



## Frank John Cuda

February 26, 1939 - June 2, 2026

Frank John Cuda, 87, of Summerville, South Carolina, passed away peacefully on Tuesday, June 2, 2026.

On June 26th, 2026, there will be a CELEBRATION of LIFE for FRANK J. CUDA at Seacoast Summerville Church, 301 E. North Street, Summerville, SC 29483 from 3:00pm until 5:00pm. After the celebration there will be a buffet of food made and served by family and friends.

Please come to hear friends of Coach share their thoughts and stories. For those who wish to be part of the CELEBRATION. You are welcome to come and participate.

Born on February 26, 1939, in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, Frank was the son of the late Frank Cuda and Rose Cuda. He proudly served his country in the United States Army. Frank earned his bachelor's degree from Charleston Southern University and later earned his master's degree in education from The Citadel.

For 64 wonderful years, Frank shared a loving marriage with his beloved wife, Miriam Faith Cuda.

Frank's greatest joy was his family. He was a devoted husband, father, grandfather, and friend whose kindness, encouragement, and support touched

the lives of all who knew him. He was a passionate educator and coach; Frank dedicated his life to shaping the lives of young people both in the classroom and on the field. Throughout his distinguished career in education, he served numerous leadership roles, including Principal of Alston Junior High School. His influence extended far beyond academics, as he became a respected and beloved coach throughout Lowcountry.

Frank made history as the first soccer coach at Summerville High School and served as varsity basketball coach and football coach there. His coaching career additionally included positions at Charleston Southern University, known at the time as The Baptist College, The Walker School, and Pinewood Preparatory School. Through athletics, he mentored countless students, teaching them the importance of teamwork, character, and leadership. Many of those he coached remained grateful for his guidance long after their playing days had ended. He also dedicated years of service to the Dorchester School District Two School Board.

He is survived by his loving wife, Miriam "Faith" Cuda; his children: Perry Cuda, Tammy Heil (AJ), and Doak Cuda; as well as his grandchildren: Yves Cuda, Soren Cuda, Cade Cuda, Brennen Cuda, Tristen Cuda, and Jacob Heil. He was preceded in death by his parents.

A visitation of family and friends will be held on Sunday, June 14, 2026, from 6pm until 8pm at James A. Dyal Funeral Home, 303 S. Main Street, Summerville, SC 29483.

The funeral service will be held on Monday, June 15, 2026, at 11:00am in the funeral home Chapel.

Burial will immediately follow at Dorchester Memory Gardens, 11000 Dorchester Road, Summerville, SC 29485.



# Upcoming Events

## Celebration of Life

JUN **26**. 3:00 PM - 5:00 PM (ET)

Seacoast Church  
301 E 5th N St.  
Summerville, SC 29483

# Previous Events

## Visitation

JUN **14**. 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

James A. Dyal Funeral Home Chapel  
303 S. Main Street  
Summerville, SC 29483

## Funeral Service

JUN **15**. 11:00 AM (ET)

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# Tribute Wall

TS

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**Terri, Frankie and Sarah** - June 21 at 11:07 AM

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TD

“ *Fondest memories of growing up with Frank in Wilkinsburg and going to grade school and high school and playing football, baseball and basketball together. May he rest in peace. Our prayers and condolences to Faith and the family. Tom Dristas*

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**Thomas Dristas** - June 18 at 05:26 AM

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“ Steven and Stephanie Kennedy purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Frank John Cuda.



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**Steven and Stephanie Kennedy** - June 14 at 10:35 AM

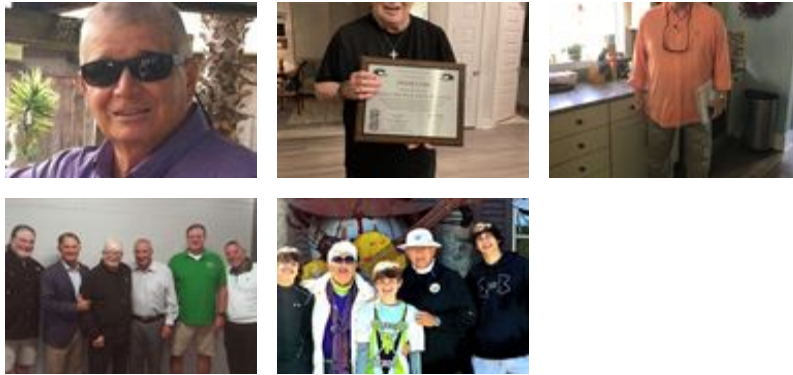
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Steven and Stephanie Kennedy - June 14 at 10:35 AM



“ 74 files added to the album Life Tributes



James A Dyal Funeral Home - June 12 at 04:18 PM

DI

“ Lifting up Prayers to Faith- Perry- Tammy- Doak. Coach touched a lot of lives and had a huge impact on my life in more ways than one. He not only cared about us on the field but he cared about our personal life as well. I'm blessed to have crossed paths with Coach and so Thankful for the short time I was able to spend with him. Rest easy Coach

Doug Illing - June 11 at 07:43 PM

DC

Thank you Doug. Loved my days on the Rams with your father. Stay safe

Doak V Cuda - June 12 at 03:27 PM



“ *“On Angel's Wings” Sympathy Gift Wind Chime to Send for Funeral Or Memorial was purchased for the family of Frank John Cuda.*



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June 09 at 01:19 PM



“ *Basket Full of Wishes was purchased for the family of Frank John Cuda.*



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June 08 at 01:38 PM



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LC

“ Coach was like a dad to me as Mrs. C was like a mother to me growing up in a Summerville. I've always had/have a great love for The Cuda Family. My heart is broken that Coach is no longer with us. Now, his Love, his family and all of his friends have to live without his great presence. Plus, thank you for mentoring me, as a youth. We Love You, Coach!

🏈 Never forgotten & will always be missed-Linda (Cuddy) Crain

Linda (Cuddy) Crain - June 06 at 05:05 PM

MS

The Lord Jesus has taught me over the years that He is gracious to allow young men to stand on the shoulders of Amazing Men like Coach. I am grateful for his love and compassion. I thank God for the entire Cuda family and God's continued Blessings on each one. I thank God for coach for my life is better for Frank's example in every area of his public life. I thank Jesus that this is not goodbye, but that we will see each other again soon. God's Speed Frank and an extra measure of Grace to all of Frank's family especially his wife, children and grandchildren 🙏❤️🙏❤️

Michael Sinteff - June 08 at 09:41 AM



“ I was a troubled kid yo a single mom and Mr. Cuda made sure I made it to school by picking me up and taking me every day for months. He was a true blessing in my life. They don't make educators like this anymore. May he rest in heaven

Melinda Marsh - June 06 at 10:30 AM

MC

He would love to have read you comment!! He always watched for the kids who needed some help or just inspiration.

M Faith Cuda - June 06 at 12:39 PM

MB

“ Sending love, hugs and Prayers to The Cuda Family during this difficult time! Mr. Cuda was such a nice man of God 🙏💙🙏



Micki Bria - June 06 at 07:03 AM

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“ He and my dad coached my older brother and Doak in football yrs ago and I remember he was very patient with the boys. Dad called him friend during this time. He was an amazing person to know. Prayers for comfort to you all.



Shawn (Coker)Reese - June 05 at 08:18 PM

DC

Thank you Shawn for sharing this. It means a lot to me and my family. Bless you and yours. -Doak

Doak Cuda - June 08 at 01:02 PM

DS

“ Soo sad to hear this loss. Those of us that grew up in Summerville all had our school memories of Coach. He impacted many young lives. Thoughts and prayers for the Cuda family .

Debbie ( NETTLES) Steese - June 05 at 06:43 PM

GC

“ I met Coach Cuda when I was at Alston Middle School. He was such a wonderful person. He drove a red bug. He will be missed. My deepest condolences

Georgia Crosby - June 05 at 06:17 PM