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David

To Wildcat Nation:

We lost one of our own with Mr. David Jones passing. I first met David in the fall of 1991 as a first-year Head Coach at Great Bridge High School. He, just like Anna Baker, never missed a match at Great Bridge and ODU. He attended every home match that I coached for 29 years.

His loyalty was unsurpassed. He would sit by my father at every State Tournament and talk wrestling. I could expect a call from David Jones just to check-in and see how the team was doing. He knew all the details about all of our kids and was passionate about the sport of wrestling. I last saw him at a wrestling event on May 2nd that we competed in. He was a true friend and a great human being.

We are left in disbelief at the tragic loss of David Jones and his fiancée, Jennifer O'Connell. It does not make sense to any of us how and why this happened, but I believe we need to celebrate his life because he was such a great guy.

David's service will be held at the Church of the Epiphany in Norfolk next Friday, July 30 at 2 pm. Immediately following, there will be a reception there at the church. At the conclusion of the reception, there will be a small gathering outside the church where some of David's ashes will be buried.

Love, compassion, loyalty, family, wrestling, and a will to live life to the fullest!  
RIP David

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