



Mr. Harvey Ricky White, II

April 2, 1961 - June 14, 2023

Harvey Ricky White II, known fondly as Ricky, was born on April 2, 1961 in Kinston, North Carolina to Harvey and Carolyn White. Remembered for his energetic spirit and remarkable talents, Ricky was a cherished figure who could captivate any room with his powerful singing voice and musical prowess on the clarinet and saxophone. An early walker, at just 6 months old, he showed an innate propensity for running, a skill that would shape his future significantly.

In his teens, Ricky was heralded as the fastest athlete in North Carolina in the 100-meter dash, ranked second fastest in the 200-meter dash in 1979, and earned state champion status. His summers were spent traveling across the southeast for Junior Olympics events, with two appearances at the National Junior Olympics at the University of Nebraska. Ricky's athletic journey continued at Hagerstown Community College, Maryland in 1979, where his track exploits earned him an induction into the Hagerstown Sports Hall of Fame.

A full scholarship took Ricky to Eastern Kentucky, where he continued to excel in track while majoring in Mass Communications, moonlighting as a DJ and becoming an eminent member of the Phi Beta Sigma fraternity's IOTA DELTA chapter, known by the line name "Mandingo". In a light-hearted moment during his college years, he even considered a career as a weatherman. His exceptional talent on the track was recognized with numerous accolades,

including NCAA All American, Pan Am Game Finalist, Olympic Qualifier, and he still holds certain records. In 2016, he received the honor of being inducted into Eastern Kentucky University's Athletics Hall of Fame, a proud moment he shared with his wife and daughters.

After qualifying twice, Ricky's dreams of competing in the 1980 and 1984 Olympics were dashed due to boycotts, causing the greatest disappointment in his athletic journey. Prior to his return to North Carolina, he was offered a chance to try out for the New England Patriots as a running back, but his Olympic dreams held him steadfast.

Returning to his roots in 1986, Ricky met and fell in love with Ellean (Ena) Berry. Their enduring union of 37 years brought them five children: Ricky (Roshanna), Ashley (Tommy), Robert, Anastasia (Karina), and Vincent. A visionary and ahead-of-his-time entrepreneur, Ricky excelled in the IT sector, specifically in Networking. With his children expressing an interest in track, Ricky returned to his roots, founding Xing Xing International, a track team in which his children participated. In recent years, he showcased his culinary abilities through Rick's Gourmet BBQ, serving his community with much relish.

Battling an illness since 2010, Ricky demonstrated unyielding resilience and bravery until he drew his last breath at 9:44pm on June 14, 2023, with Ena and Ashley by his side. He is survived by his wife, children, five beloved grandchildren: Amari, Olivia, Myles, Thyseen, and Noah, his parents, his brothers Demeco (Angela), Martin (Jessica), sisters Tonya (Ray), Kim, along with a host of nieces, nephews, aunts, uncles, cousins, and fraternity brothers.

Celebration of Life Services for Mr. Harvey R White, II will be held on Friday, June 30, 2023 at 1:00PM. These services will be recorded and streamed live. If the event is interrupted at any time due to technical issues, the entire event will be uploaded and available to view later in the day. Please copy and paste

the link to share, or simply click on the link to view the event.

<https://vimeo.com/event/3533211>

Previous Events

Memorial Service - Live Streamed

JUN **30**. 1:00 PM - 2:00 PM (ET)

Gregory B. Levett & Sons Funeral Home - Lawrenceville Location
914 Scenic Highway South
Lawrenceville, GA 30045-6353

Live streaming will officially start approximately 5 minutes prior to the scheduled beginning of the service. In the event the service is interrupted at any time due to technical issues, the entire service will be uploaded and available to view by the next business day. <https://vimeo.com/event/3533211>

Tribute Wall



“ Gregory B. Levett & Sons Funeral Homes & Crematory created a Webcast in memory of Mr. Harvey Ricky White, II



Gregory B. Levett & Sons Funeral Homes & Crematory, Inc. - June 29, 2023 at 06:38 AM

PB

Sending my prayers and sincere condolences to the White Family. I great classmate and super athlete. Way too early to leave this earth. “O God give us faith to see in death the gate of eternal life, so that in quiet confidence we may continue our courses on earth, until, by your call, we are reunited with those who have gone before.”

Philip Bailey - July 02, 2023 at 08:19 AM

TH

“ My next door dorm mate and Sigma brother I will miss you. God bless, your life was a light. Ena you are a angel. T. Hump

Terry Humphrey - June 29, 2023 at 11:15 PM

WB

My frat and best man. I gonna miss talking to you every day. I gonna miss our time at tailgate's. I gonna miss so much that we talked about and did. You rest in heaven my brother. Your cause speeds on its way

William bush - June 30, 2023 at 12:49 PM

JD

“ I would like to extend my Deepest and Sincere Condolences to the White Family. Ricky and I were Track buddies in High School growing up in Kinston NC. I must say.... Many friends come into our lives — but only a few leave extraordinary marks on our hearts like Ricky White. Wishing the White Family God’s comfort and support in the Love of those around you. I have not seen Ricky in years but the memories of Ricky will last in my heart. I saw him break so many track records in High School and I feel so Blessed to have known him. Rest in Peace my Brother..



Joe Dixon

Joe Dixon - June 29, 2023 at 10:23 AM

SJ

“ Sending Love - Berrys and the Johnsons purchased the Ocean Breeze Spray for the family of Mr. Harvey Ricky White, II.



Sending Love - Berrys and the Johnsons - June 22, 2023 at 12:52 PM

K'

“ Sincere condolences and deepest sympathies extended to the family. I have very fond memories of Ricky from high school during our time on track team. He was the fastest in the entire state of NC back in '79. We will keep you all in our collective thoughts and prayers. Respectfully, Kinston High School Class of 1979.

KHS '79 - June 21, 2023 at 03:14 PM

EB

My friend and neighbor growing up. He was a good guy. Rest in Heavenly Peace Ricky, see you at the meeting!



Edna Akua DuPree, SA, Texas

Edna D Bodnel - June 21, 2023 at 06:38 PM

SJ

"In Everything We Do, Love Will See Us Through..."

Extending our prayers, love and condolences in the loss of our dear friend and brother, Rick White. Rick was a visionary - bringing an alternative perspective to what he touched; a knowledge sharer - engaging constituents in deep conversations; an entrepreneur - constantly challenging the status quo and devising plans for new ventures; our bodyguard - providing security/oversight and adding nutritional value as a connoisseur of food.

To Ena and the entirety of the White family, we will continue to pray for resiliency in your strength and health.

Peace and blessings to all.

*Love! Ms. Stephanie & Alexis Johnson
Beth & Mark Lucas*

Stephanie Proctor Johnson - June 30, 2023 at 10:20 AM