



Richard Wayne Estell

October 13, 1963 - February 15, 2022

Richard Wayne Estell, 58, of Kansas City, Kansas, passed away on Tuesday, February 15, 2022. Richard Wayne Estell Sr. was born October 13, 1963 in Kansas City, KS to loving parents Joyce Estell & Walter Ellsworth.

Richard attended schools in the Kansas City, KS School District and graduated from J. C. Harmon High School, class of 1982.

Richard was a man of faith and was baptized as a child at Quindaro Community Christian Church. He loved attending church with his family and sharing what he learned with others. He loved reading the Bible and repeating his favorite passage, Psalm 23. No matter what happened in his life, he knew the Lord was his Shepherd.

Richard had many gifts and talents, especially when it came to sports. Although he played several, it was his love of football that allowed his athletic ability to shine. He started playing football in little league. He continued to soar with his football, and it paid off. After high school, we went on to receive a full football scholarship to the University of Kansas. At KU, he excelled as a wide receiver and would go on to break several records in the Big 8 Division. His football skills caught the eye of several teams, both nationally and internationally. He would play for the Kansas City Chiefs before signing a 3-year deal with the Canadian Football League as a wide receiver for the Hamilton Tigers. He would remain die hard Chiefs fan for life and loved

cheering his team on.

Along his path in life, he would meet and later marry his best friend Shelley Haynes. The two were blessed with Richard's eldest daughter, Brooke Estell.

Later in life, he would meet and unite with Erika Rucker. This relationship saw the blessing of his second daughter, Sydney Estell, and his son, Richard Estell Jr.

Richard is preceded in death by his father, Walter. To cherish his memory, e is survived by mother Joyce Estell; son Richard Estell Jr.; daughters Brooke Noel Estell and Sydney Richelle Estell; brother Winston Eugene Teller; sister Dena Marie Estell; step-daughter Aubrionna Lynn Donahue; grandchildren Malaya "Lay-Lay," Londyn "Lo-Lo" and step grandchildren E.J. and Antonio. A visitation will be held on Saturday, March 5, 2022 from 10:00-11:00 A.M. at Forest Grove Baptist Church with a funeral service beginning at 11:00 A.M.

Previous Events

Visitation

MAR 5. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

Forest Grove Baptist Church
1417 N. 9th Street
Kansas City, KS 66101

Funeral Service

MAR 5. 11:00 AM (CT)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Maple Hill Funeral Home and Cemetery created a Tribute Video in memory of Richard Wayne Estell*



Maple Hill Funeral Home and Cemetery - March 02, 2022 at 09:25 AM



“ *I remember cuzzo,we went to Arkansas to bury my husband. You were that one that supported me all the way through..🥺🥺🥺. And they don't even know cuzzo. Missing you so much 💕💕*

Staci Simmons - February 28, 2024 at 01:17 AM



“ *Richard Wayne Estell*

October 08, 2023 at 10:59 AM



“ *Richard Wayne Estell*

September 17, 2022 at 08:24 PM

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“ *Richard "Colonel" Estell, you were 4-sport super athlete. You were an exceptional student and classmate -- and I was privileged to share the court with you and call you teammate, as well. Your athletic feats pale in comparison to your humanity. Thank you for all that you accomplished and thank you for the great memories.*

God Bless You Estell Family and Friends. You're in my prayers.

Tony Jones

T. Jones - March 06, 2022 at 08:25 PM

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“ Colonel was my high school and college sweetheart, we married at a very young age and later had our daughter, Brooke. I remember living in Canada when Colonel played for the Hamilton Tigers. He continued to display his spectacular catches and dominated the league. Although our marriage ended, the mutual respect and love for our daughter remained. Colonel always kept his hands on Brooke, sharing major milestones in her life. Occasionally, he would visit me at my job, proclaiming that he was there to see 'Juice'. I would fuss and he would laugh that big laugh and say 'you will always be Juice' to me. Anyone, who knows Colonel, knows that he had a big personality and nicknames for everyone.

Brooke was his 'Brooklyn Queen', his 'Nookie Wayne'. I've always reminded Brooke that she had her dad's 'gift for gab', his quick wit. Brooke took these skills and later graduated from the University of Kansas, with a BA in English, MA in Strategic Marketing, and is the proud owner of a candle company.

I am so happy that you were able to share in her accomplishments, it means the world to our daughter.

God Bless you, Colonel. I will hold Brooke close and never let her go for us.

Always,

Juice

Shelley Penn - March 04, 2022 at 04:57 PM

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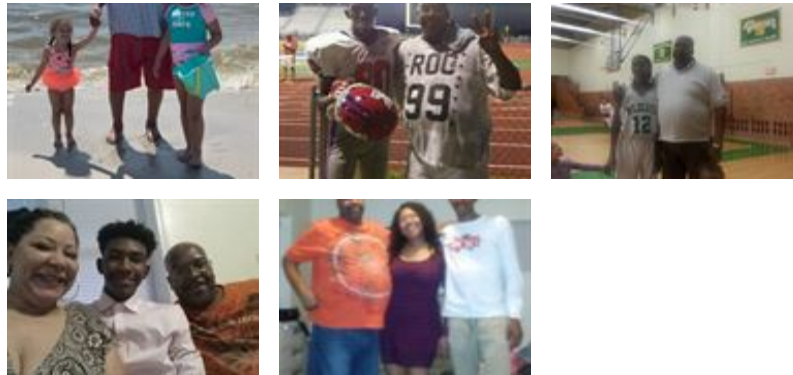
“ *The fastest runner does not always win the race, the strongest soldier does not always win the battle, the wisest does not always have food.. Time and chance happen to everyone.*
ECCLESIASTES 9:11

To the family of Richard Estell, I offer my love and condolences to each of you in this time of sorrow. His spirit was spread far and wide as he walked his life path. May the memories of his words and touch be a constant reminder to supporting you at this time.

Beverly Gassaway-Rentie - March 03, 2022 at 05:32 PM



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Maple Hill Funeral Home and Cemetery - March 03, 2022 at 03:52 PM



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