



Joseph "Joe" Michael Hayward

June 4, 1945 - November 25, 2022

It is with sadness but trust in our Loving God to inform you that Joe "Coach 44" Hayward has been called to our Lord. Joe passed away early Friday morning.

Joe was the former CYO athletic director at St. Augustine and St. Lawrence O'Toole Catholic Schools, Oakland. He taught PE at the schools, successfully coached many basketball teams and was president for several years of the EBPL. His love for sports and for his schools was only transcended by his love for children.

Joe was in a wheelchair as an adult but never lost his spirit or any mobility. He dedicated his life to working with young people teaching, coaching and inspiring. Joe was known for skilled and disciplined teams, enforcing good sportsmanship on his teams and in the gyms, He was devoted to children and they loved him back.

After many years in CYO, Joe moved to Tennessee where he could be with his daughter and to be close to his grandchildren.

In this season of thanksgiving, please pray for Joe and his family, and give thanks for those like Joe, who form and inspire our young people. They are truly gifts from God.

Eternal rest grant unto him, O Lord,, and may perpetual light shine upon him. May the souls of all the faithful departed through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen

Joe was preceded in death by his parents, Earl and Elodie Hayward and is survived by his daughter, Vashte (Wil Chavis) Hayward-Chavis; his grandchildren, who he referred to as 'his starting 5', Clayton Michael Chavis, Ashton Chavis, Hailiah Chavis, Duston Chavis, and Payton Chavis; and his former wife, Vashtic Amma-Lesrine.

Services will be set at a later time.

An article about Joe was published in the LA Times on October 25, 1987, and can be read by clicking the link below

<https://www.latimes.com/archives/la-xpm-1987-10-25-mn-16213-story.html>