

**A LIFE WELL LIVED**



IN LOVING MEMORY OF  
**Richard Lee Hamm, Sr.**

March 6, 1959 - December 18, 2021

**VISITATION SERVICES**

JANUARY 2, 2022

**HERNANDEZ FUNERAL HOME**  
1219 QUITMAN STREET  
HOUSTON, TX 77009

**"The Teacher Who Made A Difference"**

## Obituary

Richard Lee Hamm, 62, of Houston, Texas passed away peacefully in his sleep on December 18, 2021.

Richard was born on March 6, 1959 to Leonard and Lucille Hamm of Houston, Texas. He attended Jack Yates High School where he played varsity football. After graduating from Jack Yates in 1978, Richard attended Texas Southern University to pursue his goal and dream of becoming a teacher.

He achieved that goal upon graduating from TSU when he began his teaching career at Garden Villas Elementary School and achieved another milestone upon completing a phenomenal 25-year tenure there. Mom and dad would be so proud.

During Richard's tenure at Garden Villas Elementary, he was a Multiple Year Honoree, nominated to be included in the prestigious publication, "*Who's Who Among America's Teachers*", as he made an impactful difference in many student's lives during his tenure as a 4th and 5th Grade Teacher there.

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Richard also received the Houston Area Alliance of Black School Educator's Teacher Of The Year Award (HAABSE) for years 1999-2000 and 2004-2005 as well as the 2009 National Blue Ribbon Award and numerous other certificates including Certificate of Academic Excellence in April 2010.

In 2012, our beloved brother Richard received a Certificate of Recognition from HISD honoring him for his 25 years of excellent service.

In his retirement years, Richard was very active with his church, the Philadelphia Church of God, in Houston where he was a member for over 10 years. Both he and Richard, Jr. were faithful members and traveled extensively with the church fulfilling God's mission. At Richard's heart was love for God and importance of family. His favorite scripture was Ecclesiastes 12:13. We are devastated, but find comfort knowing that he has a better home in heaven where he will find rest for his soul.

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## Obituary & Acknowledgment

Richard is predeceased by parents Leonard and Lucille Hamm, and he is survived by son, Richard Hamm, Jr. and siblings Rose (Thomas) Gardner, Betty Ham, Barbara Landry, Penny Tallamon and Leonard Ham, Jr. as well as a host of nieces and nephews, and extended family members. He was a devoted dad, faithful church member, mentor to many students, child of God and obedient servant. It was Richard's wishes to be cremated instead of traditional funeral services. Richard is truly missed, and he will forever be in our hearts.

### A TEACHER'S WORK

"A teacher's work is never done,  
not even the setting of the sun  
can stop the job that we must do,  
and you don't have a clue  
of the task that is at hand,  
and we are all in demand!!!

And that is why  
we all must choose -  
it is not just me  
but indeed is you!!!"

—Richard L. Hamm



### ACKNOWLEDGMENTS

The Hamm Family would like to thank all those who offered condolences, gave kind words, shared loving memories, offered support and all those who have been indelibly touched by his life here on earth. We are ALL so very proud of you Richard, and we love you! You may visit Richard's online memorial website at:

<https://everloved.com/life-of/richard-hamm/>

(My beloved brother, your work is now done—both natural and spiritual in Jesus name. Rest In Peace my dear brother until we all meet again in heaven. Amen.)

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