



Robert Medford Aiken

September 21, 1978 - February 9, 2025

Robert Medford Aiken passed away from a sudden cardiac event on February 9, 2025, in Asheville, North Carolina. He was born on September 21, 1978, in Atlanta, Georgia.

Robert grew up in Tucker, Georgia, where he developed a deep love for music and was actively involved in the band program at Tucker High School. After graduating, he pursued higher education at Valdosta State University. Following his studies, Robert dedicated his career to education, becoming a beloved teacher at Owen Middle School where he taught for over 10 years. Rob had an infectious personality. He was hilarious and loved life. He loved being a teacher and his Owen school family meant the world to him.

He was preceded in death by his father, Robert Aiken, in 1989 and his maternal grandparents, J.B. Medford in 2002 and Mildred Medford in 2004. He is survived by his mother, Jane Aiken; his sister Shannon Aiken, her spouse Amy Hess and their son Adam Aiken; his sister Laura Grindstsff and her spouse Billy Grindstaff and their three sons Chandler Turpin and wife Elizabeth Turpin, James Grindstsff and William Grindstaff. Robert is also remembered fondly by many other family members, friends, and students whose lives he touched.

Robert's passion for teaching and music left a lasting impact on those who

knew him. His memory will continue to inspire all who had the privilege of learning from him and sharing in his life.

Sunday, February 16, 2025 from 12:30-2:00, family will receive friends at Morris Funeral Home, 304 Merrimon Ave., Asheville with Pastor Jordan Durham officiating a funeral service at 2:00 in the chapel. Burial will follow in Green Hills Cemetery, 25 New Leicester Hwy., Asheville

Cemetery Details

Green Hills Cemetery

25 New Leicester Hwy.
Asheville, NC 28806

Previous Events

Visitation

FEB 16. 12:30 PM - 2:00 PM (ET)

Chapel of Morris Funeral Home
304 Merrimon Ave.
Asheville, NC 28801
(828) 252-1821
info@morrisfamilycare.com
<http://morrisfamilycare.com>

Funeral Service

FEB 16. 2:00 PM (ET)

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Interment

FEB **16** (ET)

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Tribute Wall

TG

“ Robert’s sometimes rough exterior hid his kind and caring interior. It is through that strong contrast that allowed those that he served to truly appreciate what a special man he was.

Whether it was faithfully helping with his own family and their specific needs, providing on-campus first responder care, or inside his highly demanding but phenomenally caring classroom, those that were allowed ‘in’ were treated to truly special moments that were truly authentic.

Without the contrasting personalities that he exhibited, I’m not sure his impact would have been as powerful as it was.

He is missed, but his impactful legacy lives on.

Rest in peace Robert.



Troy Grayson - February 16, 2025 at 11:26 AM

VM

“ I co-taught with Aiken for a few months some years back and I was so impressed by his teaching. I’d always enjoyed his wry sense of humor, but I hadn’t realized how intelligent he was and how well he was able to communicate and explain science concepts to students.



You’ll be missed Robert. Rest in peace

Vanessa Marsden - February 16, 2025 at 09:34 AM



“ *Serene Retreat was purchased for the family of Robert Medford Aiken.*



February 14, 2025 at 07:59 AM



“ *Thank you so much for all of your humor and your personality! You were a great teacher*



Susan Drakeford - February 13, 2025 at 12:37 PM



“ *Summer's Light Bouquet was purchased for the family of Robert Medford Aiken.*



February 13, 2025 at 12:01 PM



“ *A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Robert Medford Aiken.*

February 13, 2025 at 12:01 PM

BG

“ Thank you Robert for your dedication to your students ...Rest In Peace ❤️. Prayers for your family...sorry for your loss!



BGuffy - February 13, 2025 at 11:51 AM

LW

“ Loretta Wilson purchased the Medium Dish Garden for the family of Robert Medford Aiken.



Loretta Wilson - February 13, 2025 at 10:55 AM

BG

“ Robert is my brother in law and although we didn't get to see one another but every so often. My fondest memory of Robert was when he was younger. His grandparents had bought him a 4 wheeler. We decided to go riding on his grandparents farm. Well needless to say it was an adventure. We came to a marshy area Robert wanted to ride through it. I told Robert I didn't think it was a good idea. He said it would make it and to hang on. Well he opened it up wide open. We went maybe 15 feet and sunk. He kept it wide open and we sunk more. Well long story short it took us several hours to get it back out of the mud. We got it out and I'll never forget Robert and I was covered in mud. He looked at me and said man that was fun but please don't tell anybody that we got stuck. Well it was hard to explain all the mud. But seeing the joy on his face for the experience is something I will never forget.

Billy J. Grindstaff - February 13, 2025 at 10:50 AM