



## Doyle Marek

December 25, 1932 - March 25, 2017

Dateline: George West, Texas

Doyle R Marek, known to many as Coach, passed away peacefully on Saturday, March 25, at the age of 84. Doyle was born on December 25, 1932 to parents, Tillie and Adolph Marek. Doyle was a beloved coach, mentor, and teacher in the Port Aransas school system from 1955 to 1991. He will always be remembered for his many talents and larger than life personality. He loved his career, his friends, his students, his cats, and his adventures as a talented teacher, boat builder, gardener, and craftsman. Doyle is survived by his sister, Betty Hall, of Kerrville, and by niece, Debra Cox, and nephew, Kent Cox. The family is so grateful to the nurses, aides, and staff at River Hills Health and Rehab for all of their care and compassion. We also thank the doctors and nurses at Peterson Hospice and Hospital staff. A celebration of life will be scheduled at a future date. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to the Port Aransas Boatman Scholarship fund. Services entrusted to Roberson Funeral Home, Three Rivers.

# Tribute Wall

BB

“ Doyle Marek....such a great man! He was there for me in many ways that a father would have been and I greatly appreciated it. He could be tough, but was never unfair. We knew what was expected of us as students, basketball players and as people. He will be missed, but all of us have 'Mr. Marek' stories to share whenever we meet up. What a legacy!

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**Brucette Kifer Beitz** - April 22, 2017 at 01:12 PM

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“ This man, teacher, coach, friend and mentor had such an impact on so many through out his life! One of my favorite memories was when I was in his eighth grade class and I decided I was going to go by my first name (SHIRLEY) instead of my middle name, Gay. So I put SHIRLEY on my math paper and turned it in, he later called me up to his desk in front of the class and asked who was SHIRLEY and started scolding me(In that loud deep voice of his) saying that was not my name my name was Gay and it was a great name and that it fit who I was and he would never accept a paper from me unless it had Gay on it. I was so embarrassed but to this day I have always gone by Gay and have been proud of my name. He will always be in our thoughts and prayers!!

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**Gay Whiteside Russey** - April 21, 2017 at 01:24 PM

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“ We all think back about the people who most influenced our lives and Mr. Marek is one of those people. He taught us that hard work be it in the class or on the court is what it took to be successful. He was there with a hand and instruction on how to do that and there with that paddle to keep us on the straight and narrow. He earned the respect of his students and community with his examples. He produced responsible adults who still loved him to his dying day. Rest In Peace Coach!!!

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**Laurie Kent** - April 20, 2017 at 12:57 PM

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“ Our father, Woody Ousley, Sr., had some favorite words to coach Doyle Marek....."Doyle, I sent you two young ladies (Vivi and Sylvia Ousley) and you turned them into mean girls on that basketball court." Doyle was quite proud of that. He was an amazing teacher, coach, man, friend and mentor. A memory I'll NEVER forget..... Back in the day of the pigeon shoots, my 8th grade boyfriend (woo woo) David Clark, was one of the fence flag boys. I went over to visit him at his fence assignment and as luck would have it, Doyle's classy black Ford Galaxy was parked directly behind David's flag chair. Well, as all goofy 7th grade girls did back in the day, I wrote, "Sylvia loves David" in the dust and dirt on Doyle's fancy car trunk. Monday morning I was promptly called to the office to see Mrs. Fortson. That wasn't a good thing! Doyle was there waiting for me to tell me that I ruined his black, shiny paint job on his fancy car because the dust and dirt etched what I wrote into the paint. Well, I don't think he told my dad (that was a real good thing) and he didn't ask me to pay for a paint job either. But I can guarantee you I NEVER wrote on a car again - not even on the windows!. He certainly made an impression on me. I know you will forever rest in peace, Coach Marek. You will be missed by so many. Sylvia Ousley Buttler

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**Sylvia Ousley Buttler** - April 20, 2017 at 10:32 AM

MC

“ Coach Marek was one of the finest men I have known. He had complete dedication to all of the kids he taught and a passion for life that everyone could see. Unfortunately I found the wrong end of his paddle many times but I credit this "posterior motivation" and the respect I had for him with helping me to succeed in life. He was no doubt one of the greatest teachers and fishermen in Port Aransas history!!!! May he rest in peace and I can say that Port A will never forget the positive impact he had and will continue to have on our community. A bit of Coach Marek lives on in each of us who had the honor of being one of his students.

*Mark Cobb*

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**Mark Cobb** - March 30, 2017 at 07:39 AM

AJ

“ Mr. Marek taught me "trick" math. An amazing teacher indeed. He truly cared for each of us - school and off campus too. My prayers and love goes to all who had the honor of knowing him personally.

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**Alissa Hutchins Jacobs** - March 28, 2017 at 11:24 PM



“ *Mr. Marek was one of the finest men that I have ever known. He was a great teacher, a great coach, great fisherman, great mentor, but most of all, he was a second dad to many of the kids that grew up in Port Aransas. He listened to us when we needed someone, and he beat our butt when we got out of line. The math he taught us in Junior High prepared us for Senior level College classes years later. He and his shop class built my first skiff. In addition, they built a table from a piece of drift wood for my mom and dad.*

*I remember taking my skiff out 18 miles one summer day and seeing him fishing on a 46' Bertram. He yelled at me and said, " Hey, what are you doing all the way out here " ? I smiled and said fishing for the bigger fish in the smaller boat that you built. He smiled as he saw my fishing pole bend and the sound of the reel scream away.*

*I will miss you Mr. Marek, You gave all your students the tools they needed to succeed in life, but most of all you made this world a better place. I will always love you.*

*Trent Moore*

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**Trent Moore** - March 28, 2017 at 06:57 PM