



## Paul Ricky Hastings

August 31, 1958 - January 20, 2021

On the 31st of August in 1958, Katie Hastings would give birth to her one and only son: Paul Ricky Hastings. As the eldest brother to his two sisters, Jackie Williams and Roberta Robertson, Ricky was raised in Los Angeles, California by his single-mother, his grandparents, and his adoring uncles who took on the responsibility of father. In his youth, Ricky attended St. Bridget's Catholic School, Paul Revere Middle School, & Palisades High School where he would develop his love for sports.

In the summer of 1975, Ricky went to visit his aunt, uncle, and cousins in Hardin, Texas and never looked back. With approval from his mother, Ricky moved in with the Davis Family who became a second family to him. Along with his new siblings, Calvin, Carolyn, and Floyd Jr., Ricky was loved and nurtured by Floyd Sr. and Elogia Davis as if he were one of their own. Continuing his education in Texas, Ricky graduated from Hardin High School where he lettered in football & track and would later be recruited to Sam Houston State University to play wide receiver for the Bearkats. After proudly wearing the #17 jersey for four years, Ricky graduated with a Bachelor's degree in education in 1982. Ricky began his teaching career at Windham School System where he taught & coached offenders inside the prison for over 30 years. After teaching with the Huntsville Independent School District at Montgomery High School, Ricky would retire only to work part-time at Gulf Coast Trade Center.

With all of his accomplishments, nothing in this world could replace the joy that Ricky felt on October 14, 1985, when his one and only son was born: Brandon Hastings. The love that he had for Brandon was incomparable. He did an impeccable job at raising Brandon to be a strong educated black man. While other young men knew Ricky as a teacher, mentor, or as “Coach Hastings,” Brandon will always remember him best as “my Dad.”

Paul Ricky Hastings was a deeply spiritual man who was always eager to share Bible scriptures with anyone & everyone at any given time. With his unwavering faith in God & love for education, you would usually find Ricky engaged in a debate with a sometimes less enthusiastic party. He believed that it was his calling to provide leadership and guidance to young men and women in the areas of education, athletics, teamwork, life goals, and skill development. Despite the shock of his departure, family and friends take comfort in knowing that he was able to positively impact youth and incarcerated individuals until his death.

Paul Ricky Hastings is survived by his loving and adoring wife, Inez Hastings, and his only son, Brandon Hastings. He is survived by his mother Katie Hastings, and his two sisters, Jackie Williams (Byron) and Roberta Robertson (Kenneth Sr.) and their children: Kenneth Robertson Jr., Cameron Robertson, Byron Williams, and Mariah Williams. He is survived by his father figure, Floyd Davis (Elogia) and a host of his cousins, whom he loved and cherished as siblings: Calvin Davis (Cathy), Caroline Oliphant (Ricky), Floyd Davis Jr. aka “Man” (Rose-Jean), and his cousin/twin Donald Paul aka “Mano” (Jean). He also leaves behind numerous other family members in the St. Julian and Paul families, and a host of friends he maintained throughout his life.

For 62 years of his life, Paul Ricky Hastings was a kind, god-fearing man, a caring father, an affectionate husband, and a loving son. He was also a loving brother, cousin, nephew, and uncle, and a respected teacher, mentor, friend, and will be remembered as such by the lives and hearts that he touched. So when you reflect on your last conversation with Ricky, whether it was years, weeks, or the day before his passing, remember his last words before ending every conversation: "I love you."

A Memorial service will be held at 11:00 am Friday, February 26, 2021 in the chapel of Sam Houston Memorial Funeral Home, Huntsville, TX.

Memorial condolences may be made to the family at [www.shmfh.com](http://www.shmfh.com)

# Previous Events

## Memorial Celebration

FEB **26**. 11:00 AM (CT)

Sam Houston Memorial Funeral Home - Huntsville  
1700 Normal Park Dr.  
Huntsville, TX 77340  
(936) 291-7300  
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# Tribute Wall



“ *Paul Ricky Hastings*

November 15, 2022 at 08:33 PM



“ *Susan Smithers lit a candle in memory of Paul Ricky Hastings*



**Susan Smithers** - February 26, 2021 at 09:11 PM



“ *Ricky, I have to say 'see you later' because any other greeting would appear too final; for all the years I have known you. In sharing the news with my son, he instantly replied, "tell Brandon, his father was a good man." I had to agree considering all the years I knew Ricky. He remained the same, from high school, thru SHSU and finally raising our children together; I extend my heart-felt sympathy to Brandon and the Hastings family, and pray that you take the time to reflect on the good times, for they will provide you with strength for today and can never be taken away.*

*"For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life" John 3:16*

*Forever Friends - Brenda & Lathan Hall*

**Brenda & Lathan Hall** - February 26, 2021 at 12:48 PM

SF

“ *Sande Sims Allen, Frances St.Julian Sims Families purchased the Emerald Garden Basket for the family of Paul Ricky Hastings.*



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**Sande Sims Allen, Frances St.Julian Sims Families -**  
February 25, 2021 at 06:38 PM



“ *Ray Scheel lit a candle in memory of Paul Ricky Hastings*



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**Ray Scheel -** February 22, 2021 at 10:47 AM

TA

“ *Ricky no words can express the loss of a person with such a wonderful and happy attitude. Our college days and shared family times with the kids were fun and enjoyable with your presence and easy going life approach. Our kids have remained friends even to this day. I extend my heart-felt sympathies to the Hastings family and praying for God's peace and love to surround you all.*  
*Terrie Phillips Almond*



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**Terrie Phillips Almond -** February 17, 2021 at 08:17 PM

WW

*R.I.P Ricky. I will always remember our football days at Ssm. You will be missed but never forgotten.*

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**Willie Watson -** February 26, 2021 at 07:46 AM

TA

“ Ricky no words can express the loss of a person with such a wonderful and happy attitude. Our college days and shared family times with the kids were fun and enjoyable with your presence and easy going life approach. Our kids have remained friends even to this day.

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*Terrie Phillips Almond*

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**Terrie Phillips Almond** - February 17, 2021 at 07:50 PM

KD

“ Katie Davison lit a candle in memory of Paul Ricky Hastings



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**Katie Davison** - February 16, 2021 at 08:18 PM



Charlotte Efird

“ Charlotte Efird lit a candle in memory of Paul Ricky Hastings



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**Charlotte Efird** - February 16, 2021 at 04:06 PM

RS

“ I had the pleasure of coaching with Ricky both at Huntsville and at Montgomery. He will forever be remembered as a man who cared deeply for kids and for setting an example as a godly man who they could model their lives after.  
He always believed in the best in kids and made them have a positive outlook on themselves.  
Coach Hastings had a positive impact on everyone.  
Rest In Peace my friend and May God give peace, comfort, and hold the family in His caring arms.

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**Randy Shelly** - February 15, 2021 at 08:26 PM

BJ

“ Ill never forget u coach Hastings , you have known me since I was young im sorry for your loss Brandon and you Mrs Hastings yours truly  
Ben Johnson

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**Ben Johnson** - February 14, 2021 at 05:30 PM

KB

“ I played football with Ricky at SHSU.

*I remember him as a kind polite respectful youngman. A great example to be sure.*

*I also graduated with a degree in education and coached for Wyndham then 35 years at Katy ISD.*

*It is a calling to coach felons to learn teamwork, loyalty, discipline, and sacrifice. And even a larger calling to teach/coach young kids so they don't wind up doing/wasting time.*

*Ricky will be missed because of his passion to make the world a better place.*

*2 Timothy 1:7  
Proverbs 27:17*

*Teammates forever, Kent bruno #42*

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**Kent Bruno** - February 13, 2021 at 07:17 PM

MC

“ My heart is heavy to hear the passing of Coach Hastings. A good and joyful person to be around and work with.

*From Pastor Eldridge McAdams and Family*

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**McAdams** - February 12, 2021 at 05:10 PM

MH

“ M. Hyvl sent a virtual gift in memory of Paul Ricky Hastings



M. Hyvl - February 11, 2021 at 03:19 PM

PA

“ We will miss you! You were an awesome coach and mentor. Thoughts and prayers.

Patels - February 06, 2021 at 11:44 AM

TK

“ My man Ricky Hastings! #17 in our roster, #1 in our heart. He was a good man! He definitely had the spiritual gift of encouragement! And oh, what a sense of humor. He used to crack me up! Coach ‘em up in heaven Rick! Eat ‘em up Kat! God Speed Brother Rick!  
Tim Kroon - SHSU Teammate and Friend

Tim Kroon - February 05, 2021 at 03:21 PM

L ♥

“ Lisa Simmons-Arnold ♥ lit a candle in memory of Paul Ricky Hastings



Lisa Simmons-Arnold ♥ - February 03, 2021 at 10:35 PM

AH

“ *Annette Massie Hunnicutt lit a candle in memory of Paul Ricky Hastings*



Annette Massie Hunnicutt - February 03, 2021 at 04:16 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Paul Ricky Hastings.*



February 03, 2021 at 10:27 AM

SH

“ *Coach~ always willing to help any child or adult and always had a smile on your face. What a blessing he was to so many people from the earliest days of coaching at Windham to the days you spent in public education. A life so well lived, go rest high up on that mountain.*  
*Samantha Herrington*

Samantha Herrington - February 02, 2021 at 01:00 PM

SC

“ *Sweet rest Coach... 🙏*



Sandra Carr - February 02, 2021 at 10:29 AM

CB

“ *Cindy Bowen lit a candle in memory of Paul Ricky Hastings*



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**Cindy Bowen** - February 02, 2021 at 08:42 AM

MH

“ *Coach Hastings always had a smile and an encouraging word for me every time I passed him in the hall. It was a pleasure to work with him. Keeping all of you in my thoughts and prayers.*

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**Melissa Hunziker** - February 01, 2021 at 07:22 PM

GK

“ *Gayle Spears Kelly lit a candle in memory of Paul Ricky Hastings*



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**Gayle Spears Kelly** - February 01, 2021 at 07:15 PM

RH

“ *Condolences to the family. Ricky was an awesome co worker back in the days of Windham School District. May God give peace and strength to the family*

*With love,  
Rose M Hackett*

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**Rose M Hackett** - February 01, 2021 at 07:08 PM

PA

“ You were an awesome and amazing coach and mentor. We will miss you.

*Thoughts and prayers.*

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**patel** - February 01, 2021 at 06:06 PM

SS

“ God Bless.



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**Susan Small** - February 01, 2021 at 05:00 PM