



## Dr. Jim Geiger

December 13, 1939 - February 19, 2018

Dr. Jim Geiger, 78, of Bristol, VA., passed away on February 19, 2018, at Bristol Regional Medical Center. He was born December 13th, 1939 in Bristol, VA. He is the son of the late Fred and Clara Geiger.

Born and raised in Bristol, he had a passion for the area and ensuring the children of the region would be provided with endless opportunities. Jim was a member of the local Boys and Girls Club as a child and had numerous life altering experiences through his relationships there. Because of the impact the club had on his life, he wanted to ensure other children would also have similar opportunities. After years of hard work on behalf of the organization, he was awarded the status of life time member of the Boys and Girls Club.

In addition to serving many other charitable organizations, Jim was an avid educator and basketball coach at John Battle High School as well as the Professor Emeritus at Virginia Highlands Community College. He is an alumnus of King College, and he received his doctorate at Virginia Tech University. He also served as an Elder at Central Presbyterian Church.

He is survived by his beautiful wife of 55 years, Mary Boyd Geiger, of Bristol, Va., his daughter Amy Morris and her husband, Ben, of Bristol, TN.; two grandchildren, Blakeleigh and Kane Mathes; his brother-in-law, Peyton Boyd; Special Aunt Edna Campbell; Special cousins Joe McNish, Mike and Sandy Campbell, and Mike and Lewis Hale; and several other cousins in the area.

A celebration of life will take place at 2:30, Thursday, February 22nd with visitation to follow at Central Presbyterian Church. Dr. Frank and Rev. Ann Aichinger will be officiating. The committal service will be private.

In lieu of flowers, the family is requesting that donations be made to the Boys and Girls Club of the Mountain Empire, 311 Rebecca Street, Bristol, VA. 24201, or the Service Fund at Central Presbyterian Church, 301 Euclid Ave. Bristol, VA. 24201.

Condolences and memories may be left for the family at [akardfuneralhome.com](http://akardfuneralhome.com).

Dr. Geiger and his family are in the care of Akard Funeral Home, 1912 West State St., Bristol, TN., 37620.

# Comments

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“ Coach Geiger was one man who made an impact in my life. I am 69 years old and still remember him from John Battle ( 1965-1967). Thank you Coach!!! Our prayers for your family!



**John Tester** - February 21, 2018 at 12:08 PM

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“ Blaine Tate lit a candle in memory of Dr. Jim Geiger



**Blaine Tate** - February 21, 2018 at 12:45 AM

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“ I remember the intramural basketball seasons of 1978/1979 at VHCC coach Geiger was on our basketball team and he was the best player on the court typically each game. Competitive and confident man on the court and a gentleman off. My condolences to his family.

**tony ashe** - February 20, 2018 at 10:55 PM

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“ From: Frank and Cathy Berens and family purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Dr. Jim Geiger.



**From: Frank and Cathy Berens and family** - February 20, 2018 at 10:39 PM

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“ What a beautiful man! My prayers are with you as you wade the waters of grief. You have a beautiful family and I was glad to have connected with you during this tough time. I love you all.

**Beth Roberts** - February 20, 2018 at 09:57 PM

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“ Amy, Ben and Mrs. Geiger,  
Our sympathy and condolences to you and your entire family on the loss of Dr. Geiger. May God's Holy Spirit lift and encourage you and give you Peace.  
Love,  
Jack and Diane Fullen

**Jack Fullen** - February 20, 2018 at 06:35 PM

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“ So sorry to learn of Jim Geiger's death. I knew him as "Moose" as I was growing up in the Boys' Club of Bristol. My favorite memory of Jim was when he would open the back door to the VA Junior High School gym (now VMS) for me when he was playing basketball for King College so that I could watch him play. I have never forgotten that.  
He was a fine man, a great educator, and his influence lives on in the many students he taught over his career.  
My deepest sympathy to his wife and family members.

Doug Arnold

**Doug Arnold** - February 20, 2018 at 05:07 PM

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“ My thoughts and prayers are with you all. I was in classes at Battle and VHCC with Jim. I loved this great teacher. He was a very caring person and a great coach and teacher. He will be missed by so many. Love to you Mary Amy.  
Patty Stewart Wagner

**Patty Wagner** - February 20, 2018 at 10:37 AM

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“ My thoughts and prayers are with the Geiger Family. I first met Coach/Dr Geiger when i tried to play basketball at John Battle. We were all amazed at how many popcorn boxes he could chew up during a game. I didn't know his total impact on my life until later on and was very excited when he wanted to come to a race and I could offer that to him. What a special person, thank you for sharing him with so many of us who's lives are better because he cared.

**Mike Helton** - February 20, 2018 at 10:21 AM

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“ Summer's Light Bouquet was purchased for the family of Dr. Jim Geiger.



February 20, 2018 at 08:27 AM

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“ 2 East BRMC Nightshift Staff lit a candle in memory of Dr. Jim Geiger



**2 East BRMC Nightshift Staff** - February 20, 2018 at 02:15 AM

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“ Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Dr. Jim Geiger.



February 20, 2018 at 01:36 AM

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“ I played ball with Jim at King. Please accept my condolences. Jack sitgreaves

**jack sitgreaves** - February 20, 2018 at 12:14 AM

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“ Opal Buchanan lit a candle in memory of Dr. Jim Geiger



**Opal Buchanan** - February 19, 2018 at 10:29 PM

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“ Please accept my deepest sympathy in the loss of Jim Geiger to the family, friends and Bristol community. He has a lasting legacy that few can achieve through his service of coaching, teaching and volunteer work in both his church and community. I have many fond memories as a player on his first varsity team at Battle and as a government student. He had a wonderful wit and his instruction in both teaching and coaching are unparalleled. Great communicator and great motivator! Thanks for inspiring me to teach and coach.

Fred Rutherford

**Fred Rutherford** - February 19, 2018 at 10:23 PM

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“ I also had Coach Geiger at JSB. He was a great teacher. He will truly be missed. My thoughts and prayers will be your family.

**Freddie Burnette** - February 19, 2018 at 10:19 PM

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“ I remember Jim from my Boys Club days. He was always supportive and such a fine person to emulate and be around. Prayers for the family

**Dicky Thurston** - February 19, 2018 at 08:49 PM

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“ I had Coach Geiger for U.S Government in high school. My favorite memory was helping him move a basketball referee's car behind a bus after a home game at JSB. He believed we had been jobbed and we agreed. I always liked Coach and send my condolences.

**Thomas Lester** - February 19, 2018 at 07:59 PM

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“ Mrs. Geiger and family, I'm so sorry for the loss of your dear husband and father and grandfather. I send my sincerest condolences and if I can be of any help, please let me know. Love, Jim Morris.

**Jim Morris** - February 19, 2018 at 07:21 PM

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“ So sorry to hear about your loss! May God wrap his arms around all of you and give you peace!!! Love you !!! Brenda Keene

**Brenda Keene** - February 19, 2018 at 06:50 PM

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“ Condolences to Coach Geigers' family. I remember him from my high school days at John Battle H.S. He was a good coach and teacher who encouraged us to do our best. My prayers for comfort to his family and may your good memories see you through this time of loss.

**Lisa Benfield Edwards** - February 19, 2018 at 06:50 PM



“ Coach Geiger was a great man and teacher. So sorry for your loss.

**nancy goodson shew** - February 19, 2018 at 07:56 PM

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“ Our heartfelt thoughts and prayers are with you and your family. We knew Dr. Geiger as a coach and government teacher at John Battle. We pray you will feel the love of family and friends, and find peace in the days ahead.

John Battle High School Class of 1968

**Marcia Hicklin** - February 19, 2018 at 05:42 PM

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“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Dr. Jim Geiger.



February 19, 2018 at 05:03 PM