



Dr. James Livingston Dozier Jr.

June 3, 1942 - July 2, 2022

Dr. James Livingston Dozier, Jr., 80, husband of Maryinda Moore Dozier, died peacefully Saturday, July 02, 2022, surrounded by his family.

The family will receive friends from 4:00 pm until 6:00 pm on Thursday, July 7, 2022, at Hancock Elmore Hill Funeral Home in Bishopville, South Carolina. A private family service will be held at a later date. The Directors of Hancock-Elmore-Hill Funeral Home care caring for the family.

Dr. Dozier was the son of James L. Dozier, Sr. and Cleo Evelyn Sparks Dozier and was born in Rockhill, SC on June 3, 1942. He graduated from Mooresville High School in 1960. He continued his education at Pfeiffer University earning a BA in Science in 1965. After receiving an award from The National Science Foundation he attended Middle Tennessee State University earning a Master's Degree in Math and Science in 1973. He attended the University of South Carolina and earned his P.H.D. in Education in August 1985.

Dr. Dozier began teaching biology and physics at Chesterfield High School in 1965. Along with teaching, he coached football and basketball. In June of 1967, he married Maryinda Moore Dozier in Charlotte at Hawthorne Lane United Methodist Church.

One year later Dr. Dozier accepted a position as instructor and coach at

Camden Military Academy. He taught biology and chemistry and he coached football, basketball, baseball, and golf. He was referred to as Major Dozier or Coach. He was well-liked by his cadets and they helped take care of his growing family. His family increased by two with the birth of Traci Noel Dozier in 1970 and Joy Lynn Dozier in 1973. In 1981 he accepted the position of Headmaster at Robert E. Lee Academy in Bishopville, SC. Along with his duties as Headmaster, he taught Physics and coached basketball and golf. He worked tirelessly to keep REL afloat when times were hard and appreciated the tremendous work and time the teachers and staff dedicated to the school in order to keep it operating. He hired an Early Childhood P.H.D. Specialist to come in and write a kindergarten program, especially for REL Academy. This program enhanced the curriculum and prestige of the school. He also implemented the AP curriculum in the high school. Over his tenure, Dr. Dozier's leadership along with hard work from the staff enhanced the school's population and community. He firmly believed that the rules must apply to everyone.

His hobbies included Sudoku, Baseball cards, Hot Wheels collections, and wheeling and dealing on eBay. His love of sports was a lifelong affair.

Dr. Dozier was very proud of his daughters and loved watching them grow and go off to college in order to experience life and become the wonderful grown women they grew to be. He felt very blessed and proud to have four beautiful and interesting grandchildren. He loved watching them grow and following their interests and achievements. He enjoyed relationships with many former students and always loved their visits. He was very thankful for his family and friends and all of the good times he had with them.

Dr. Dozier is survived by his wife of 55 years, Inda Dozier; daughter, Traci D. Waite (John) of Columbia; sister, Gail D. Geddings (Warren) of Charlotte; son-in-law, Arthur (English) O'Kelley of Beaufort; grandchildren, Jackson Filer

Waite (14), Virginia Rose O'Kelley (14), Caroline Hines O'Kelley (12), and Margaret Palmer Waite (11). He was predeceased by his youngest daughter, Joy D. O'Kelley in 2014. He was very loved and will be missed.

Cemetery Details

Private

Previous Events

Visitation

JUL 7. 4:00 PM - 6:00 PM (ET)

Hancock-Elmore-Hill Funeral Home
200 West Church Street
Bishopville, SC 29010

Tribute Wall



“ Hancock-Elmore-Hill Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Dr. James Livingston Dozier Jr.



Hancock-Elmore-Hill Funeral Home - July 06, 2022 at 12:14 AM



“ Dr. James Livingston Dozier Jr.

October 08, 2023 at 04:16 PM



“ Dr. James Livingston Dozier Jr.

March 25, 2023 at 11:01 AM



“ Major Dozier was my golf and football coach for 2 years at Camden Military Academy. He always provided encouragement, understanding and support to those of us who were far from home at a very young age. A very positive influence at a time when it was needed. I can still see him with that handlebar mustache shouting encouragement from the sidelines during those football games. I thought the world of him and still do. -Mick Metcalf, C.M.A. 1978-1980

Mick Metcalf - November 22, 2022 at 06:52 PM

RB

“ One of the finest Gentlemen you would ever want to meet. He will be missed. Prayers for the family+

Rev Nat Brown - July 17, 2022 at 12:02 AM

WD

“ So sorry to hear about the passing of Dr. Dozier. I truly appreciate all he did for me as I was growing up. Prayers for the Dozier family!

Wesley Drayton - July 07, 2022 at 06:37 PM

CW

“ A great friend, coach, and teacher for all of the cadets at Camden Military Academy! One of the best personalities to coach and lead a high school football team that I ever seen, true character! Cam Walters

Cam Walters - July 07, 2022 at 04:30 PM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Dr. James Livingston Dozier Jr..



July 06, 2022 at 11:16 PM

BJ

“ What a great person he was played on his golf teams at Camden Military Academy and he helped me go to college and play golf God speed Major!

Bob James - July 06, 2022 at 04:52 PM

YS

“ *Your Friends at Crown Medical Services purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Dr. James Livingston Dozier Jr..*



Your Friends at Crown Medical Services - July 06, 2022 at 02:52 PM

 Wesley Rushing

“ *Very heartbreaking news for Cynthia and myself. I thoroughly enjoyed all our times together and conversations over the phone on other occasions such as his recent birthday. He was a genuine friend who always gave his complete heart in any endeavor he faced.*

The times spent with him at Camden Military Academy were a pleasure and will always be cherished. He was a true scholar and gentleman in every phase of life.

Best Coach that I ever had. He was very disciplined in the classroom and on the court and in the field. He was more concerned about your full development for your future life. 100% friend always who will be sorely missed.

Thoughts and prayers to Mrs. Dozier and that little lady that I babysit many moons ago.

Godspeed Coach!!!!

Wesley Rushing - July 06, 2022 at 01:18 PM

BR

“ *We are so saddened to hear about Dr. Dozier. He was such a good man and a wonderful principle to all of us children during his time at R.E.L. He will missed immensely. You all are in our prayers and hearts.*



Brooke and Jason Raley - July 06, 2022 at 12:53 PM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Dr. James Livingston Dozier Jr..*



July 06, 2022 at 11:14 AM



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Dr. James Livingston Dozier Jr..*



July 06, 2022 at 09:52 AM



“ *Sending thoughts and prayers to Mrs. Dozier, Traci and family.*

Tommy Parnell - July 06, 2022 at 08:29 AM



“ *Bill Johnson lit a candle in memory of Dr. James Livingston Dozier Jr.*



Bill Johnson - July 06, 2022 at 08:22 AM



“ *My prayers to the family. Mr. Dozier and I enjoyed many great conversations during my Food Lion days.*

Angela Simon - July 06, 2022 at 07:17 AM



“ [Memorial Trees](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was purchased for the family of Dr. James Livingston Dozier Jr..

July 05, 2022 at 11:23 PM



“ Clara McElveen lit a candle in memory of Dr. James Livingston Dozier Jr.



Clara McElveen - July 05, 2022 at 10:30 PM



To the family of Dr. Dozier, so sorry to hear of the loss of your love one. May God give each of you comfort, strength and peace. He was liked by all and will be missed by all who knew him. Clara McElveen

Clara McElveen - July 05, 2022 at 10:36 PM



“ Misty Watts lit a candle in memory of Dr. James Livingston Dozier Jr.



misty watts - July 05, 2022 at 10:03 PM

MW

“ *Misty Watts lit a candle in memory of Dr. James Livingston Dozier Jr.*



misty watts - July 05, 2022 at 10:02 PM

SH

“ *So sorry to hear this news. He had a profound impact on me. He introduced me to Physics. Of course, I was the only girl in his class in 1982. He made me feel equal though. That led me to follow my interest in STEM and end up with a doctorate in engineering. He gave me the confidence to go down that path. Our mutual love of sports was a bonus. I have the utmost respect and love for him. Prayers to the family of a truly good man.*

Susan Hudson - July 05, 2022 at 09:47 PM



“ *Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Dr. James Livingston Dozier Jr..*



July 05, 2022 at 09:37 PM

JL

“ *I have wonderful memories of working with Dr. Dozier at REL. My great granddaughter Ellison Judy is on the same basketball team with his and Inda's granddaughter in Columbia. Prayers for comfort and peace for the Dozier family during this difficult time. Laura Latimer*

Jim Latimer - July 05, 2022 at 04:44 PM

DC

“ I'm so sorry to hear this. My thoughts and prayers are with his family.



Della Kiser Clark - July 05, 2022 at 09:38 AM

AH

“ Annette Loan Hopkins lit a candle in memory of Dr. James Livingston Dozier Jr.



Annette Loan Hopkins - July 04, 2022 at 01:54 PM

AH

So sorry for your loss Love ,Sympathy and prayers for all of you

Annette Loan Hopkins - July 04, 2022 at 01:55 PM

CC

“ Favorite teacher of mine and my first football coach in Chesterfield SC in the middle 60's. Alot of great memories. My thoughts and prayers go out to the family. Chuck Clark



Chuck clark - July 03, 2022 at 09:41 PM

JL

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Jim Latimer - July 05, 2022 at 04:42 PM

AA

“ Archie And Kay Amerson lit a candle in
memory of Dr. James Livingston Dozier Jr.



Archie and Kay Amerson - July 03, 2022 at 01:24 PM