



## David Lane Green

November 30, 1946 - August 15, 2021

David Lane Green passed away on August 15, 2021, at the age of 74, in his hometown of Tallahassee, FL. Lane graduated from Leon High School in 1964 where he was Senior Class President, played baseball and was captain of the basketball team. He graduated from Florida State University in 1968 with a B.S. in Physical Education where he was the outstanding male senior in PE. During his time at FSU, he was a Distinguished Military Graduate of Army ROTC and played baseball for the Seminoles. In 1970, he obtained an M.S. in Physical Education and Education Administration. Following college, Lane served in the United States Army stationed at the United States Military Academy (West Point) from 1970-1972. He was commissioned as Special Services Officer (First Lieutenant) and served as assistant baseball coach. After his military service, he began his career at Grady County Schools as a teacher, administrator, and Assistant Superintendent for Instruction from 1972-1980. While at Grady County Schools, Lane obtained an Ed.S in Administration and Supervision from Valdosta State College. In 1980, Lane accepted the position of Executive Director of the Tallahassee Junior Museum. During this time, new habitats were opened, including red wolves, Florida panther, river otter, bobcat and guest animals. He loved making cane syrup for Fall Farm Day and continued to grow sugar cane for this event on his family land. In 1990, he accepted a position as the Director of the newly formed Red Hills Conservation Association at Tall Timbers. From 1991-2012, Lane was the Executive Director of Tall Timbers. He was a vocal advocate for

prescribed fire in the Southeast and helped preserve over 100,000 acres of private land in the Red Hills Region through conservation easements. A lifelong athlete, Lane played softball, flag football, basketball and in his 40's moved to adult baseball. He was instrumental in starting the adult baseball leagues in Tallahassee. He and the Tallahassee Classics played annually in the Roy Hobbs Baseball Association World Series from his 40's into his 70's. He was involved in many civic activities including Leadership Tallahassee, Leadership Florida, Alzheimer's Resource Center, Tallahassee Parks and Recreation, Leon Alumni Baseball, North Florida Prescribed Fire Council and Georgia Prescribed Fire Council.

In retirement, Lane continued to be a steward of his family's land and enjoyed hunting, playing baseball, working with his Brittanys and sharing the joy of the outdoors with his granddaughters. He also served as the Internship Coordinator for the Land, Forest, Wildlife Management degree program at Southern Regional Technical College in Thomasville from 2012 to his death. Lane was especially proud when his family's land was put under conservation easement to protect it in perpetuity. Lane is survived by his wife, Susan; daughter and son-in-law, Kelly and Rick Holmes; son and daughter-in-law, Jeremy Lane and Kathryn Green; grandchildren, Jakub Holmes, Anna Bella Holmes and Jinnette Lane Green; and brother and sister-in-law, John and Joy Green. A celebration of his life will be held outdoors on Saturday, August 21, 2021, at 10 AM at Tall Timbers (13093 Henry Beadel Drive). Lane wanted you to be cool, comfortable, casual and colorful for the celebration. As per Lane's wishes, masks are required and please respect social distancing. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to Tall Timbers Research Station and Land Conservancy (13093 Henry Beadel Drive; Tallahassee, FL 32312), Birdsong Nature Center (2106 Meridian Road; Thomasville, GA 31792) or Tallahassee Museum of History and Natural Science (3945 Museum Road; Tallahassee, FL 32310).

Lane's Other Achievements:

Leon High School 1960-1964

-Varsity Basketball MVP 1964

-Varsity Baseball All Conference Award

Florida State University 1964-1969

-Outstanding Male Physical Education Graduate 1967-1968

-President, Mens Physical Education Majors' Club- 1967-1968

-Member, PEK- Men's National Physical Education Honorary Fraternity

-Sigma Delta Psi- Men's National Athletic Honorary Fraternity

-Army ROTC Distinguished Military Graduate Award

United States Army 1970-1972

-Army Commendation Medal

-Physical Training Award

Baseball Awards

1976- MVP FL State Mens Open Slow Pitch Championship

1992- Class B Roy Hobbs Over 40 World Series Championship (Tallahassee Gulf 104 Classics)

2011- Leon High Baseball Hall of Fame

2013- Roy Hobbs World Series Hall of Fame

Other Awards:

1988- Distinguished Leadership Award - National Association of Community Leadership

1992- Deepin Dawoods Big Buck Award - Havana Timber Company

2000- Chairman's Award - North Florida Prescribed Fire Council

2004- Leadership Tallahassee - Distinguished Leadership Award- Servant Leadership

2013- Stewardship Forest Award

2013- Lifetime Achievement Award- Delta Waterfowl

2013- Herbert Stoddard Lifetime Achievement Award- Association of Fire Ecology

2013- Torchbearer Award - Georgia Prescribed Fire Council

2015- National Fire Bird Conservation Award - National Bobwhite

## Conservation Initiative

2017- Outstanding Achievement in Environmental Awareness - Daughters of the American Revolution

### Advisory Boards:

-4H

-Florida Association of Museums- President- 1989-1990

-Future of Hunting in Florida

-Allied Sportsman's Association of Florida

-Georgia & Florida Prescribed Fire Councils

-National Coalition of Prescribed Fire Councils

-Florida Land Trust Association

-Natural Science for Youth Foundations

-Birdsong Nature Center

-Leadership Tallahassee Board of Governors - 1996-2000

-Acquisition & Restoration Council for State of Florida, Vice Chairman - 2005-2012

Susie Mozolic of Bevis Funeral Home is assisting the family with their arrangements. ([www.bevisfh.com](http://www.bevisfh.com) 850-385-2193)

# Previous Events

## Celebration of Life

AUG **21**. 10:00 AM (ET)

Tall Timbers  
13093 Henry Beadel Drive  
Tallahassee, FL

# Tribute Wall

GD

“ Dear Susan and family,

*Losing a man of the character of Lane is not only a loss to those of us who knew him, but his passing is a loss to our community and a loss to so many folks who have benefited from his influence and friendship whether or not they knew him. We have never heard of anyone who had something to say about him other than strong positive statements. I (George) was on the Board of Directors at the time he was hired at the then Junior Museum. My most striking memory of that day was thinking about how much I liked this man. Foremost he was approachable, which means a lot to me. I knew we had a winner in front of us.*

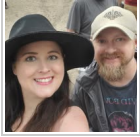
*I am going to tip my coffee cup toward his home and toward the museum when I have my coffee in the morning. As I love my cup of coffee it will be tipped in tribute to Lane a lot.*

*I (Joel) always felt welcomed by Lane. I can see him greeting me with a tilt of his head and a big smile. He wasn't just friendly. He accomplished so much at the Jr. Museum, the Red Hills Conservancy and Tall Timbers. I know many in the community will miss him.*

*As 80+ folks, we have seen many friends and family pass. Our memories of them and Lane bring warmth to our hearts.*

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George and Joel Dawspm - September 01, 2021 at 10:50 AM



“ Lane was one of those men that never met a stranger and always had an infectious smile on his face. I always enjoyed my time visiting with him on his family's land while I ran the Red-Cockaded Woodpecker Safe Harbor Program for Florida. He was a man of wisdom and passion. He will be remembered warmly.

*Caly Coffey*

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**Caly Means** - August 25, 2021 at 06:05 PM



“ So sorry to hear of Lane's death. Thoughts and prayers are with Susan and the family. My acquaintance with this family began with FSU Football as we sat behind them at football games for many years. Always appreciated his enthusiasm for FSU sports and especially his dedication to conservation. Jo A. Willis, Madison, Fl

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**Jo A. Willis** - August 24, 2021 at 09:04 AM

WW

“ Lane was chosen to be a member of Leadership Florida’s 13th class, a group of eminent leaders from throughout the state, representing a wide range of professions and accomplishments. On the class’ first day together, it was was our tradition to sit in a circle and, in turn, have each member of the class share something about him/herself. Lane told the group that he and his beloved wife Susan lived on the same land on the FL-GA line occupied by the Green family since 1830. He said that from time to time, the state line was moved, changing their state of residence. When the line was moved, making his great-grandfather a Georgian, someone asked how he liked it. According to Lane, he responded, “It’s okay I guess. Just gets so cold up here.” 🥶. That was pure Lane. God rest his soul.

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**Wendy Walker** - August 21, 2021 at 04:10 PM

BS

“ What a classy guy. First met Lane when I played American Legion baseball Post 13 and he was our coach in 1967. Later in our years we played in the old man baseball league , wow that was fun. Got a lot of great memories. You will be missed Lane, you are one of a kind . Our prayers and thoughts are with the family at this very difficult time. Billy and Joanie Stephens

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**Billy Stephens** - August 20, 2021 at 11:57 AM

RH

“ Lane was a person you admired for his character he showed all the time. I am sorry for your loss. Our prayers are with you. I played baseball with Lane on the Tallahassee Classics. Rudy Hinson

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**Rudy Hinson** - August 20, 2021 at 08:36 AM

YF

“ Your WCTV Family purchased the Crystal Cross Bouquet for the family of David Lane Green.



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**Your WCTV Family** - August 20, 2021 at 07:11 AM

MB

“ Lane and I have been neighbors for many years and over that time have become friends. We enjoyed trading various types of produce from our gardens, etc. Being a long time resident of the Red Hills, I will always be thankful for his tireless efforts to preserve the area through conservation easements and to maintain the nature and originality of Sunny Hill Rd. I will miss him greatly.

*To his family, please accept my sincere condolences and never forget that I am here as a friend and neighbor, at the top of the next hill, if you should ever need anything.*

*With sincere sympathy,  
Michael Brown*

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**Michael D. Brown** - August 19, 2021 at 03:38 PM

DG

“ Lane was 'Mr. Prescribed Fire' and the most passionate and articulate advocate for the practice of managing lands with fire. Even in retirement, he served on multiple prescribed fire committees and professional working groups, often offering his wisdom and perspectives on important topics. He was always kind and encouraging to me and I'm very thankful to have known him, even just professionally. I imagine he's already in the Red Hills of Heaven, challenging them to use more prescribed fire.

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**David Godwin** - August 19, 2021 at 11:39 AM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of David Lane Green.*



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August 18, 2021 at 11:43 PM



“ *Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of David Lane Green.*



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August 18, 2021 at 10:00 PM



“ *So sorry to hear of Lane's passing. What a wonderful person & steward of nature in our area. My condolences to his family and those closest to him.*

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**Elva Peppers** - August 18, 2021 at 02:08 PM



“ *The 1964 Leon High School Class purchased the Blessed Heart for the family of David Lane Green.*



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**The 1964 Leon High School Class** - August 18, 2021 at 12:53 PM

DB

“ Our hearts are heavy with grief. Words can't begin to describe all that Lane meant to so many of us as a dear and special friend. He will always, always be remembered and we will always, always love and miss him. He was the heart and soul of our 1964 Leon High School Class and the keeper of the flame.



*Dear Susan and family members, we are sending our love, support, thoughts and prayers to you all.*

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**Diane Hudson Bell** - August 18, 2021 at 12:39 PM

PA

“ A fine southern gentleman with a big heart and smile. He was always the same.

*Susan and family I am so sorry for your loss.*

*Pat Wagner Alley*

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**Pat Alley** - August 18, 2021 at 11:47 AM

MK

“ On behalf of the faculty and staff of DeSoto Trail Elementary School, I send our love, thoughts, and prayers to Susan and the entire family. Our condolences to you on Lane's passing. If we can help in any way, please know we are here for you.

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**Michele Keltner** - August 18, 2021 at 11:46 AM



“ *Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of David Lane Green.*



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August 18, 2021 at 11:36 AM



“ *I will never forget the New Year's Roman Candle fight between Lane and his son Jeremy. His kind face was a continuous mark on my childhood over many weekends.*

*-JC Freeland*

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**Joshua Freeland** - August 18, 2021 at 10:05 AM



“ *That lanky young boy with his sweet smile at Sealy School is who I first remember. Lane never changed throughout the next 65 years. Still the smiling humble man but a man with a mission. Well done Lane. An admirable life. You will be missed terribly by all who knew you, especially your loving classmates.*

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**Grier Kimbrel McFarland** - August 18, 2021 at 09:22 AM



“ *I knew Lane from elementary school through college, and beyond - as a classmate and friend. I don't think I ever met a nicer more likable guy. He was supposed to be the permanent class president of our LHS class of 1964 - now he will have to be our eternal president. And he will be forever missed...*

*Paul Hill*

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**Paul Hill** - August 18, 2021 at 08:38 AM

HB

“ After my State of Florida retirement in 2007, Lane hired my company, Conservation Planning, LLC, to work with Tall Timbers to produce a 10-year Strategic Plan to reflect a consensus among the Staff and Board as to how the organization should spend its time and resources to serve the Red Hills Region and Community. It was a distinct opportunity for me and my partner, Bob McDonald, to apply our planning trade and philosophy, learned during our careers with the Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission and U.S. Forest Service, respectively. Lane was a good boss for that project, guiding us with good direction, a strong conservation ethic, a sense of humor, and occasional toughness. He knew it was a tough ask for us to bring landowners, scientists, land / fire managers, conservation easement professionals, administrative program professionals and other conservationists to consensus on how limited time and resources should be spent. Bob and I did our best to apply what skills we had developed in our careers to the task, and we hope Lane was pleased with what we were able to provide. I know Bob and I considered it an honor to work with Lane, the Tall Timbers Board and the various professionals that comprise the unique and effective organization that is Tall Timbers Research Station and Land Conservancy. We learned a lot.

*Lane Green's family, friends, and professional associates can look back on his life as someone who made many contributions to the welfare of one of the rarest and most unique ecosystems in the World, and to the people who are its stewards....and they can say that he enjoyed every minute of it.*

*H. Hugh Boyter, Jr.*

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**Hugh Boyter** - August 18, 2021 at 02:20 AM

JK

“ Few figures in history are born at the right time, born for a certain purpose and then able to accomplish that purpose in the manner of perfection than Lane did. As an advocate and spokesman for all of us that love this lifestyle he was as good as it gets. His genuine passion for all of us who shared his love of the land was infectious. He ranks among the top few of our “founding fathers” of which we have to thank for our rights to burn and the conservation ethic that is so prevalent today.

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**Jon Kohler** - August 17, 2021 at 10:47 PM

BW

“ My story, that I'm confident mirrors so many others.....a truly inspirational man who formed, molded and shaped landscapes and leaders (well beyond the Red Hills) that do and will continue impacting and shaping people, places and species in positive and transformative ways.....long past his time here on earth, and ours.....as we carry on in his stead, attempting to do his good work, for and through others. He, whether recognizing it at the time (though I'm sure he did...while I did not) served as a father figure to me, after having lost my own father not too long prior to first meeting Mr. Green! Whether blessing me with a walk in the woods behind a brace of Brittany's as a newbie TTRS tech; bestowing knowledge, charm, wit and hospitality upon me (I like to believe some of it stuck) as we crossed paths regularly for nearly a decade, through the networks and doors you helped open for me; or, presenting me with, and mentoring me through, one of the greatest personally and professionally challenging experiences of my life.....Lane Green, you Sir are embedded in me as you are so many others; and, for that...all of us and this world is a better place!! Well done, good and faithful servant!! May you rest high on that Red Hill, kind Sir!!

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**Brent Widener** - August 17, 2021 at 10:19 PM

VM

“mentor, friend, hunting companion and one of the biggest influences in my life. Lane was and will always be the biggest champion of conservation of the wildlife and wildlands of the Red Hills Region. No one cared more for its conservation and sustainability than Lane. A true champion for prescribed fire - he proved Smokey was wrong!

*On Tall Timbers' Mt. Rushmore, Lane's face belongs alongside Beadel, Stoddard, Komarek and Neel.*

*I will miss Lane Green tremendously, but I have comfort in knowing that he's probably shooting ringnecks on heaven's finest duck pond, chasing wild bobwhites behind a brace of his beloved Brittanys, or coercing a wise old longbeard in gun range.*

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**vann middleton** - August 17, 2021 at 09:23 PM

JS

“Lane was a strong advocate for prescribed burning for the health of natural lands. He was often a guest on WCTV promoting fire as a respected voice for sensitive land management.

*Jim A. Stevenson*

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**Jim A. Stevenson** - August 17, 2021 at 08:20 PM

JJ

“I had the privilege to play flag football with Lane for many years. He was one of the best receivers I ever threw to, but more important than that was he never complained if he didn't get a pass. Lane was all about team, winning and camaraderie. One of the nicest people I have ever known.

*J. D. Jones*

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**J.D. Jones** - August 17, 2021 at 08:18 PM

KA

“ I worked with Lane at Tall Timbers and he was always smiling. He encouraged me to be great and taught me to always take pride in my work...I will always remember him with a kind word and a smile. I'm so sorry for your loss and may God comfort you during this sad time. Katherine Anderson

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**Katherine Anderson** - August 17, 2021 at 08:13 PM

CM

“ Lane was the epitome of a true Southern Gentleman. He was kind, thoughtful, informed and always had a smile and a laugh to pick you up. I met him at Leon High School when I was a freshman and have hunted with him from that time on. Always a Sportsman he and I would take kids and adults alike to try to get them a turkey. He had wonderful stories that seemed to fit the occasion. We took the Georgia Governor one time and called him up five different gobblers in the same spot. Every time the gobblers would be almost in range the Governor would pop his head up and the turkey would be gone. Later I asked Lane why he didn't tell him not to move, he said because he was the Governor! We have laughed about that for years. I will miss you Buddy.

Chip Melton

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**Chip Melton** - August 17, 2021 at 06:55 PM

RB

“ Rest in TOTAL Peace there Lane Green! You have made very positive footprints at Red Hills and the surrounding areas with your knowledge of good conservation! The guidance and advise you gave me numerous times concerning making good quail and turkey habitat has certainly paid off at SOUTHERN LEGENDS PLANTATION in Decatur County, Georgia! Thank you Sir for all your sharing of knowledge with your great stewardship ideas that many outdoors folks enjoy today! May God Specially Bless all of your family and friends during this sad time ! Jesus has gained another SPECIAL ANGEL INDEED!..  
Ronnie Boyce-- ☆Huntmaster at SLP☆

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Ronnie Boyce - August 17, 2021 at 06:37 PM

DW

“ I met Lane soon after he arrived at Tall Timbers and enjoyed our association over the ensuing years. He was an ardent proponent and spokesperson regarding Red Hills conservation; always on his soapbox, but low key with a few anecdotes thrown in to unobtrusively educate the listener(s) leading them down the path toward recognizing the importance of appropriate land management and motivating them to help financially as well as become advocates themselves. I look forward to continuing our friendship and banter when our souls meet again.  
dale wade

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dale wade - August 17, 2021 at 06:32 PM

PK

“ Lane was an inspiring person to be around and, despite being low on the totem pole at Tall Timbers, gave me as much respect as anyone else. I'll never forget the encouraging words he gave me a short time after I started there. He was a special man with a deep curiosity for knowledge and a true love of the land.

*I will miss him a lot.*

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**Peter Kleinhenz** - August 17, 2021 at 04:28 PM

VD

“ Lane was a great man - He was a mentor to me early in, and throughout my career. His passion for prescribed fire and natural resource management was infectious. His impact on North Florida wood and wildlands will be around forever. A life well lived Lane...

*- Vic Doig, USFWS*

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**Vic Doig** - August 17, 2021 at 04:27 PM

ES

*I didn't know Lane well but his warmth and enthusiasm were unmistakable.*

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**Ellery Sedgwick** - August 17, 2021 at 04:51 PM

VM

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*- Vann Middleton*

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**Vann Middleton** - August 17, 2021 at 05:17 PM

JB

*Lane was the epitome of a southerner, a gentleman through and through. He was our HS president and has followed through with his duties as president all these years. We couldn't have asked for a better leader and friend. Thanks for being there for all of us. I send all my love to you Susan. Bless you all.*

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**Judy Vernon Boulay** - August 18, 2021 at 10:19 AM

RP

*You will be missed. A great friend and baseball/softball nut like me! Maybe you can make room on your team if I'm lucky enough to make it to Heaven with you.*

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**Rich Park** - August 18, 2021 at 12:30 PM

CW

*Lane was certainly a man to admire. Not only did he inspire our class throughout the years,, but he also served his community well. He will be missed.*

*Carol Ferguson Wiener*

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**Carol Ferguson Wiener** - August 19, 2021 at 01:52 PM

CM

*Lane was the coach for the Whigham High school basketball teams 1974. He was a great coach and really cared about us. He was a positive influence on our lives. I have followed him and his career all my adult life. He just could not seem to help making a powerful impact on what ever he chose to do. Miss Susan. So sorry for your loss. He will be missed.*

*Cathy Grimes Marchant class of 1975, Whigham High School.*

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**Cathy Marchant** - August 19, 2021 at 08:18 PM

DS

*Lane was passionate about everything he did - I am forever grateful to have known him and had the opportunity to work for him for over 20 years. He was a true family man, and always saw the very best in everyone He taught me so very much about the importance of protecting the Red Hills Region. He had a lot of fun along the way: many of us will never forget his pranks on April Fools Day, his love of all things FSU, and he was an avid Tom and the Cats groupie; esp. his all time favorite song, Play that Funky Music,*

*RIP Mr. Green Jeans,*

*Dana Strickland*

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**Dana Strickland** - August 20, 2021 at 08:39 AM

CV

*Coach Green was my coach at Whigham High School (1974). He was a fine man and a great Coach. Always remember him and Mrs. Green on the ball bus. We would (the players) fight over who got to hold the newborn baby(Kelly) Admired him as a mans man and gentleman. Prayers for the Green family. Curt Vanlandingham class of 74 W.H.S.*

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**Curt Vanlandingham** - August 20, 2021 at 12:30 PM