



Mr. Morris Reid Estes Sr

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Morris Reid Estes, Sr., age 98, died on February 26, 2019, at Alive Hospice in Nashville, Tennessee, after a brief illness.

A life-long Middle Tennessean and a World War II veteran, Mr. Estes was born on October 25, 1920, in Cumberland City, Tennessee. He was the son of the late Rev. John W. Estes, Sr., a Methodist Minister in the Middle Tennessee Conference, and Virginia Patience (Rice) Estes, and was the last survivor of their seven children, including brothers John Jr., Frederick (Buck), and Robert, and sisters Mary Tom Estes, Margaret Mack, and Dorothy Buttrey. After graduating from Morgan Prep School in Petersburg, Tennessee, he earned a Bachelor's Degree from Emory & Henry College in Emory, Virginia, where he lettered in football, basketball, and tennis. He then attended Yale University in New Haven, Connecticut, where he earned a Bachelor of Divinity. Upon graduating, Mr. Estes served in the Marine Corps Chaplaincy with the Air Wing and 1st Marine Division, 5th Regiment, in the Pacific and North China theatres. Following his military service, obtained his Master's Degree from Peabody College in English and Administration. His educational career included many years of service as a school principal at Neely's Bend Elementary, Tusculum Elementary, Shwab School, and as the first principal of Maplewood High School, followed by a stint as District Supervisor in the Davidson County School System. After retirement, he served a term as a Metropolitan City Councilman representing the 10th District.

He leaves behind his wife of 70 years, Anna Marie (West) Estes; daughter, Patricia Marie Winchester (Michael); and son, Reid (Kelley). He also leaves behind five grandchildren, Celia and Jared Winchester, and Andie, Natalie, and Christopher Estes; as well as three great-grandchildren, Gavin and Caroline Goins, and Reid Winchester DeBevois.

Mr. Estes loved his family, his friends, his prized English setters, his spot on the hill in Neely's Bend, and being in the great outdoors. His keen sense of humor and warm friendship will be sorely missed.



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Visitation will be Sunday, March 17, 2019, at Spring Hill Funeral Home, beginning at 12:00 noon, followed by a memorial service at 2:00 p.m.

In lieu of flowers, please make a donation to Alive Hospice, 1718 Patterson Street, Nashville, TN 37203.

Arrangements entrusted to Spring Hill Funeral Home and Cemetery, 5110 Gallatin Road, Nashville, TN 37216.



Events


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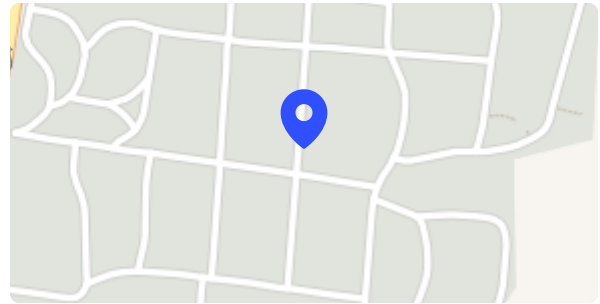
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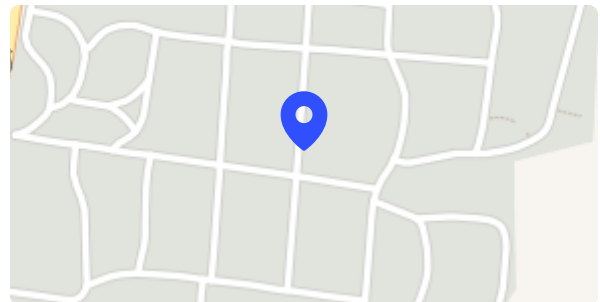


Celebration of Life Memorial Service

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Tribute Wall

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Barbara Reed Williams posted:

I worked in the school office while at Maplewood. It was a pleasure working with Mr Estes. He always encouraged you to get as much education as you could. He was a positive person, courteous and humorous, fair and supportive, caring and kind. He was one of my happy memories of school. God be with those who loved him.

August 31 at 5:30 PM



Rita(Bolster)Roberts lit a candle in honor of Morris.

RIP. Great principal. Class of 71.

August 30 at 7:37 PM



Anonymous sent a Full Of Love Bouquet to the Estes family.

March 13 at 2:41 PM



Toney Hodges posted:

So sorry to hear of the passing of Mr. Estes. I was very fortunate and blessed to have the opportunity to meet and talk with him at Rivergate Mall a few times while he was laughing and talking with our departed friend Mr. Jimmy Holt. They are now joking and laughing while reliving the past in Heaven. May God rest Mr. Estes soul and may his memory be eternal.

March 12 at 3:50 PM



Toney Hodges lit a candle in honor of Morris.

March 12 at 3:46 PM





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LS

Linda Smith posted:

Patti - so very sorry for your loss. I'm sure you will always be a "Daddy's girl!" After reading these tributes to him, I can see why you are so outgoing, always smiling, and kind. He is dancing on streets of Gold, and it will be a wonderful reunion - make sure NOTHING keeps you from Heaven!!

March 2 at 12:40 PM

PS

Patty Shelton posted:

Mr. Estes was a great kind man . I would always pass him in the hall and he always had a smile. He was always involved with activity going on in school. Of course he could not keep us Vick girls straight. I will miss him and may God take him and continue to look over him...MHS 1970 graduate

March 1 at 9:35 AM



Sandra Hoskinson March 2 at 8:56 AM

He was a fine, upstanding, positive role model for all his students. Of course, reflection over time has assured him that honor. He was such a great leader and cared sincerely for all his students. I loved high school and he was a large part of those feelings. We were proud of him as he was proud of us. He made arriving at school every morning a great honor and sometimes the only peace I saw in a full day. He will always be remembered as a fine example for all who knew him!



Carolyn Hunt Dorris March 1 at 6:09 PM

Mr. Estes would see me and his first words were "Where's Dumplin" aka my brother Danny. Always making sure he was there gotta make sure he graduates to make Mrs Corbett proud. And then I would see him and him friends st Rivergate Mall drinking coffee early in the morning. He was so proud of all his students. Fly High Mr.Estes you will always be remembered!🙏

HH

Helen Gillespie Herbert posted:

Such a fine gentleman from the first graduating class, 1962

March 1 at 7:42 AM



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MM

Mabel Hicks Mclaughlin posted:

My sister and I were both Maplewood graduates. She in the class of 66 myself class of 68. Mr Estes was always a clear and present personage around school. When my sister first started showing dairy cattle , Mr Estes and Mr Deberry at first wasn't going to excuse her absences from school. For the first time, my stepfather came to her defense and made them both see that this was a life lesson that could not be learned from books. Also as members of the 4-H club, we were technically enrolled in UT. After that, there was never any problem with our absences pertaining to our show circuit with the cattle. We always missed about 3 of the first six weeks of school, Between the Tenn..State fair, Mid-South fair in Memphis and the National shows in Columbus. Ohio. That took up those 3 weeks . After a time, once we started doing very well with our cattle, both our nicknames with Mr Estes and Mr. Deberry became Champ and Cow Girls . Both of them seemed very proud of us and our accomplishments with the 4_H club. Usually one thinks of extra activities as all the ball teams and anything related to those teams. Ours was totally different, but each time we saw them after a show, they wanted to know how we did, and you could almost see their chests swell . That meant a great deal to both my sister and I. Teachers like those of our time in school are few and far between in education these days. Rest in Peace Mr Estes and all of the faculty members that have passed before, You truly lived up to your calling

March 1 at 7:41 AM

CH

Charles E Hensley posted:

Mr Estes Was my Principal from the time I enter Maplewood till I left (Class Of 70) He was never too busy to talk to you if you had a question, He was a fair and just person. and I belive he made a great inpack on my life. I saw him a few years ago and we had a nice chat about Maplewood and the teacher and classmate. I feel like I have lost a friend. Charles E Hensley

March 1 at 5:41 AM

BD

Bettie Light Dever March 1 at 7:31 AM

Heaven just received another angel!!!! Mr. Estes was such a nice, friendly, kind & caring man, who I might add made all his students feel Important!! Mr. Estes was my Principal from 7th grade to my graduation in 1967!!! He was most always in the hallways, cafeteria, classrooms, and would be outside on the arrival of school buses in the morning, and their departure at the end of school day!!! FAIR & RESPECTFUL, is what always comes to mind when I think of Mr. Estes, he always had a friendly smile on his face!!! I learned a lot about Mr. Estes from his obit...wow 96 years young and served in WWII, as my sweet Daddy did!!! Thank you for your service to our country Sir...now go rest high upon that mountain, your work here on earth is done, AND I might add, "job very well done Mr. Estes"!!! ❤️🇺🇸:flag-us:Bettie Light DeverCookeville, TN.



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MS

Melissa Sadeghi shared a photo to the **Principal of Maplewood** album.



March 1 at 4:14 AM

ML

Marian Gayle Latham posted:

Mr Estes was one of the finest men I have ever known. I am blessed that he was my principal at Maplewood (class of 64) and continued to be my lifelong friend. God has claimed one of his best and I shall rejoice to see him again. Prayers and condolences to his family and all who loved him.

February 28 at 6:18 PM

GN

Gordon West (Nephew) posted:

Over 46 years ago at the wedding shower for my then fiancé, Debbie, Uncle Morris didn't think I'd get a personal gift. Therefore, he gave me a hand built fishing rod which I still treasure and use today. I always envied what a great sportsman he was. I could never catch fish like him and as a little boy I'll never forget what he called his Huckleberry Hound Motel where he kept all his bird dogs. Gordon West (and Debbie)

February 28 at 2:31 PM



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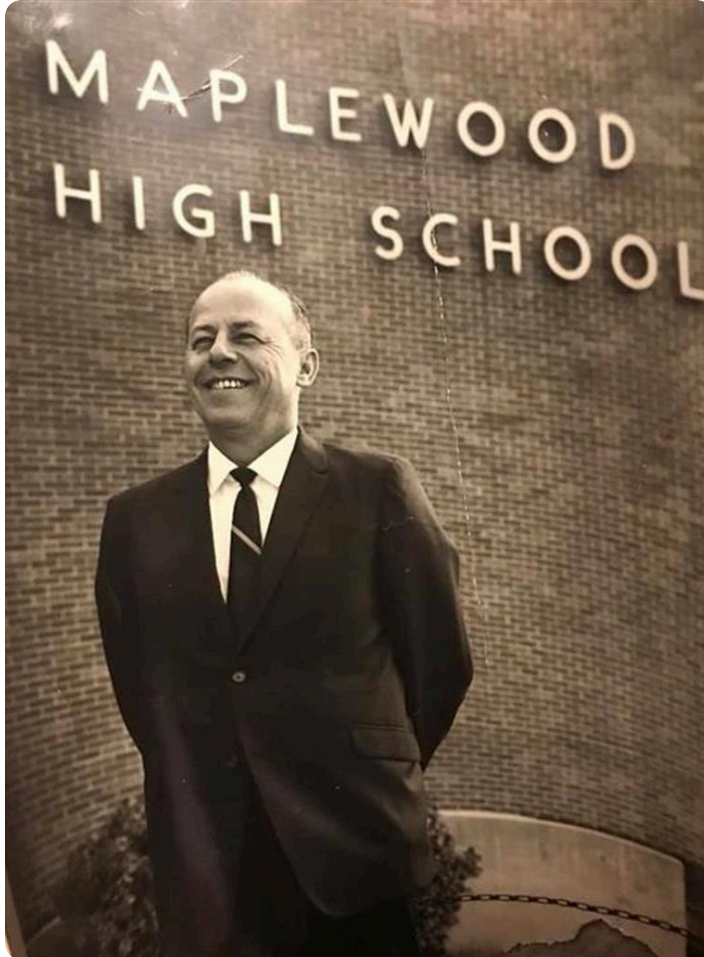
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Memories only last if you share them

Join us in honoring Morris by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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