



Johnnie Richey

April 2, 1949 - October 15, 2021

"Coach"

A Celebration of Life for Johnnie Richey, 72 of Rusk, will be 10:00 a.m., Wednesday, October 20, 2021 at the Rusk First United Methodist Church under the direction of Wallace-Thompson Funeral Home with Pastor TJ Gabelman officiating.

He passed away at home October 15, 2021. He was born April 2, 1949 in Jacksonville, Texas to the late Birdie and Hugh Richey. He graduated Rusk High School in 1967, went on to graduate from SFA with a Bachelor's Degree in Education and a Master's degree in Education. He went on to coach high school football the majority of his career, ending his coaching with junior college football. He was a member of Rusk First United Methodist Church.

He is preceded in death by his parents, his brother Ronnie Ray Richey and brother-in-law Robert Holcomb.

He is survived by his wife of 52 years, Susan Richey of Rusk, children Jonathan and Ramey Richey of Rusk, Tara and Derek Diaz de Leon of Dallas, grandchildren Sally Jo Richey, Birdie Marie and Kingston Lux Diaz de Leon, brothers Jimmie and Nelda Richey, Pat and Synthia Richey, Richard and Sherry Holcomb and Elizabeth Holcomb and many nieces, nephews and cousins.

Coach Richey coached at Rusk HS, Crosby HS, Anahuac HS, Barbers Hill HS, Marshall HS, Round Rock HS, Jacksonville HS, Palestine HS, Corsicana HS, Blooming Grove HS, Dawson HS, Lon Morris JUCO, and TJC. After retiring from coaching, he worked in quality control for Good Times Wood Product and Head of Marketing for Berry and Clay Construction Co.

He served as Chairman of Trustees of Rusk FUMC, Board of Director of Rusk Rural Water Supply Corporation, Board of Directors as well as a charter member for Rusk High School Alumni Association. He was a member of Texas High School Coaching Association, and served as an official at the University Interscholastic League State Track and Field Meet.

Visitation will be immediately following the Celebration of Life service in the fellowship hall.

A gift in his name may be made to Rusk First United Methodist Church, P.O. Box 99, Rusk, TX 75785, and Rusk Alumni Association, P.O. Box 711, Rusk, TX 75785.

The family wishes to extend a heart-felt thanks to the care they received from Heart to Heart Hospice and Baylor, Scott, and White doctors and staff of Dallas, TX.

Previous Events

Celebration of Life

OCT **20**. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

First United Methodist Church
255 S. Henderson St
Rusk, TX 75785
(903) 683-4675

Tribute Wall



“ *Johnnie Richey*

October 04, 2023 at 11:30 AM



“ *My deepest sympathy and condolences to Johnnies family. He will be dearly missed.*

Ken Dickson, First Cousin, Lompoc, CA

Kenneth Dickson - October 25, 2021 at 05:25 PM



“ *Healing Tears - Lavender and White was purchased for the family of Johnnie Richey.*



October 19, 2021 at 02:43 PM



“ *European Sympathy Dish Garden was purchased for the family of Johnnie Richey.*



October 19, 2021 at 10:21 AM

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“ *The Zitnik's ~ Love Tony, Juliana & Iggy purchased the Blue & White Sympathy Basket for the family of Johnnie Richey.*



The Zitnik's ~ Love Tony, Juliana & Iggy - October 19, 2021 at 10:01 AM



“ *Dish Garden with Fresh Cut Flowers was purchased for the family of Johnnie Richey.*



October 18, 2021 at 02:26 PM



“ *Classic Sympathy Dish Garden was purchased for the family of Johnnie Richey.*



October 18, 2021 at 10:07 AM

CG

“ *Cherokee County District Attorney Gang purchased the Red, White & Blue Mixed Fireside Basket for the family of Johnnie Richey.*



Cherokee County District Attorney Gang - October 18, 2021 at 09:42 AM



“ *Blue & White Sympathy Standing Spray was purchased for the family of Johnnie Richey.*



October 18, 2021 at 06:55 AM



“ *I always had respect for Johnnie and Susan, we at one time were very close friends and visited quite often. One couldn't have better people in their lives. Sympathy goes out to Susan and the rest of the family.*

John Hogue - October 17, 2021 at 11:52 PM



“ *Steve C. purchased the Floor Plant for Sympathy for the family of Johnnie Richey.*



Steve C. - October 17, 2021 at 09:02 PM



“ *John & Nancy (McCrary) Fenton purchased the Classic Sympathy Dish Garden for the family of Johnnie Richey.*



John & Nancy (McCrary) Fenton - October 17, 2021 at 04:50 PM



“ *Classic Sympathy Dish Garden was purchased for the family of Johnnie Richey.*



October 17, 2021 at 02:27 PM



“ *I grew up with the Richey family. Johnnie was such a good man. Susan I am so sorry for your loss. Prayers for you and your family.*

Cathy Gabbert Booth - October 17, 2021 at 08:40 AM



“ *Johnny was always a jokester I remember him and some of the football team taking a member of the squad snipe hunting they gave him a bag and whistle and took him to the woods and left him and they left. The old boy left after about 30 minutes and hitched a ride home next morning he took the sack back to school and gave it to Johnny full of snipes we all had a good laugh. Rest In Peace my friend*

roger mccrary - October 16, 2021 at 08:52 PM



“ *Blue & White Sympathy Floor Basket was purchased for the family of Johnnie Richey.*



October 16, 2021 at 03:27 PM



“ *Floor Plant for Sympathy was purchased for the family of Johnnie Richey.*



October 16, 2021 at 02:39 PM