



## Jack Thomas Stallings

April 8, 1931 - June 20, 2018

Jack Thomas Stallings, age 87, passed away peacefully on June 20, 2018 in Tallahassee, FL. Jack was born on April 8, 1931 to Mabel O'Briant Stallings and William C. Stallings in Durham, NC.

He is widely known for his love for, and contribution to the sport of baseball as a collegiate coach. Jack attended Durham High School where he excelled in athletics, earning him the nickname, "Jack-Rabbit." He went on to play baseball for Wake Forest where he then began his college coaching career after polio halted a career in professional ball. He then coached six seasons at Florida State where he led the Seminoles to a second place finish in the 1970 College World Series. Coach Jack Stallings spent 24 seasons at Georgia Southern and guided the Eagles to a College World Series appearance in 1990, five NCAA postseason appearances, four Trans America Athletic Conference championships, and three Southern Conference titles.

Jack was also an international ambassador for baseball. He was a member of the 1951 U.S. Pan-American Games team, and later served as a United States National Team coach, and U.S. Olympic Team administrator. He was also a professor and author, and the recipient of many honors.

He was "Coach" to many, "Skip" to some, and "Daddy" and "Granddaddy" to his family. He is preceded in death by his wife of over 65 years, Norma Griffin

Stallings whom he loved dearly; his parents, sister Jane, and brother William. He is survived by three sons, Jack Jr. of Colorado Springs, CO, Mike (Susie) of Woodville, and Don (Sandra) of Tallahassee; 8 grandchildren, 16 great-grandchildren, 2 great-great-grandchildren, and several nieces and nephews. He leaves them with lasting memories; stories of his adventures told at the dinner table, lessons of baiting fish hooks, baling hay, backhanding a ball, fixing fences, and building bonfires; that practice makes permanent, family is the most important, and to give your best effort. He was a great man, a great husband, and a great dad and grandfather. He was patient and leaves a legacy of working hard, loving others, enjoying life, staying humble and honoring your word.

The funeral service will be at 11:00 AM on Tuesday, June 26, 2018 at Bevis Funeral Home, 200 John Knox Road, Tallahassee, FL 32303, with interment immediately following at Woodville Cemetery. Family will receive friends on Tuesday morning from 10:00 until service time.

On September 7, a celebration of Jack's life is planned in Statesboro GA.

It's a great day for baseball.

Rocky Bevis and Kelly Barber of Bevis Funeral Home (850/385-2193 or [www.bevisfh.com](http://www.bevisfh.com)) are assisting the Stallings family with their arrangements.

# Cemetery Details

## Woodville Cemetery

Woodville Hwy.  
Woodville, FL 32305

# Previous Events

## Visitation

**JUN 26.** 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

Bevis Funeral Home & Crematory  
200 John Knox Rd  
Tallahassee, FL 32303  
(850) 385-2193

## Funeral Service

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# Tribute Wall

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“ This is from Hubert & Nancy Wilson; Charles & Martha Martin, cousins of Jack. We had many wonderful memories of getting together with Jack and his Stallings family at the homeplace of the grandparents in Oak Grove. We last saw Jack and one of his sons at the home of another cousin in Winston-Salem where Jack had come for a reunion at Wake Forest University. We send our remembrances to the family and just wanted to share the fun times we had with Jack as we were growing up together.

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**Hubert Wilson** - July 20, 2018 at 03:44 PM

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“ Our best to the family. Baseball lost a great coach and ambassador, but beyond that the world lost an outstanding human being. With a single phone call Skip put Judy and me on track to career long positions. We cannot express just how much he meant to us. All we can try to do is "pay it forward."  
Hank and Judy Schomber

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**Hank Schomber** - June 28, 2018 at 03:11 PM

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“ Eddie, Vallie & Emily purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Jack Thomas Stallings.



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**Eddie, Vallie & Emily** - June 25, 2018 at 11:09 AM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum* was purchased for the family of Jack Thomas Stallings.



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June 25, 2018 at 08:55 AM



“ *Serene Retreat* was purchased for the family of Jack Thomas Stallings.



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June 25, 2018 at 08:52 AM



“ *Georgia Southern University Athletic Foundation* purchased the *Beautiful in Blue* for the family of Jack Thomas Stallings.



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**Georgia Southern University Athletic Foundation** - June 22, 2018 at 04:54 PM