



## Richard Carl Black

May 10, 1947 - September 1, 2021

<https://livestream.com/accounts/7325565/richardblack>

Richard Black was born on May 10, 1947 in Austin, Texas. He grew up in Blackland, located in historic East Austin. He and his family joined Peaceful St. James Baptist Church, Pastor John Townsend, Sr., at an early age. He accepted Christ and later, joined Mt. Sinai Baptist Church in 2010, Pastor A. W. Anthony Mays. He was an active part of the Evangelism Class/Team and the Senior Ministry until his health prevented him from continuing.

He attended the Austin Independent School District (AISD) where he excelled academically and athletically. While attending L. C. Anderson High School, in AISD, he played football for the Yellow Jackets under the leadership of Head Coach Raymond Timmons. In football he lettered 3 years and received Honorable Mention in "All District" in 1965. He ran track and earned 2 letters while going to the State Finals on the Mile Relay Team. He was a class favorite and chosen Who's Who and "Most Athletic" Male. His teacher recommended he run for Mr. Esquire and he won the title in the 1964-65 school year. Richard was a proud member of the graduating Class of 1965!

Richard attended North Texas State University (University of North Texas), in Denton, Texas, his freshman year. He excelled and lettered in football and track as a "walk on" player. He was a roommate with "Mean" Joe Greene, who

became a Pro Football Player. After demonstrating his athletic ability, he was contacted by the coaching staff at Northeastern State University (NSU) in Oklahoma and offered a full athletic scholarship. He transferred there in the Spring of 1968. Richard earned his Master's of Education degree in 1972. While in graduate school, at NSU, Richard became one of the first African American Coaches for the university. He received honor and recognition for this at their banquet in 2010.

Richard moved back to Austin and started his teaching and coaching career at the Texas School for the Deaf (TSD). His career spanned from 1972-2008, a total of 36 years, before his retirement as a High School Educator. While in his tenure at TSD, he served as Assistant Football Coach, Head Basketball Coach and Head Boys and Girls Track Coach (10 years). To his credit, he lead the school in the University Interscholastic League (UIL) to District Co-Championships and a National Championship in Basketball. In Track, he coached, 5 District Championships and a Regional Championship. Then later, coached the teams to 6 National Championships and 2 State Championships in the Texas Association of Private and Parochial School (TAPPS) League. This coaching included time with his two brothers Aaron and Gary Black, who were star athletes and graduates of TSD. In 1986, he was nominated and chosen to coach the World Games for the Deaf in Los Angeles, California.

Richard played semi-pro football after college while working and supporting a family. He became a certified official with the Southwest Football Association, now the Texas Association of Sports Officials (TASO), Austin Chapter, for twenty-five years. He was the Coordinator for officials for the East Austin Youth League and other community groups. In 2009, he was voted into both the L. C. Anderson's Class of 1965 Football Hall of Fame and The Prairie View Interscholastic League Coach's Association (PVILCA) Football Hall of Fame held at the Radisson Hotel North, Austin, Texas.

His life will be celebrated on Saturday, September 11, 2021 at 1:00 pm (12-1 viewing), at Mt. Sinai Baptist Church, 8500 Cameron Rd. Austin, TX and interment at Cook-Walden/Capital Parks Cemetery 14501 N. Interstate Hwy 35, Pflugerville, TX.

# Cemetery Details

## Cook-Walden Capital Parks

14501 IH 35  
Pflugerville, TX 78660

# Previous Events

## Celebration Service

SEP 11. 1:00 PM (CT)

Mount Sinai Baptist Church  
8500 Cameron Rd  
Austin, TX 78754  
(512) 451-0808

# Tribute Wall



“ *Richard Carl Black*

October 06, 2023 at 07:08 AM



Michelle  
Andre

“ *From the Cannon Family- We will miss you Uncle Richard. Sending love to his daughters, Demitra, Regina and Dandrea, we love you and you are in our thoughts and prayers. -Aunt Patsy, Veronica and Michelle Cannon*

**Michelle Andre** - September 11, 2021 at 03:37 PM



YD

“ *You family at Texas School for the Deaf purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Richard Carl Black.*



**You family at Texas School for the Deaf** - September 11, 2021 at 09:22 AM



LR

“ *Sister Black and family. We share in your sorrows, brother Richard will be remembered by us. I recall the many times we all were at Mt. Sinai Baptist church services, holiday celebrations, picnics , retirement celebration, and other family events. Prayers being sent your way. Love you guys.*

*Lillian Roberson*

**Lillian Roberson** - September 11, 2021 at 07:43 AM

KH

“ *Kenneth Haywood lit a candle in memory of Richard Carl Black*



Kenneth Haywood - September 10, 2021 at 11:27 PM

FC

“ *From Demitra's Friends at CPRIT purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Richard Carl Black.*



From Demitra's Friends at CPRIT - September 10, 2021 at 10:54 AM

RB

“ *We love you Dad!*



Regina Black - September 07, 2021 at 10:38 AM

EC

“ *Richard Black was good man and teacher at TSD and I worked with his son Jeffery at SND TSD till graduation and know his mother Vickie too. She is too good mother and always check her son Jeffery at TSD. My deepest of coledence to you all family! May God keeps you all always.*



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**Erin Cazedessus** - September 02, 2021 at 06:27 PM

CC

“ *Richard Black's contributions to Austin's MLK celebrations will forever be remembered. He has provided signing for each event from the start of the celebrations. He never missed an event. He would sign when ill because he knew the deaf community needed him. He is a man who can not be replaced. He will forever hold a special spot in all our hearts.*

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**Cheryl Lee, Austin Area Heritage Council** - September 02, 2021 at 01:58 PM



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Richard Carl Black.*



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September 02, 2021 at 01:51 PM

RW

“ *Mrs. Black,*

*My family sends all the blessing to Richard and his home going. It is hard to say anything about such a great person. I met Richard back in 1983 while he was playing football. He is truly missed and will always be part of HARRE. WoW if is hard to believe.*

*Ricky and Pam Williams  
with all the blessings.*

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**Ricky Williams** - September 02, 2021 at 11:34 AM



“ *Small Garden Dish was purchased for the family of Richard Carl Black.*



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September 02, 2021 at 09:37 AM

MW

“ *Martha Wright lit a candle in memory of Richard Carl Black*



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**martha wright** - September 02, 2021 at 09:21 AM