



## Richard Anthony Melton

January 20, 1958 - March 13, 2022

Richard Anthony Melton, age 64, of Lenoir City, Tennessee departed this life on Sunday, March 15, 2022. He was born January 20, 1958, to the late Mary Francis 'Dean' Harrison Brown of Etowah, Tennessee. He was immediately adopted by Caretha King Melton. Rick was raised by his grandparents James and Elizabeth Brabson in Athens, Tennessee. He accepted Christ at an early age under the leadership of Reverend G. Hardaway at A.O.H. Church of God. He later joined Macedonia Baptist Church in Philadelphia, Tennessee and was a member until moving away.

Rick (or Ricky as some fondly know him) graduated from Loudon High School where he excelled in football and basketball. He received a scholarship to Mars Hill College and was there for a short period before becoming permanently barred from playing sports. He was an all-around sportsman and if you were around him for just a few minutes, it was quickly identified. He was up to date any type of stats you wanted to talk about. He was most recently employed at UT-Battelle and retired at an early age due to the many major surgeries he experienced.

He is survived by his loving wife of 43 years, Cynthia Ratledge Melton; daughter Brieanda Nicolle Melton and friend Charles Snipes; adopted son/nephew, Zachary Pryor Mitchell of Murfreesboro, and grandson, Robert (Bubby) Davis; Sister, Rev. M. Wyvetta and Neil Bullock of Oak Park, Illinois; Brothers/Sisters-in-law: Freddie & Edna Harrison, Barbara Lee Kerr, Van D. Ratledge of Chattanooga, Jeanette & Charles Hogans; a host of nieces,

nephews, cousins, relatives, and friends. The family will receive friends on Saturday, March 19, 2022, at Kyker Funeral Homes, Sweetwater from 2:00P.M. until 3:00 P.M. with the funeral service to follow at 3:00 P.M. in Kyker's Chapel with Rev. Vant Hardaway, and Rev. Archie Smart officiating. Interment to follow in the Sweetwater Memorial Park. Kyker Funeral Homes, Sweetwater, in charge of arrangements. [www.kykerfuneralhomes.com](http://www.kykerfuneralhomes.com)

# Cemetery Details

## Sweetwater Memorial Park

1838 Hwy 11 N  
Sweetwater, TN 37874

# Previous Events

## Visitation

MAR 19. 2:00 PM - 3:00 PM (ET)

Kyker Funeral Homes  
OUR SWEETWATER CHAPEL  
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## Fuernal Service

MAR 19. 3:00 PM (ET)

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# Tribute Wall



“ *Kyker Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Richard Anthony Melton*



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**Kyker Funeral Home** - March 18, 2022 at 02:49 PM

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“ *My heart aches for you Cynthia and your family. I thought the world of Rick. He was a great teammate, classmate, and friend. I cannot count the times on the field I felt Rick's hand on my back as he blew by. It was a true joy blocking for a runner that ran with such passion. Rick believed in the promise of the Magnificent Seven on that team. He was such a contributor for that promise coming true.*

*When Rick blew through those pearly gates. God had his arms open wide and said, Rick you did good. Come on in.*

*Browneye*



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**Browneye** - March 26, 2022 at 01:05 AM

AC

“ *My heart is broken. Love the times and memories we had as cousins. No words.*

*Prayers Cynthia to you, Bri and the family.*

*Audra*

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**Audra Cox** - March 19, 2022 at 02:45 PM

BW

“ *Cynthia, Very sorry to hear about your family's loss. Our thoughts and prayers are with you and your family.*

*Bill Wilson*

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**Bill Wilson** - March 19, 2022 at 11:12 AM



“ *57 files added to the album LifeTributes*



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**Kyker Funeral Home** - March 18, 2022 at 02:44 PM



“ *Heavenly Sentiments Spray was purchased for the family of Richard Anthony Melton.*



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March 18, 2022 at 08:05 AM



“ *Clarence McCaskill lit a candle in memory of Richard Anthony Melton*



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**Clarence McCaskill** - March 17, 2022 at 07:45 AM



“ *Cynthia, you and your family are in my prayers. May God comfort and bless you.*

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**Becky Cathey** - March 16, 2022 at 01:10 PM



“ *Chynthia, my thoughts, and prayers are with you and your family in this time of sorrow.*



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**Cristina Couto** - March 16, 2022 at 10:59 AM



“ *Magnificent Life Spray was purchased for the family of Richard Anthony Melton.*



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March 16, 2022 at 10:17 AM



“ *Sharon Flemmings lit a candle in memory of Richard Anthony Melton*



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**Sharon Flemmings** - March 16, 2022 at 08:48 AM