



Ernest J. Kight

February 28, 2021

Ernest J. Kight, Jr. of Freeport on February 28, 2021. Retired Teacher, Assistant Principal at John W. Dodd Jr. High School & Principal for Freeport High School, Former Coach for Freeport High School Girls Basketball, Cheerleading, and Badminton. President of the Freeport Public Schools Board of Education. Devoted husband of Diane Caruso. Beloved son of Ernest, Sr. and the late Angelina. Loving brother of Vanessa (Francis Hymenes), Christopher, Angelyn, and the late Stephen. Dear brother in law of Nicholas Caruso, and Annette Caruso. Fond uncle of Francis Hymenes, Jr. Dear Godfather of Ashley Carter, and Andre J. Wilkes. Family will receive friends on Wednesday 2 - 4 & 6 - 8 PM. Religious Service Thursday will be private. Interment Greenfield Cemetery. In lieu of flowers contributions to Scholars & Honors Fund in the memo include Ernest J. Kight, Jr Scholarship c/o Linda Hendrickson, 484 Windsor Place, Oceanside, N.Y. 11572 would be appreciated.

During this unprecedented time, and in compliance with guidelines stipulated by the Centers for Disease Control and the NYS Department of Health, we are forced to limit attendance at visitations, memorials, and funeral services to 50 people or less. Our staff may ask mourners to wait outside the chapel, outside the funeral home, or to keep their visit brief so as to allow others an opportunity to mourn. While in the funeral home, we are requesting all visitors to wear a mask and to limit physical contact such as hugging, handshaking, or contact with the face. There is also hand sanitizer readily available. THANK

YOU FOR YOUR UNDERSTANDING

Tribute Wall



“ Love, The Freeport Cheerleaders & Coaches and 10 others have purchased flowers for the family of Ernest Kight. Send Flowers Guaranteed hand delivery by a local florist

November 12, 2021 at 12:53 PM



“ Sheila Johnson, Miami posted a symbolic gesture Condolences & much love from your Florida, Georgia & Texas Kight Families. (Grandchildren of Aunt Rena Kight Hamilton).

Sheila Johnson, Miami - March 05, 2021 at 12:00 AM



“ Margaret Knox White lit a candle My deepest sympathy to Uncle Ernest, Sr. and the entire Kight Family. Love Margaret Knox & family

Margaret Knox White - March 05, 2021 at 12:00 AM



“ Cynthia Day lit a candle First and foremost I want to give the family my love & deepest condolences and sympathy. Mr. Kight was a humble, friendly and caring person. Best Social Studies you could ever know, was my 9th grade social studies teacher 1980, best coach for basketball team, I wasn't on team, but did come to some of the games. You will forever be remembered for all the greats things you did at Freeport High School Love Cynthia Day

Cynthia Day - March 04, 2021 at 12:00 AM

CM

“ *Caroline McIntyre posted a condolence Ernie was in my 11th grade Social Studies class when I taught at FHS from 1967-71. Even then he told me he wanted to be a High School principal. It amazed me how anyone could be so sure of exactly what he wanted out of life and then just went about achieving it. You don't remember all your students, but you remember the special ones.*

Caroline McIntyre - March 04, 2021 at 12:00 AM

LA

“ *Linda Duffey Arana posted a condolence Mr. Light was my 9th grade Social studies teacher. Because of his love of teaching and gift of gab, he made me into a person with a love of history and reading. Thank you for all you gave to your Freeport students.*

Linda Duffey Arana - March 03, 2021 at 12:00 AM

TH

“ *Tina Halton lit a candle I was so sorry to hear the news. You and Ernie are in my thoughts and prayers. Mr. Kight was such a positive, unselfish, caring, and dedicated mentor to me and so many others. He was my FHS Senior Variety Show advisor. I am so thankful that he was a part of my life. He was an outstanding role model. I strive to be like him. He made such a positive difference in my life and in the lives of so many others.*

Tina Halton - March 03, 2021 at 12:00 AM

KW

“ Kathryn Walsh lit a candle Mr. Kight was an amazing individual. I was blessed to have him as my 9th Grade Social Studies teacher. He made anyone in his presence feel safe and respected. He was the epitome of integrity. It was an honor to have known him. Freeport has lost The Great One; Mr. Freeport. He was The Best. He will never be forgotten. ~ Kathryn Walsh

Kathryn Walsh - March 03, 2021 at 12:00 AM



“ Tribute Store Lovely One Spathiphyllum Plant was purchased for the family of Ernest Kight. Send Flowers

March 03, 2021 at 12:00 AM

JC

“ Juanita Hamilton Clinch lit a candle Deepest Sympathy and love family from your Cousins in Woodbine, Georgia . Caesar Hamilton, Jr & Juanita Hamilton Clinch

Juanita Hamilton Clinch - March 03, 2021 at 12:00 AM

LK

“ Laurie Kolodny uploaded photo(s) The Freeport Cheerleading program, Laurie Kolodny and all its coaches are sending you our thoughts, prayers and love during this very hard time. Mr. Kight was very special to us and he was our biggest supporter and cheerleader! Our deepest condolences to his entire family. His legacy will live on in every way possible way. Love the Freeport Cheerleaders & Coaches

Laurie Kolodny - March 03, 2021 at 12:00 AM

LC

“ Love, The Freeport Cheerleaders & Coaches purchased flowers Love, The Freeport Cheerleaders & Coaches purchased the Pink Tribute Spray for the family of Ernest Kight. Send Flowers

Love, The Freeport Cheerleaders & Coaches - March 02, 2021 at 12:00 AM

GT

“ gina thomas lit a candle We extend our deepest sympathy to Diane, Family and Friends. I've heard so many good things about Ernie over the years. I'm sorry we never had an opportunity to meet. Much love Diane from the Chicago Thomas Family: Cousins Nell, Gina, Geoffrey, Glynda and Gerry. ❤️

gina thomas - March 02, 2021 at 12:00 AM

MJ

“ Maria Jordan-Awalom lit a candle Mr. Kight You will Forever live in our hearts. Thank You for treating us like we were all your children. It has been an absolute honor going from FHS student to serving beside you on the school board. I will miss your smile, your laughter, our conversations and your support. Your presence is definitely missed. Freeport is mourning your loss.

Maria Jordan-Awalom - March 02, 2021 at 12:00 AM

CW

“ Cynthia Hamilton Williams lit a candle Sympathy & Love from your family in Miami, Florida.

Cynthia Hamilton Williams - March 02, 2021 at 12:00 AM

SF

“ Sincerely, Bierria-Andersons & Mars Family purchased flowers Sincerely, Bierria-Andersons & Mars Family purchased the Tender Tribute and planted a memorial tree for the family of Ernest Kight. Send Flowers

Sincerely, Bierria-Andersons & Mars Family - March 02, 2021 at 12:00 AM

K(

“ Kiana Abbady (Bierria-Anderson) lit a candle I will miss seeing your track suits and genuine smile at Freeport events. - Kiana Bierria-Anderson

Kiana Abbady (Bierria-Anderson) - March 02, 2021 at 12:00 AM

DZ

“ Dag Zapatero posted a symbolic gesture I was saddened to hear the news. Ernie always brought a smile to the faces of those whose lives crossed paths with his. As a 1980 graduate of Freeport High School, Ernie's presence and guidance helped many young people through joyful and challenging times. He was an incredible motivator, and his presence commanded attention. His was a life worth living. My prayers and sympathy go out his family and all those in the Freeport School System. Peace be with you and Godspeed Ernie.

Dag Zapatero - March 02, 2021 at 12:00 AM

VA

“ Vanessa uploaded photo(s)

Vanessa - March 02, 2021 at 12:00 AM



“ *Guerlain Paul planted a tree in memory of Ernest Kight Mr. Kight has touched so many hearts and souls. He will be missed dearly.. Join in honoring their life - plant a memorial tree*

March 02, 2021 at 12:00 AM



“ *Gale Bellini lit a candle Mr. Kight will be missed. He helped my son and myself. He was a wonderful person. May he rest in peace.*

Gale Bellini - March 02, 2021 at 12:00 AM



“ *Kim Laing Lady Devils 87-91 purchased flowers Kim Laing Lady Devils 87-91 purchased the Tender Tribute and planted a memorial tree for the family of Ernest Kight. Send Flowers*

Kim Laing Lady Devils 87-91 - March 02, 2021 at 12:00 AM



“ *The Fellas! purchased flowers The Fellas! purchased the Garden of Memories and planted a memorial tree for the family of Ernest Kight. Send Flowers*

The Fellas! - March 02, 2021 at 12:00 AM



“ *Love, Shirley Cepero purchased flowers Love, Shirley Cepero purchased the Serenity Wreath for the family of Ernest Kight. Send Flowers*

Love, Shirley Cepero - March 02, 2021 at 12:00 AM

 LJ

“ Love Chauna & Juggy purchased flowers Love Chauna & Juggy purchased the Magnificent Life Spray and planted a memorial tree for the family of Ernest Kight. Send Flowers

Love Chauna & Juggy - March 02, 2021 at 12:00 AM

 LF

“ Lady Devils Basketball Family purchased flowers Lady Devils Basketball Family purchased the Strength and Solace Spray for the family of Ernest Kight. Send Flowers

Lady Devils Basketball Family - March 02, 2021 at 12:00 AM

 ED

“ Elizabeth Durkin lit a candle Mr. Kight your were the perfect example how to live one's life. You were a leader and a friend at the same time. I will always remember you as a humble, hardworking, giving person to his family and community. Some of my favorite memories through high school were you coaching us at basketball and as well as coaching us on how to do a tap dance number for the Senior Variety Show. I had the pleasure of being able to celebrate your coaching achievements at your retirement coaching dinner and even got to have the first dance with you. That was a great memory. You made a difference in some many people's lives through the years and everyone will always remember you. God bless you and your family. RIP

Elizabeth Durkin - March 02, 2021 at 12:00 AM



“ Tribute Store Beautiful in Blue was purchased and a memorial tree was planted for the family of Ernest Kight. Send Flowers

March 01, 2021 at 12:00 AM

MD

“ Michele, Chauna, Stephanie, Jim & Everyone at DDANJ purchased flowers Michele, Chauna, Stephanie, Jim & Everyone at DDANJ purchased the A New Sunrise Spray for the family of Ernest Kight. Send Flowers

Michele, Chauna, Stephanie, Jim & Everyone at DDANJ - March 01, 2021 at 12:00 AM



“ The family of Ernest J. Kight uploaded a photo

March 01, 2021 at 12:00 AM

DD

“ doug d purchased flowers doug d purchased the Heavenly Heights Bouquet for the family of Ernest Kight. Send Flowers

doug d - March 01, 2021 at 12:00 AM