



Richard "Coach" Stephen Sylvest

November 3, 1945 - November 24, 2016

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Richard, age 71, went to his heavenly home on Thursday, November 24, 2016 surrounded by his loving family. He was a native of Hammond, LA and a resident of Ponchatoula, LA. Richard was well known for his distinguished career as a school administrator for over 24 years, including President of LA Principal's Association. He was a successful and extremely loved basketball coach for over 15 years. Richard would credit his success to his college coach at LA College, Billy Allgood, mentors, Mr. A.J. Bodker at Ponchatoula High School and Mr. James Huhn at Mandeville High School, and his supportive wife, Linda. He took great pride in molding young boys and girls into fine men and women. Richard was an incredible, big hearted, and dedicated man who will be greatly missed by all who knew him.

He is survived by his loving wife of 50 years, Linda Sylvest; sons, Christopher Sylvest (Tammy), Andrew Sylvest (Jennifer); mother, Vermelle Sylvest; sister, Paula Gayle Graves; brother, Dennis Bickford; and grandchildren, Mason, Luke, Ben, and Parker.

Richard was preceded in death by his father, Richard D. Sylvest; paternal grandparents, Steve and Naomi Sylvest; and maternal grandparents, John and Eva Hoyt.

Relatives and friends are invited to attend the visitation at 1st Baptist Church of Ponchatoula on Saturday, December 3, 2016 from 1:00 p.m. until the Memorial Service at 3:00 p.m. Dr. David Cranford will officiate the service.

In lieu of flowers donations can be made to the Navy Seal Foundation at www.navysealfoundation.org in honor of Mr. Richard.

Previous Events

Visitation

DEC 3. 1:00 PM - 3:00 PM (CT)

First Baptist Church of Ponchatoula
325 E Pine St.
Ponchatoula, LA 70454

Memorial Service

DEC 3. 3:00 PM (CT)

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Tribute Wall

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“ I am so sorry to hear of Coach Sylvest's passing! He was such a big hearted man and always supportive! My prayers to Mrs. Linda and the family! May the Lord keep and protect them!

Venola L Johnson, Esq. - December 08, 2016 at 09:20 PM

MH

“ Coach Sylvest was a great principal who cared deeply for his students and their well being. He went out of his way to ensure that positive lessons were being taught. He was a big man with a huge heart and a great sense of humor. He will always hold a special place in my heart for being a thoughtful, and compassionate school leader. My thoughts and prayers are with his son Andy, and the rest of his loving family.

Craig McBee Hunt

Mary Craig Hunt - December 03, 2016 at 11:33 AM

TL

“ Coach Sylvest helped shape who I am today! He engraved health and activity into my lifestyle. I hope that I can raise my son with the same values he shared with me! He will be missed. I am sincerely sorry for your loss.

Tana Arceneaux Lawler "Class of 1991"

Tana Lawler - November 28, 2016 at 12:37 PM

GA

“ So sorry for the loss of a dear long time childhood friend. We grew up together all through grade school and high school. Although we haven't seen Dickie In years it seems like he has always been the really good guy he was when we were young. Our prayers are with you.

Gordon and Eloise Anderson - November 25, 2016 at 05:06 PM

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A great man who made such a positive difference in so many young people's lives including my sons Nestor and Nicolas. I am eternally grateful to Coach Sylvest. Kathryn Navarro

Kathryn Navarro - November 27, 2016 at 07:37 PM