

Acknowledgements

We, the family of Richard Donnell, Jr., are deeply grateful for your prayers, generosity, love, calls and especially your prayers as we move through this tough time. All acts of pure kindness have been a comfort to us. Your thoughtfulness and support will never be forgotten. We feel extremely blessed to have a wonderful family and such caring friends in our lives. We pray that God will continue to bless each of you.

~The Family of "Richard Dee" ~

RICHARD DEE

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First Breath: May 31, 1976

Last Smile: February 12, 2024

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Richard
Donnell, Jr.

The Journey of Richard Dee

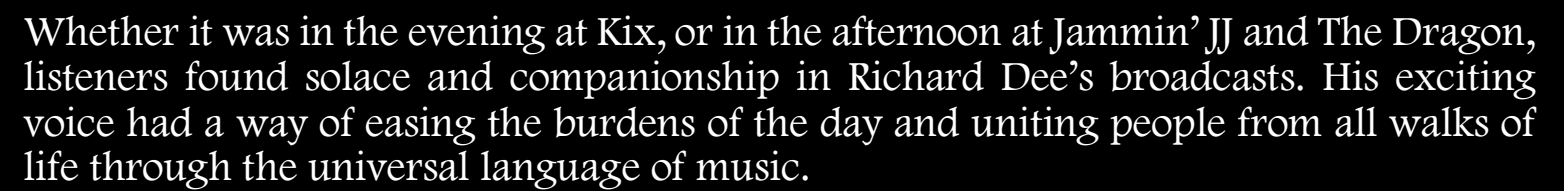
Richard Dee, the beloved voice behind the airwaves, bid farewell to this world on February 12, 2024, leaving behind a legacy that resonates in the hearts of his listeners. With his passing, the voice of a true icon in the realm of local urban radio broadcasting is now silent.

Born to the union of Richard and Acquanetta Gadson Donnell on May 31, 1976, in Jackson, Tennessee, Richard Dee received his formative religious training and maintained his lifetime membership at Lane Tabernacle CME Church in Jackson, where he participated in all aspects and activities of church life, including Sunday School, Christian Youth Fellowship (CYF), Angel and Junior Choirs, Junior Steward Board, and Easter and Christmas celebrations. He later attended Mt. Pleasant Baptist Church in Pinson, Tennessee. He received his early childhood education at St. Mary's Catholic School, followed by attendance at Tigrett Jr. High, and Jackson Central Merry High School, from which he graduated in 1994. He thereafter attended Lane College and graduated in 1999 with a baccalaureate degree in Communications. While at Lane, he was elected the King of Homecoming in the fall of 1997. He obtained his first radio gig at WFKX-FM (Kix 96) in 1998 under the tutelage of radio station owner James E. Wolfe, Jr. From that moment, he was mesmerized by radio and was a popular air personality at Kix for several years. After his stint at Kix, he served as an on-air personality at WYJJ (Jammin' Jackson 97.7), followed by his last and current tenure at Lane College radio station WLCD-FM (The Dragon 98.7). His on-air intro at Kix featured a bumpin' rap song that included a call and response reprise...[What's my name? Richard Dee. Where I'm from? Jackson, TN (pronounced Ten)] that was a favorite of his fans each night. He repeated the popular intro at WLCD and added a regular segment on his show with his mother, who he gave the moniker "DJ Neva Skrd" (pronounced Never Scared), where they interacted humorously with each other to the delight of his listeners across the airwaves each day. Richard was his mother's primary caregiver.

Richard Dee arrived into this world with a passion for music and an innate talent for connecting with people. He embarked on his journey as a radio air personality, captivating audiences with his infectious enthusiasm, wit, and warm personality. For 26 years, his voice was the soundtrack to countless lives, bringing joy, laughter, and a sense of camaraderie to all who tuned in.

Beyond the music, Richard Dee used his platform to champion charitable causes and support local artists. His dedication to his listeners went beyond the confines of the studio, as he often participated in community events and engaged with fans on a personal level, earning him their unwavering loyalty and affection.





In addition to his contributions to the world of radio, Richard Dee will be remembered for his kindness, generosity, and genuine love for others. He leaves behind a void that cannot be filled, but his spirit will live on in the memories of those who were fortunate enough to have crossed his path.

In addition to his mother and father, Richard Dee is survived by his siblings, Essence, Noel, Jeslyn, and Acquanetta (Jr.) Donnell; Sidney and Cynthia Halton; and Ravone Littlejohn; nieces and nephews Arial, Nadjia and Travis Donnell, and Chris Campbell; and maternal aunt, Sandra Gadson Ramsey. Also included as survivors are his cousins, many friends, colleagues, and countless listeners whose lives he touched. He was preceded in transition by his paternal grandparents, J.D. and Mattie Donnell; his maternal grandparents, Cursie and Doris Gadson; and his paternal and maternal uncles, respectively, Willie “Billy Boy” Donnell and Cursie Gadson, Jr.

As we mourn the loss of a true radio legend, let us take comfort in knowing that Richard Dee's voice will forever echo in our hearts, reminding us to embrace the power of music and the importance of spreading joy wherever we go. Though his voice has fallen silent, his legacy and spirit will continue to resonate eternally in the melodies of our memories.



Order of Celebration

Saturday, February 17, 2024~ 11:00 a.m.

Lane College
Chambers-McClure Academic Center
545 Lane Avenue, Jackson, TN 38301

Dr. Logan Hampton, President & Eulogist

Musical Interlude

Raison d'être ici

Solo "Precious Lord, Take My Hand" Dr. Daryll Coleman, Officiant
Vice President for Academic Affairs, Lane College
Professor Alexis Rainbow
Director, Lane College Concert Choir

Prayer Rev. Dennis McBride
Pastor, Mt. Pleasant Baptist Church

Scripture Old Testament Rev. Willie Boyle
Pastor, Home Missionary Baptist Church

New Testament Dr. H. Leon Williams
Pastor, Lane Tabernacle CME Church

Gloria Patri Audience (standing)
Glory be to the Father,
and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;
as it was in the beginning,
is now, and ever shall be,
world without end. Amen, Amen

Reflections Mr. Irvin Britt, Best Friend
Professor Seymour Hagans, Colleague at WLCD-FM Radio
Just a VERY FEW others who may wish to rise from the audience for a VERY FEW minutes
Richard Donnell, Dad

Resolutions/Acknowledgements Ms. Marzie Cole
Lane Tabernacle CME Church

Solo "He'll Understand and Say Well Done" Commissioner Claudell Brown

Eulogy Dr. Logan Hampton
President, Lane College

Benediction Dr. Coleman

Recessional Movin' On (Instrumental) Playa Fly
Memphis Hip-Hop Artist and Personal Friend of Richard Dee

