one of his many trademarks. Coach & his son Kellen put in a tremendous amount of time on & off the SO courts to ensure happy memories were made. Coach left this world a better place to live. He will be tremendously missed & love & compassion towards others will never be forgotten. We send our prayers & love, Leila, Steve & Clare Demetrovits*



Leila Demetrovits - November 09, 2021 at 08:04 AM

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“ *Forever remembered and never forgotten.
Until we meet again Coach!! RIP friend!*



Wayne - November 07, 2021 at 09:26 AM

KM

“ *Hard to believe he is gone, I will miss seeing on the pool deck officiating, HL always made the meets fun. Your are going to be missed,*

Kevin Medved - November 06, 2021 at 06:13 PM

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“ *3 files added to the album Some of our Life together - I Love You Baby!*



Linda - November 06, 2021 at 02:59 PM

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“ 29 files added to the album *Some of our Life together - I Love You Baby!*



Linda Fitzpatrick - November 06, 2021 at 02:35 PM

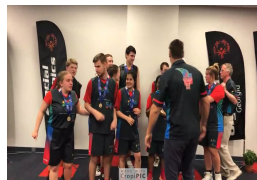
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“ He was there for every swim meet I can remember. Always encouraging us to be our best self. Thank you Mr. Bailey, you will be missed ❤️

Christy Connors - November 05, 2021 at 08:56 PM



“ 26 files added to the album *Special Olympics Coach - Thunderbirds Basketball*



Sharon Howell - November 05, 2021 at 04:39 PM

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*I have so many fond memories of H.L. from Mountain Park UMC.
Singing with him in the praise group and playing recreational volleyball.
H.L. was always living life with zest.*

Ted Morrow - November 06, 2021 at 05:28 PM