



## Mr. Bobby G. Ashcraft

October 24, 1928 - August 19, 2017

Bobby G. Ashcraft, 88, of DeWitt died August 19, 2017. He was born October 24, 1928 in Grapevine, AR, to Kirby and Ara Ashcraft.

Bobby graduated from Arkansas State Teachers College in Conway, and began his teaching career in a one room school teaching first through sixth grades at Forks LaGrue School near DeWitt. He later taught and coached in DeWitt, Eudora, Sheridan, Paragould, Stuttgart, and St. Charles. After working in education for 27 years, Bobby served as the Arkansas County judge for 10 years before retiring. He was very active in First Baptist Church and was a deacon, taught the men's Sunday School class and led Bible study, and sang in the choir. He was also very involved in the Lions Club and in the community.

He was preceded in death by his parents, his wife of 57 years Wanda Jo Mills Ashcraft, brother Billy Ashcraft, granddaughter Joana Mills Bing, and nephew Gene Ashcraft.

Bobby is survived by his children and their spouses Bobbye Jo Bing (Buck) of Austin, Steve Ashcraft (Ruth) of Vilonia, Jean Ann Henry (Clay) of Fayetteville, and Nancy Corley (Doug) of DeWitt; eight grandchildren and their spouses Carl Mushrush (Dawn), Mark Mushrush (Sarah), Chris Bing (Cheryl), Clark Bing (Kellye), Sarah Henry, Becca Bouldin (Kristopher), and Hannah

and Tyler Corley; and six great grandchildren Grace, Carter, and Cassle Bing and Aimee, Daniel, and Taylor Mushrush.

Visitation will be 11:00 a.m. Wednesday, August 23 at First Baptist Church in DeWitt. Funeral services will follow at 12:00 p.m. noon. Burial will follow in DeWitt Cemetery by Essex Funeral Home. Memorials may be made in First Baptist Church Preschool Scholarship Fund or New Building Fund, 322 W. 1st St., DeWitt, AR 72042 or DeWitt Cemetery, c/o Arkansas County Bank, P.O. Box 511, DeWitt, AR 72042.

# Tribute Wall

RG

“ *TO the Ashcraft family,I'm very sorry for the loss of Coach Ashcraft. He was a great man and a great family man.*

Ray Gilbert - April 27, 2018 at 12:47 PM

RR

“ *Steve and family we are so sorry about your loss. We will keep you in our prayers*

Rick & Melinda Reynolds - April 27, 2018 at 12:47 PM

HB

“ *Y'all are in our thoughts and prayers. Love to you all.*

Holly and Lindy Brown - April 27, 2018 at 12:47 PM

MR

“ *Bobby and I coached together in Stuttgart. He was true professional educator and a great role model for students. He will be greatly missed by the many people who knew him . He was a dedicated educator and community worker. I was grateful to have known him and call him my friend. Respectfully, Mark Roberts*

Mark Roberts - April 27, 2018 at 12:47 PM

JC

“ *May I share your sorrow in Mr. Bobby's passing but I know he's truly in a perfect place. A kind and faithful Christian gentleman. Much shalom to his family.*

Jeanne Cross - April 27, 2018 at 12:47 PM

JB

“ *What a legacy Bobby Ashcraft leaves. A wonderful family, and so many memories of him on the football field teaching young men Christian values. He never met a stranger and loved football. Thank the good Lord for sharing him with us on this earth. Look for to reuniting with him one day in heaven. Prayers going out to the family from the Barrett's.*

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**Jim & Martha Ann Barrett** - April 27, 2018 at 12:47 PM

JG

“ *Really loved him as a coach and friend and looked forward to visiting with him at games on Friday night.*

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**john gunnell** - April 27, 2018 at 12:47 PM

CC

“ *So sorry for your loss. I was honored to get to know him! Prayers for the family.*

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**Crystal Crosby** - April 27, 2018 at 12:47 PM