



## Coach Michael Tanks

August 4, 1967 - August 3, 2016

Celebration of Life services for Head Coach Michael Tanks of Southwest Dekalb High School will be held on Saturday, August 13, 2016 at 11:00 AM at Saint Phillip AME Church 240 Candler Road, Atlanta, GA 30317. Rev. Dr. William Watley, Senior Pastor, Officiating. Final Resting place Carver Memorial Gardens 350 Upper Riverdale Rd, Jonesboro, GA 30236. Visitation will be held FRIDAY at our SOUTH DEKALB CHAPEL from 10:00 AM-8:00 PM. Coach Tanks memories will be cherished by his loving wife, three children, parents, siblings, SWD family, FSU family and many others. In lieu of flowers please donate to the Michael Tanks Scholarship Fund at Athletes Care Association . Gregory B. Levett & Sons Funeral Home and Crematory 4347 Flat Shoals Pkwy Decatur, GA 30034 404-241-5656.

In lieu of flowers please make donations to Athletes Care Association (ACA) w  
[ww.acas.us](http://ww.acas.us)

# Previous Events

## Visitation

AUG **12**. 10:00 AM - 8:00 PM (ET)

South DeKalb Chapel  
4347 Flat Shoals Pkwy.  
Decatur, GA 30034  
(404) 241-5656  
info@levettfuneralhome.com

## Service

AUG **13**. 11:00 AM (ET)

Saint Philip AME Church  
240 Candler Rd SE  
Atlanta, GA 30317

# Tribute Wall

RC

“*Rose Currie lit a candle in memory of Coach Michael Tanks*



Rose Currie - May 29, 2025 at 12:28 AM



“*Did know Coach personally but knew hir reputation of being a great coach, wonderful husband and awesome father. You have my prayers and may God lift you in your time of need. Just hearing this in FB. Bless you all. Pam Higginbotham CHS 1972.*

Pamela Higginbotham - August 13, 2016 at 09:07 AM

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“*With love, Tri-Cities High school class of 1999 purchased the Emerald Garden Basket for the family of Coach Michael Tanks.*



With love, Tri-Cities High school class of 1999 - August 12, 2016 at 03:06 PM

PM

“*Patrese Muller lit a candle in memory of Coach Michael Tanks*



Patrese Muller - August 11, 2016 at 08:19 PM

BF

“ Friends are the pillars on your porch. Sometimes they hold you up, sometimes they lean on you, and sometimes it’s just enough to know that they are standing by. As you grieve know that we are remembering you and honoring the memory of Tanks. With caring thoughts, love and remembrance. Fullard and Nona

Beulah Fullard - August 11, 2016 at 08:14 PM



“ Ive known Michael since 1980, our 8th grade year at SWD High. From the very start i noticed that he most friendly, most soft spoken boys in the school. A few weeks later i saw him going to practice one day and that shocked me. Ill never forget his kind demeanor and soft smile.

Safiyah Farrakhan - August 11, 2016 at 07:37 AM



*Excuse the typos!*

Safiyah Farrakhan - August 11, 2016 at 09:31 PM

JJ

“ As part of the TANKS/JACKSON family, we are sadden to hear about the passing of our loved one - Michael Tanks. We pray that the Lord will continue to provide our entire family peace and understanding as we endure this difficult time.



Jimmy C. & Josephine T. Jackson - August 11, 2016 at 01:03 AM

MW

“ *Monica Wilson lit a candle in memory of Coach Michael Tanks*



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**Monica Wilson** - August 10, 2016 at 01:31 PM

CM

“ *CMN lit a candle in memory of Coach Michael Tanks*



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**CMN** - August 07, 2016 at 09:31 PM

RC

*Rest in peace my dear cousin*

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**Rose Currie** - May 29, 2025 at 12:27 AM

MA

“ *Marilyn lit a candle in memory of Coach Michael Tanks*



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**Marilyn** - August 07, 2016 at 11:38 AM

AS

“ Coach Tanks was a wonderful coach. He pushed my son to be the best he could be. He saw something in him, that my son didn't see in himself, but during his senior year, he saw the light. Coach Tanks is part of the reason my son is in college now playing football and being a great student. Rest in peace Coach Tanks. The Richardson-Steele family will miss you!!!

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**April Steele** - August 06, 2016 at 09:57 PM

AL

“ I am so sorry to read of Mr. Tank's passing. I extend my condolences to his family and pray that they will be comforted by Jehovah's words in Isaiah 25:8 where he promises that death will be swallowed up forever.

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**alex** - August 06, 2016 at 07:18 AM

RJ

“ Sending my condolences to the Tanks Family. Mr. Tanks was a great colleague and an amazing History teacher. He really made an impact on everyone he encountered. He will be missed.

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**Robin Jackson** - August 05, 2016 at 08:16 PM

VW

“ Vermetrea Watkins lit a candle in memory of Coach Michael Tanks

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**Vermetrea Watkins** - August 05, 2016 at 07:54 PM

AF

“ *Angela St.Louis and family purchased the Garden Accent - A heart of gold stopped beating... for the family of Coach Michael Tanks.*



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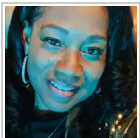
**Angela St.Louis and family** - August 05, 2016 at 07:08 PM

TR

“ *I'm filled with so many emotions but he will truly be missed!! I'd never forget the first and last time I was sent to ISS for acting up in school!! He had the most powerful talk with me and he told me to always remember a quote!! If you don't stand for something, you'll fall for anything!! Don't be stupid any follow the wrong ppl!! I will forever cherish our memories!! To the family, he was like a school dad to me along with my brother, and never wanted to see us fail! He always made sure we were on top of things!! If y'all need anything, I'm only a call away!*

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**Tyesha Royal** - August 05, 2016 at 01:18 PM



“ *Michael was a wonderful person , classmate, and friend . He will be truly missed by all. While we are mourning , the Angels in heaven rejoice. RIP Tanks. Forever in our hearts . - LaChandra Cotton-Thomas SWD Class of 85*

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**LaChandra Cotton** - August 05, 2016 at 12:35 PM

TS

*My condolences to the Tanks Family. Michael's heart and compassion will live on through the many lives he touched. Rest in Heaven my friend. Todd Sanders SWD Class of 86*

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**Todd Sanders** - August 06, 2016 at 06:13 AM

DA

*Gone so soon so young. But through the passing there is life. May God bless the Tanks family. May he carry you through the darkest times into the light.*

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**Darian** - August 12, 2016 at 03:26 PM