



Allen Joseph Baumgart

June 16, 1933 - January 27, 2023

Allen J. Baumgart age 89, a longtime resident of Warren, died on January 27, 2023. Al was born in Detroit, MI to the late Walter and Agnes Baumgart. Dear husband of Regina for 67 years. Loving father of 4 daughters; Elizabeth (Daniel) Eschmann, Cindy (Fino) Amalio, Karen (Dr. Michael) Beckmann and Jennifer (Kevin Crabb) Baumgart. Grandfather of 8; Angelo, Alex, Jade, Jacob, Joshua, Serafina, Agnes, and Maverick, great-grandfather of 4; Olivia, Giovanni, Briella and Lorenzo. Brother of the late Walter Jr. (Paula) Baumgart, Lawrence (late Ann and late Alice) Baumgart, late Rosemary (Ralph) Cunningham, Barbara (late Matt) Priesz. Also survived by many nieces, nephews, a multitude of friends and indebted students. A U.S. Army veteran (and most proud of having played in the Blue - Grey game), educator, mentor and coach, he was a devout catholic who lived by his faith and put his full trust in God.

Al has had a 31-year career in high school athletics, coaching football and baseball. He has compiled a lifetime record of 132 wins and 80 losses with his most successful record of 77 and 11 at Center Line St. Clement.

A graduate of University of Detroit; he was an outstanding center on the football team. He holds a master's degree from the Saginaw Valley State College, a member of the M.H.S.C.A. for 30 years and served as Director of Athletics for 16 years. In 1968 he was the "Catholic Coach of the Year" and "Macomb County Coach of the Year". His football team at St. Clements won 7 league titles and a Catholic League Championship.

Twenty of his players are now coaching and three have made the N.F.L. His coaching career carries him from Center Line St. Clement to Detroit DeLaSalle, on to Harper Woods Notre Dame and closed out at Chippewa Valley in Mt Clemens. In addition, Al had been inducted into the Catholic League Hall of Fame, in 1989 he was inducted into the Michigan High School Coaches Hall of Fame and the University of Detroit Sports Hall of Fame. A man dedicated to God and his family, his family describes him as a man who “had a great sense of humor, who was humble, generous, kind and always giving”. He lived by example “always be positive”, “keep the faith” and “always forgive” were the mottos he lived by. Al often went beyond his role as a teacher, coach, mentor and treated everyone like his family. Al indeed made a difference in many lives. Of his students, many went on to become teachers and coaches because of his direct influence on them. In retirement years, he enjoyed tending to his rose and vegetable gardens, spending time with family, friends and living his faith.

He has touched many lives and will be sorely missed. Visitation will be held at Rudy Funeral Home 25650 Van Dyke on Wednesday, February 1, 2023 from 1- 8PM with a 6 PM rosary. He will lie in state 9:30 AM at St Mary Our Lady Queen of Families Parish 25320 Van Dyke in Center Line on Thursday, February 2, 2023 for a 10 AM Mass of Christian burial. Interment at St Clement Cemetery. Memorials to St Mary Our Lady Queen of Families Parish or to the Capuchins appreciated. Visit www.rudyfuneral.com to light a candle or to share a memory.

Previous Events

Visitation

FEB 1. 1:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Rudy Funeral Home
25650 Van Dyke Ave.
Center Line, MI 48015
(586) 757-3230
kathynovak@rudyfuneral.com
<https://www.rudyfuneral.com>

Rosary

FEB 1. 6:00 PM - 6:30 PM (ET)

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Instate

FEB 2. 9:30 AM - 10:00 AM (ET)

St. Mary, Our Lady Queen of Families Catholic Church (St. Clement Site)
25320 Van Dyke
Center Line, MI 48015

Funeral Mass

FEB 2. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

St. Mary, Our Lady Queen of Families Catholic Church (St. Clement Site)
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Tribute Wall

GG

“*Mrs B and the entire Baumgart family - we are sending our love and prayers from Yolanda and the entire Spence crew. Mr. B was one of a kind. To know him was to love him. Gentle, kind, witty, loving, always lit up the room and made everyone laugh. Too many fond memories to recite but he touched everyone uniquely and made an indelible impression carried to this day with all of us. A devout Catholic, I'd like to think he and my Father, Richard Spence, are at peace, together, smiling and guiding us as our guardian angels. Rest in peace, Al. We love you. We love your family. xoxo*

Gina Gitre - February 16, 2023 at 04:57 PM

JF

“*Coach Baumgart was a brilliant coach who know how to motivate his players and assistant coaches. He was adept at reading the mood of our team and adjust our practices accordingly to get us ready to play our best football. He wasn't afraid to change up routines, make adjustments at halftime, or challenge us individually to get our best performance. He seemed to know what each one of us needed or would respond to as a player. I'll never forget when he pulled me out of a game in the middle of a series when we were on defense. He put his big hands on my shoulder pads, looked me in the eye and said " You're not coming off the ball. Take a break." I sat down on the bench speechless. A couple plays later he sent me back in. I made sure I came off the ball for the rest of the season. Forever grateful to a great man.*

John Fiedler - Notre Dame Class of 77;

John Fiedler - February 15, 2023 at 07:43 PM

KG

“ Great man and coach, just heard about his passing. I sure remember running a lot of 440's at the end of practice for conditioning...and what a treat it was once in awhile when he canceled them and let us head to the showers early. God Bless and enjoy paradise, good and faithful servant.

Kurt Geis - February 14, 2023 at 10:56 AM

JG

“ My sympathy to all who knew and loved Al. John and I spent many good times with them. My love to Jean. Joyce Guinn

Joyce F. Guinn - February 05, 2023 at 08:03 PM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Allen Joseph Baumgart.



February 01, 2023 at 11:21 AM

KL

“ I was fortunate to be on Coach Baumgart's first football team at ND in 1966. What impressed me the most was that it didn't matter if you were 1st, 2nd, or 3rd string, he knew who you were! Went out of his way to include everyone in everything. We had a great year. Central Division Champs. But lost to St Ambrose in the Soup Bowl 6 to 0 in a heartbreaking but exciting game. Thanks for the memories Coach Kim Langlois ND 67

Kim Langlois - February 01, 2023 at 09:45 AM

TL

My deepest condolences to the entire Baumgart family. Coach was an inspiration in my life. I will miss his physical banter and thoughtful wisdom. Rest in peace coach. Congratulations on a life well lived.

Tom Lieckfelt - February 03, 2023 at 10:10 AM

LL

“ Regina and family, Lisa ,Leslie and the entire staff of the Pantry Restaurant send our condolences to you all. Al was quite a character to all us, always joking and so nice to us all. He will be missed so much. I (LISA) will miss harrasing him in line and mostly him giving me a hard time. Such a kind man. Until we meet again Al. Hugs and Prayers.

Lisa Lauretti - January 31, 2023 at 10:18 PM



“ Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Allen Joseph Baumgart.



January 31, 2023 at 05:34 PM

WF

*“ To Coach Al:
A great man and a great coach. Coach always took the time to talk to me whenever and wherever we met. Rest In Peace my friend.
Walt Fitzhenry*

walt fitzhenry - January 31, 2023 at 04:32 PM

LC

“ *Larry Cumpf purchased the Arrive in Style for the family of Allen Joseph Baumgart.*



Larry Cumpf - January 31, 2023 at 02:39 PM

MC

“ *Martini Company purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Allen Joseph Baumgart.*



Martini Company - January 31, 2023 at 01:32 PM

KC

“ *Kenny & Jael Crabb purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Allen Joseph Baumgart.*



Kenny & Jael Crabb - January 31, 2023 at 01:18 PM



“ 50 files added to the album LifeTributes



Rudy Funeral Home - January 31, 2023 at 01:06 PM



“ During a DeLaSalle varsity football practice in the early 1970s, I lost a contact lens. When Head Coach Al Baumgart saw me looking for it, he moved the practice drill, and got down on his hands and knees to help me. To my amazement, Coach Baumgart combed the grass with his fingers until he found my contact lens! It was a small gesture, but it told me everything I needed to know about Coach Baumgart. He was a good man who cared about others, took charge, and tried to help them. I would have given up if not for Coach Baumgart's good example, giving his best effort to help me find success.

--Bill Worden, DLS Class of 1973

William Worden - January 31, 2023 at 10:30 AM



He always treated me with dignity and respect. Just a great guy!

Greg Bahorski - January 31, 2023 at 11:45 AM



“ *Serene Retreat was purchased for the family of Allen Joseph Baumgart.*



January 31, 2023 at 09:52 AM



“ *Coach Baumgart changed my life in 1980, and I'll always be grateful to him. Through the game of football, he taught me (and countless others throughout his distinguished career) about leadership, resilience and perseverance. I would not be the person I am today if I had not been given the privilege of playing for him. Thanks, Coach.*

Paul Corona - January 31, 2023 at 09:52 AM



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William Worden - January 31, 2023 at 09:18 AM

AN

“ Our teaching and coaching community has not only lost a legendary coach but an even better man. Few men have mixed toughness and kindness more graciously than Al Baumgart. His teams at St. Clement, De La Salle, Notre Dame, and Chippewa Valley were always hard as nails and highly-respected. He and Tony DeSantis made a wonderful coaching tandem whose knowledge, discipline, and care greatly benefited the boys in their charge. He often visited De La Salle to see Brother Pat and deliver raffle ticket sales supporting St. Joe’s Alumni. Al always greeted friends with a big smile, a hearty greeting, and often a forearm shiver. He is one of a kind and will be greatly missed. Rest in peace, Al.

Anon. - January 31, 2023 at 09:09 AM



“ Lovely One Spathiphyllum Plant was purchased for the family of Allen Joseph Baumgart.



January 31, 2023 at 12:48 AM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Allen Joseph Baumgart.



January 30, 2023 at 10:48 PM

SC

“ Steve & Josie and Tony & Amanda Celeste purchased the *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum* for the family of Allen Joseph Baumgart.



Steve & Josie and Tony & Amanda Celeste - January 30, 2023
at 09:59 PM

JG

“ Cindy, I am so sorry for the loss of your wonderful father. While I never had the honor of meeting your father, reading his obituary spoke volumes of his goodness. How fortunate of a life you have had to have a father like yours. I know you loved him deeply and I know how he must have loved you back. If I can offer any comfort to you now and in the future is to know that the love he had for you and the love you have for him will never, ever die. Much sympathy to you and your family. You are in my heart. Joyce Gallegos

joyce gallegos - January 30, 2023 at 05:43 PM

AN

“ I had the pleasure of playing multiple sports at St Clements HS for Coach. He was the supreme role model. He prepared me for life. I went to a service academy where the emphasis was on excellence, discipline, athletics, academics, followership, and leadership. About 60% of those admitted survived. I thrived because of the tutelage of Coach.

I finished a grueling freshman year in the top 5 guys out of an entering class of 1400. His lessons carried me through years of academic success. I hold a PhD in engineering from a premier engineering program.

Every person in that PhD program had more smarts than I had. I breezed through, treating every challenge liked a football practice. Learn the plays, walk through them, pick up the speed, them hone skills in a scrimmage. Thank you, Coach.

One memory. It was a Monday after we had methodically taken apart our opponent. Coach had us working out the kinks going through the tires. Our defeated opponents showed up to watch us practice. Life is not about yesterday, it's about today and tomorrow.

anon - January 30, 2023 at 05:26 PM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Allen Joseph Baumgart.



January 30, 2023 at 05:25 PM



“ *Treasured Lilies Spray was purchased for the family of Allen Joseph Baumgart.* ”



January 30, 2023 at 05:19 PM

MF

“ I had the pleasure of playing for Coach Baumgart at Harper Woods Notre Dame High School and with his coaching leadership our team won the Catholic League Championship during our senior year. Thinking back in time, something was special about his coaching leadership and who coach Baumgart selected to assist him in his coaching challenges. He conveyed and created an atmosphere of “can do” and had a knack of adding levity to challenges with funny one-off phrases, which at times made you scratch your head, but motivated you.

Coach was also the “Dean of Discipline” at ND HS, which added another whole set of levity to it, especially when you have sprouting comics and intellectual tricksters. Coach just seemed to absorb most of it, which was something special as I look back.

To this day, there is a good group of former Harper Woods ND HS athletes and former students, that have maintained friendships and get together periodically to celebrate our friendships, and it always includes some reminiscing of Coach Baumgart.

Legacy typically involves having some type of life impact, and Coach Baumgart had positive impacts on young men who were growing to be responsible adults in 1977. 46 years later and I see it the friendships from Harper Woods Notre Dame High School.

Rest in peace Coach!

*Sincerely,
Michael Fuqua*

Michael R Fuqua - January 30, 2023 at 03:29 PM

BC

“ On behalf of the Capuchin brothers I offer my deepest sympathies on the passing of Allen. It is truly humbling to receive memorial donations in honor of his life. Please be assured of the brother's prayers for the entire Baumgart family during this great time of grief. May perpetual light shine upon Allen.

Br Nick Blattner Ofm Capuchin - January 30, 2023 at 02:19 PM



“ Your Light Shines was purchased for the family of Allen Joseph Baumgart.



January 30, 2023 at 01:43 PM

PC

“ Pat & Vickie Crabb purchased the Serene Retreat for the family of Allen Joseph Baumgart.



Pat & Vickie Crabb - January 30, 2023 at 01:08 PM



“ Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of Allen Joseph Baumgart.



January 30, 2023 at 10:53 AM

BS

“ Bruce & Sue Shevlin purchased the *Divine Peace Bouquet* for the family of Allen Joseph Baumgart.



Bruce & Sue Shevlin - January 30, 2023 at 10:52 AM

JC

“ Great coach and great man and he will be missed. Jerry Carlin DLS "73"

Jerry Carlin - January 30, 2023 at 06:47 AM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Allen Joseph Baumgart.



January 30, 2023 at 12:33 AM

GC

“ Gary, Linda, Bob, Gary, & Cindy purchased the *Rose Remembrance* for the family of Allen Joseph Baumgart.



Gary, Linda, Bob, Gary, & Cindy - January 29, 2023 at 11:11 PM



“ *Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Allen Joseph Baumgart.*



January 29, 2023 at 09:21 PM



“ *John & Meredith Salens purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of Allen Joseph Baumgart.*



John & Meredith Salens - January 29, 2023 at 08:42 PM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Allen Joseph Baumgart.*



January 29, 2023 at 05:09 PM



“ *To see Coach and Fr. Murray walk and talk provided a sense that all was as it should be. Grateful for the early formation of faith and friendship that has lasted a lifetime. Rest in peace Coach Baumgart*



Jill Levandowski Forsythe - January 29, 2023 at 03:49 PM

DN

“ A true St. Clement legend. A huge influence on our family. Thank you to the family for sharing him with all of us. RIP COACH!
Darrell & Sharon (Rejc) Niedzwiecki

Darrell Niedzwiecki - January 29, 2023 at 02:26 PM

SS

“ I am a 1964 grad from St Clement. Mr. Baumgart was always the pillar of the school. We knew we would succeed as long as he was leading us. Thank you God for giving us such a wonderful person. May he rest in peace. Susie Grobbel Setzke

Susan Setzke - January 29, 2023 at 01:03 PM

TC

What a beautiful way to express the feelings so many of us are feeling, Susie. God bless Coach Baumgart. ❤️

Tom Carney - January 29, 2023 at 02:30 PM



“ Fairest of All was purchased for the family of Allen Joseph Baumgart.



January 29, 2023 at 12:15 PM



“ Beautiful Heart Bouquet was purchased for the family of Allen Joseph Baumgart.



January 29, 2023 at 08:44 AM

JR

“ We will be forever grateful for his inspiration in our lives. We will
“keep the faith”!

*Thank you to his family for sharing him with us. Hugs and
condolences*

John & Sue Rejc and Family

John & Sue Rejc - January 29, 2023 at 08:13 AM