



Ernest E. Craddock

April 26, 1951 - September 20, 2020

Ernest Emanuel Craddock, Jr, was born April 26, 1951. He was the only child of the late Ernest Sr. and Lillian Craddock.

Ernest, affectionately known as "Doc", was raised in the Churchill area of Richmond, Virginia. He attended Richmond Public Schools, where he graduated from Armstrong High School in 1969. He continued his education and earned his Degree of Bachelor of Arts in the Division of Social Sciences from Virginia Union University and Master of Science Degree from Virginia Commonwealth University.

Ernest met the love of his life, Lyndale (Dell) during his high school years. They joined in matrimony, July 30, 1977.

Ernest worked with City of Richmond in the Department of Social Services for over 40 years, serving the Richmond Community. Ernest loved working with the youth. He was an admired and dedicated baseball coach with the Babe Ruth Baseball League for many years. It brought him great joy to coach and groom Ernest (Ernie) and Michael (Mike). He was proud Ernie was able to play baseball at both Howard University and Virginia State University where he played on two championship teams. He also loved fishing with his family and friends.

Ernest was a member of Cedar Street Baptist Church. He was acknowledged as a high contributor to the Cedar Street Baptist Church Scholarship Fund in previous years. He was a faithful member of the Male Usher Board until his health started to fail.

Ernest leaves to celebrate his life, his loving and devoted wife of 43 years, Lyndale Brinkley Craddock; two loving and devoted sons, Ernest, III (Tachelle) and Michael; two adoring grandchildren, Chloe Love and Justin Emmanuel Craddock; mother-in-law, Carrie Brinkley (late Lonnie Brinkley; two brother-in-laws, Willie Brinkley, Sr. (Alice), and Mckelly (Mack) Brinkley; one sister-in-law, Ninette Brinkley Tompkins (Randy); three nephews, Willie Brinkley, Jr. (Kendra), Aaron Brinkley and Deven Tompkins; three great nieces, Skylar, Willow, and Autumn Brinkley; and a host of other relatives and friends.

Tribute Wall



“ Ernest E. Craddock

October 13, 2022 at 08:33 AM



“ The family has my deepest condolences. He was a kind & considerate person. The Lord has him now.
May he RIP. 🙏💙✝️😊
Ms Viesta Washington



Viesta Washington - September 30, 2020 at 12:40 AM



“ Symprosa Branch lit a candle in memory of Ernest E. Craddock



Symprosa Branch - September 28, 2020 at 03:42 PM



“ Servant of God well done;
Thy glorious warfare's past;
The battle's fought, the victory won,
And thou art crowned at last.

Love and Blessings.
Margaret Bates and Family



Robin Bates - September 28, 2020 at 11:09 AM

JP

“ *Jennifer Ponton lit a candle in memory of Ernest E. Craddock*



Jennifer Ponton - September 28, 2020 at 09:55 AM

LA

“ *To the family and friends, you have my sympathy. I worked for Ernest at RDSS. He was very easy to get along with and took pride in his work May God's spirit help you along the way during this most difficult time,*

Loretta Adkins - September 27, 2020 at 06:22 PM

EF

“ To the Craddock Family,

It was heartbreaking to hear that Mr. Craddock had died. I knew him from our time together at the Chamberlayne-Laburnum Babe Ruth League. My son and his son (Ernest) played on the same youth baseball team. Mr. Craddock (which we always called him) was one of the coaches along with Don Coleman. He was a wonderful and knowledgeable coach, always encouraging the players, teaching them not only baseball, but also how to conduct themselves, whether winning or losing (and they mostly won). It was a time that will always remain in my memories. His son played first base and pitched, and he was such a good father (and coach) to his son. That team was such a good bunch of kids (Ernest, Donnie Coleman, David Schuler, Peter Johns, Wayne Williams, and the rest), and they played hard for Mr. Craddock and Mr. Coleman. Mr. Craddock was just a pleasure to talk to and to share stories with. I know he will be missed.

Eric Fiske

Eric Fiske - September 27, 2020 at 02:35 PM

LH

“ Lyndell,

I'm so sorry to hear that Ernest had passed. We worked together for years at RDSS. He was a very kind person and a pleasure to work with.

May God continue to bless you and your sons at this difficult time.

With sympathy,

Louise Hayes

Louise Hayes - September 27, 2020 at 12:31 PM

DC

“ Ernest and Mike,

I was so sad to hear of your dad's passing. He was a strong man, a good advocate for you guys and of course a big fan. I lost my dad a little over 5 years ago and his lessons and love are always a part of who I am today. You are both truly blessed to have had such a loving family to help you grow and support you over the years. Many of your teammates didn't have one parent at games, much less both parents. I know the values he taught you both helped you to be the fine young men that you are today. His loss is tough but he will always be a part of you that will give you strength and guidance throughout the rest of your life. Be there for each other and your mom during this time.

Mrs. Craddock I am sorry to hear of your loss. I admired the fact that the two of you raised two good young men. As a couple you were always there to watch and cheer them on and that is so important.

I will keep you all in my thoughts in prayers during this time.

David Cain

David Cain - September 27, 2020 at 12:14 PM

AR

“ I worked with Ernest at RDSS in the late 70..
He always greeted you with his pleasant smile. My condolences to his family.



Angie Riddick - September 27, 2020 at 11:54 AM

GS

“ *Gayle C. Sutton lit a candle in memory of Ernest E. Craddock*



Gayle C. Sutton - September 27, 2020 at 11:43 AM

GS

Lyndale and family, you are in my thoughts and prayers. God will take care of you. Take care of each other.

Gayle C. Sutton - September 27, 2020 at 11:45 AM

JW

“ *I remember the good old days we had much fun in school RIP. Janet Wynn-Cooke*

Janet Wynn-Cooke - September 27, 2020 at 11:14 AM

DT

“ *Lyndale,
Condolences to you and your family with the passing of your love one. Knowing he is in the hands of the one who cares and called him home bring you comfort. Peace to you my friend.
Deborah B. Taylor*

Deborah Taylor - September 27, 2020 at 10:46 AM

PH

“ *Pauline Kersey Harvey lit a candle in memory of Ernest E. Craddock*



Pauline Kersey Harvey - September 27, 2020 at 10:08 AM

AR

“ Alberta Hall Richards To the Craddock family I am sorry for your lost. He was one of my classmates. Remember God will take care of you.

Alberta Hall Richards - September 27, 2020 at 09:09 AM

JS

“ Lyndale and family,
I am sending prayers of comfort and love to you and your family.
GOD will sustain you.
Joy Smith

Joy Smith - September 27, 2020 at 09:00 AM

HD

“ Horace E. Dabney lit a candle in memory of
Ernest E. Craddock



Horace E. Dabney - September 27, 2020 at 02:38 AM

NW

“ To the family of Mr. Craddock I send my condolences. May God give you comfort and peace in the passing of such a great man. I worked with him at RDSS. He was such a sweetheart and inspiration

NaTasha White - September 26, 2020 at 07:57 PM

VN

“ *My Heartfelt Condolences To The Family*



Vicklin Nickelson - September 26, 2020 at 02:04 PM

CF

“ *Sorry to hear of Mr Craddock's passing. He was a gentle giant and great supervisor at RDSS. May the family be comforted with God's grace and love. Carolyn Funn*



Carolyn Funn - September 26, 2020 at 09:59 AM

AS

“ *To the Family- Please accept my deepest condolences.
May the good times shared remain with you to put a smile on your face from time to time.
I will remember Ernest as a friend, my supervisor, and coach - baseball and basketball (for my son).
Family, May God continue to order your steps.*



Ann L. Sharpe

Ann L. Sharpe - September 25, 2020 at 07:31 PM

BK

“ *Bridgette Kimbow lit a candle in memory of Ernest E. Craddock*



Bridgette Kimbow - September 25, 2020 at 12:54 PM

RD

“ *Rhonda Davis lit a candle in memory of Ernest E. Craddock*



Rhonda Davis - September 25, 2020 at 12:31 PM

RT

“ *Roslyn Thomas lit a candle in memory of Ernest E. Craddock*



Roslyn Thomas - September 25, 2020 at 01:13 AM

SS

“ *Stephanie Scott lit a candle in memory of Ernest E. Craddock*



Stephanie Scott - September 24, 2020 at 10:14 AM

MJ

“ *Michelle & Sheila Jones lit a candle in memory of Ernest E. Craddock*



Michelle & Sheila Jones - September 23, 2020 at 10:43 PM



“ *We the March Family and Staff wish to extend our deepest and heartfelt sympathy in the passing of your loved one. Our prayers go out to you and your family in your time of loss. We know and understand that you have received many expressions of love and we will continue to lift you up in prayer. May the memories you cherish of brighter and happier days help to ease your sorrow and comfort you always.*

March Funeral Homes - September 22, 2020 at 02:58 PM