

MIKE JONES

Great Coach, Great Friend, Great Man

I feel so blessed to have had Mike as part of my coaching staff for the last eight years, but our friendship goes back many years. I think I can speak for his coaching colleagues and players from Youth and High School sports when I say we lost a great man way too early.



Mike was great with teaching the basic techniques that would lead to success for most players. While the X's and O's were important to Mike, more importantly, football was his vehicle to mentor young men with life lessons. He knew when to "pat a player on the butt" and when to "kick a player in the butt", and in my opinion, that is the difference between a good coach and a great one.

At Los Gatos we have a saying – that is "**Roll Cats**". Coach Jones liked that saying and used it often. Our players took a liking to that saying and in 2013 wanted "Roll Cats" engraved on their CCS Championship rings. "Roll Cats" has much greater meaning and significance now that Mike is no longer with us.

Mike was also a pillar in the Los Gatos community for many years, and would often run from his law office or courtroom right out to practice and start coaching in his slacks and dress shoes. He said many times that his time on the field was the highlight of his day. I think a lot of us felt like our time with Mike was the highlight of our day.

Mike made a tremendous difference, and will continue to make a difference. Many of your donations have already been sent to Coaches Against Cancer – a nonprofit group that I started when my father passed from cancer. **Donations can be made online at coaches-against-cancer.com.** I'm proud to say that your donations will start the Michael J Jones Memorial Scholarship that will be established to honor high school football players in the South Bay. Mike's memory and legacy will live on for sure!

Lastly, I would like to thank Loretta, Lauren, and Bryan for sharing Mike with us.

We all miss you Coach Jones...

Mark Krail and the entire LGHS Football Family

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