

Dalton, Kenneth Wade 'Duke', Jr.

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Memorial services for Kenneth Wade "Duke" Dalton, Jr., 51, was Wednesday, Aug. 10, 2022, at the First Baptist Church of Boyd. Pastor Steve Hayes of Grace Community Church in Corsicana will officiate. Kenneth passed away Thursday, Aug. 4, at his residence in Corsicana.

Duke was born in Port Arthur Sept. 30, 1970, the son of Kenneth and Brenda Dalton of Boyd. He was a devoted son, husband, dad, brother, and uncle. Duke Dalton, once known as Wise County's fastest man, graduated from Boyd High School and began his career at the University of North Texas as a graduate assistant for the track team. It was there that he met his wife, Stefani Nicole Billman, who he married Dec. 6, 1997, in Decatur. During his coaching career of 26 years, he has impacted the lives of many students and coaches through football and competition. Seeing others succeed was his passion in life. He was blessed to be a part of some of the best coaching families during his career in

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Palmer and Mildred. His lifelong dream was to be an athletic director and head football coach. He was given his first opportunity in 2010 at Palmer ISD. Duke loved to fish and call his coaching buddies and friends daily to chat about upcoming opponents. He cherished his family and his relationship with God. Duke accepted the Lord as his savior in 2019 and grew in his faith along the way. He will be dearly missed by who that knew and loved him.

Duke is survived by his wife of 24 years, Stefani Nicole Dalton of Corsicana; son, Kaid William Dalton of College Station; daughter, Kenli Nicole Dalton of Corsicana; parents, Kenneth and Brenda Dalton of Boyd; sister, Krisha Hesteande and husband, Shannon Hesteande: niece, Brison Hesteande; and nephew, Lane Hesteande, all of Decatur. He is also survived by several cousins, many extended family members, and a host of friends.

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