



James Ingram

January 8, 1933 - March 5, 2013

Legendary Washington High School football coach, James Durwood Ingram, also known as Coach I, passed away on March 5th 2013 at the age of 80 from heart failure. Born in Gerty, Oklahoma on January 8th 1933, Jim was the oldest of three children of Juanita Cecil Ingram and Golman Ciney Ingram. The Ingram family moved to Holtville, California when Jim was a young man, and he graduated from Holtville High School in 1950. While attending Humbolt State University he met and married, Patricia Mattax Ingram. Jim graduated from Humbolt with his Bachelor of Arts in 1955, and began his career as a teacher and football coach. After working at Rio Vista High School from 1955-58, Jim returned to Humbolt State to work as an assistant football coach from 1958-1960. In 1960 the Ingram family settled in Fremont, California where Jim worked as a teacher and coach at Washington High School. In the mid 1970s Jim worked at Moreau Catholic High School in Hayward, and returned to Washington High School in 1978, and continued to coach and teach until his retirement in 2002. Coach I was a dedicated teacher and committed coach who considered his students and players his 'other' kids.

Jim is survived by his wife Patricia Ingram, sister Sandra VanDiver, children: Michael Ingram, Dana Batt, and Philip Ingram, his grandchildren: Aaron Ingram, Amy Ingram, Luke Batt, Leah Thibault, Taylor Ingram and his beloved

bulldog Beau. He is preceded in death by his mother, father and his brother, Bob Ingram.

To honor Coach I, Washington High School football alumni spearheaded the commission of a bronze bust of Coach i's likeness, which was recently placed in front of the Jim Ingram Fieldhouse at TAK Fudena Stadium in Fremont.

A Celebration of Jim Ingram's life is being held on Sunday April 21st in the Washington High School Gymnasium in Fremont. The celebration will begin at 12noon.

In lieu of flowers donations can be made to complete the memorial statue at Tak Fudena Stadium. Donations can be sent to"

Washington High School Alumni Foundation

c/o Bill Harrison

37272 Maple Street

Fremont, Ca 94536

please place a note of "Coach Ingram" on any donations sent

Tribute Wall



“ You were one of my fav singers! The world has truly lost one of its Greats! Sleep tight, James Ingram!

Catherine Odera - February 12, 2019 at 04:00 AM

RA

“ What a man ,what a voice ,what extrodinary talent,a gift to light us in darkness ,a road to show when there was nothing there ,a sound of summer that could warm the coldest heart James you came ...just once ...a true legend I thank you ..my deepest sympathies to your family ...because of you whatever we imagineray from london

ray - February 09, 2019 at 06:08 PM

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“ #Always you....I will never get over this album, and oh wooow-that "when you love someone" duet with Anita Baker-need I say more 🙏
🙏-rest in peace James, I will cherish your music till the end of days

Purity - February 08, 2019 at 03:52 PM

PH

“ It's really heart-breaking to hear the news of this prestigious artiste,husband and father. My condolences to the family. James, R.I.P!!



Philippine - February 08, 2019 at 03:31 AM



“ Thanks for blessing us with such great music. The Power of Great Music CD was the first I bought in 1992. Still have it.... May you soul rest in peace.

From: Aubzino - MSSJ Club

Aubrey Modise - February 05, 2019 at 03:37 AM



“ Job Well Done.....Sleep Well.....What a musical JourneyJames

Andrew TshakaFrom Jozi Fm in South AfricaSoweto

Radio Dj Andrew Tshaka - February 03, 2019 at 12:54 PM



“ I just heard tonight about the passing of Mr. Ingram. I was a student at Washington High from 1966-1969. Back then girls only had female PE teacher, so I don't remember ever having him as a teacher, but I do remember him, and how student referred to him as Coach I. I am sorry for the family's loss. I will keep him in my prayers.

Laurianne George Behrens - June 05, 2013 at 12:00 AM



“ Coach...you will never be forgotten!

Jermaine White - April 21, 2013 at 12:00 AM