



Richard David Clontz

August 28, 1945 - March 28, 2019

Richard David Clontz, 73, of Harrisburg, NC, passed away on Thursday, March 28, 2019 at Carolinas Medical Center, Charlotte. He was born August 28, 1945 in Morganton to the late Thomas W. Clontz and Annie R. Anderson Clontz. Richard graduated from Western Carolina University where he was a founding member of Pi Kappa Alpha fraternity. He was a lifelong educator and retired from the NC Department of Public Instruction after more than 30 years of service. Richard loved life, his family and never met a stranger. He enjoyed technology, performing arts, a good meal and a cup of coffee. To know him, was to love him.

He is survived by his children, David Ryan Clontz (Kathy) and Brantlee Allyn Drake (Michael); brother, Thomas Gerald Clontz (Ruby); nieces, April, Cindy and Iris; close friend, Dawn Gordon.

Visitation for family and friends will be on Wednesday, April 3 from 10 AM – 12 PM at Cavin-Cook Funeral Home.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to the American Diabetes Association, 1300 Baxter Street, Suite 150, Charlotte NC 28204.

Cavin-Cook Funeral Home and Crematory is serving the Clontz family. Condolences may be sent to the family at www.cavin-cook.com.

Previous Events

Public Viewing

APR 3. 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM (ET)

Cavin-Cook Funeral Home
494 E. Plaza Drive
 Mooresville, NC 28115

Tribute Wall



“ Just thought of Richard this morning and tried to locate him. Hate to hear of his passing. He is the Father of Charter Schools in NC. He helped me tremendously when I was helping to start one of the first charter schools in NC way back in 1997.

Mark Lawing - October 04, 2022 at 08:27 AM



“ *Richard David Clontz*

February 14, 2021 at 11:24 AM



“ *Richard David Clontz*

February 14, 2021 at 11:04 AM



“ *Richard David Clontz*

February 14, 2021 at 11:03 AM



“ *Gerald, I'm so very sorry to hear about Richie. He was a very good man.. and every time we visited Uncle Tom & Aunt Ray, Richie was always there to make me feel welcome also with me being somewhat younger he did a great job trying to keep me out of trouble.*

*I'll always have you and your family in my thoughts and prayers.
Sincerely Mike Clontz*

Mike Clontz - April 05, 2019 at 09:22 AM

PB

“ *My condolences on your and all of our great loss. Roger (Richard) was a fraternity brother and friend and fellow "67 class mate aw WCU. I will always remember as a kind and wonderful soul who was always supportive, and o-so-smart! I am so pleased to hear that he blessed so many young people by being their educator for those many years. I have lost a brother but he still lives in wonderful memories. Phil Brown Fraternity brother & and fellow "67 class member.*

Phil Brown - April 04, 2019 at 09:42 AM

TT

“ *The Mulcahey Family, (Anna,Konna & Tara) purchased the Medium Dish Garden for the family of Richard David Clontz.*



The Mulcahey Family, (Anna,Konna & Tara) - April 02, 2019 at 10:16 AM

CE

“ *I was so sad to read of Richard's passing. He was my boss for many years. We also shared breakfast with many friends at Big Ed's Restaurant on Saturday mornings. He told us that we had to there promptly at 8 AM. I have thought of him many times in the past years. I know that his family and friends will miss him. My prayers go to the family. Charlott Ellington*

Charlott Ellington - April 01, 2019 at 03:56 PM

RK

“ I knew Richard over 20 years ago when we were starting the acclaimed Arapahoe Charter School in Pamlico County. From DPI he was consistently supportive and demanding. He was a true friend of the school and we remember him well for his knowledgeable leadership. Prayers for the family. We loved him.

Robert Kennel - April 01, 2019 at 12:48 PM

BB

“ As a member of the Pi Kappa Alpha fraternity, I'd like to send prayers of comfort to the family for Richards passing. What Richard and other founding fathers of our fraternity, brought to the campus of Western Carolina University has changed so many lives in so many great ways, there are no words to express the appreciation for the life he led and the leadership he instilled in others. He will be missed.

*Brian Burnham
Pi Kappa Alpha
Spring 87*

Brian Burnham - April 01, 2019 at 09:53 AM

PF

“ I want to give my sincere condolences to Mr. Clontz family. May it bring you comfort to know that your love one is precious in God's eyes. Ps. 116:15

Pinckney family - March 31, 2019 at 10:20 PM

MT

“ *Brantlee and David, I am so very sorry to hear the sad news about your dad. Richard was such a special friend. We worked together at the Department of Public Instruction for many years, and we shared a close friendship. We loved going to movies and, along with many other friends, meeting for breakfast on Saturday mornings at Big Ed's restaurant at the old City Market. He loved you both so very much and was so proud of your accomplishments. My deepest sympathy to you as this sad time.*

Mable Hardison Taylor - March 31, 2019 at 11:19 AM

RK

I knew Richard over 20 years ago when we were starting the acclaimed Arapahoe Charter School in Pamlico County. From his position in DPI he was consistently supportive and demanding. He was the epitome' of integrity and encouragement. The school remains appreciative of his leadership and friendship.
Robert Kennel
Holly Springs, NC

Robert Kennel - April 01, 2019 at 12:24 PM



“ *Simply Chic Mixed Plant Basket was purchased for the family of Richard David Clontz.*



March 30, 2019 at 02:57 PM