



“I have fought a good fight, I have finished my course, I have kept the faith: Henceforth there is laid up for me a crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous judge, shall give me at that day: and not to me only, but unto all them also that love his appearing.”

Funeral services for Jonathan Boris Erivin took place Saturday, Nov. 4, 2017 at First Baptist Church North Tulsa, 1414 North Greenwood Ave, Tulsa, Okla., with the Reverend Eddie Davis of Greater Mt. Olive Baptist Church presiding.

Jonathan Boris Erivin was born to proud parents John and Elvia (Morgan) Erivin Jan. 2, 1961 in Oklahoma City.

Jonathan spent his early years in Anadarko, Okla. before moving with his family to Liberal. He excelled in academics and athletics at Liberal High School. Basketball, football and track were a few of his personal favorites. He was chosen as “Rookie of the Year” at Liberal High School.

Jonathan also developed a passion for fishing, hunting and traveling while in Liberal. He was an avid deer hunter who treasured annual hunting expeditions, along with fishing outings with family and friends. He was an expert hunter and Top Ranked in the State of Oklahoma with the bow and arrow.

Jonathan always had a personal relationship with God and was baptized at New Testament Baptist Church in Liberal, at a very young age. He believed in putting God first in his life.

Upon graduating from Liberal High School in 1979, he attended Langston University, where both of his parents and sister, Anita, had attended. He played football and ran track at Langston, breaking many records as he would say. While at Langston he, like his father, became a lifelong member of Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity, Inc. Jonathan served as an Undergraduate Board Member for his fraternity while at Langston. After graduating from Langston with a Bachelor's Degree in Physical Education, he returned to Liberal to become an educator like his parents. He taught at South Middle School physical education, coached football and basketball, impacting the lives of many young men and women.

He worked in the summertime between University sessions at National Beef Packing, to help with college expenses. He earned his master's degree in counseling from Central State University in Edmond, Okla. in 1986.

In Aug. 1993, Jonathan moved to Tulsa, Okla., where he began teaching and coaching for Tulsa Public Schools.

On Nov. 25, 1995, Jonathan married his lovely wife, Carla Ross. Jonathan and Carla welcomed three beautiful, caring and talented children into their hearts. Jonathan loved spending time with his family, calling themselves, "The Erivin Five."

He loved traveling and enjoyed taking his children on annual fishing trips to Colorado. His children could always expect travel and adventure with their Dad. Jonathan enjoyed watching OU football games. He loved attending the games in Norman, Okla. with his Dad, and was looking forward to attending games with his two Sooner daughters this year. The girls can rest assured that their Dad will still be cheering with them at all future OU games.

Jonathan also spent time refereeing basketball games and enjoyed meeting young gifted athletes all across Oklahoma. Jonathan worked as a counselor at Tulsa Juvenile Detention Center for many years, focusing on making a positive and powerful difference in the lives of the youth in Tulsa.

Jonathan never met a stranger. He loved talking to people and truly loved and cared about his friends and relatives. He treated everyone equally and believed in giving everyone a chance. He was loyal and compassionate with a personality that would light up a room. He was simply an

amazing husband, father, son, brother, uncle, friend and educator. He was a masterpiece created by God. On Friday, October 27, 2017, God said, "Job well done Jonathan!" and called him home.

Jonathan was preceded in death by his mother, Elvia Morgan Erivin on January 19, 2002. Together, Jonathan and his mother wrote and published a book titled "The Governor of the State".

Jonathan's memories will be cherished by his devoted wife of 22 years, Carla Ross Erivin, and his three beloved children, Carissa Erivin, Savannah (Chy) Erivin, and Josh Erivin. He is survived by his father and stepmother, John and Rosie Erivin; his sister, Anita Erivin Merrihew, and nephew, Morgan Merrihew of San Francisco, California, and ex-brother-in-law, Mark Merrihew of Liberal. He also leaves behind his father-in-law, Bobby Ross, brothers-in-law, Billy Ross, and Bobby Ross Jr., and sister-in-law, Christine Ross Kelly, nieces, Miyoshi Ross, Cortia Ross, and Brooklynn Ross; nephews, Billy Ross Jr. and Bryce. Along with a host of other relatives and friends.

- The family of Mr. Jonathan Boris Erivin sincerely and wholeheartedly express our gratitude to our many loved ones and friends for all your prayers, cards, phone calls, flowers, visits and other gestures of love in the loss of our loved one.

Each loving gesture has given us a source of comfort during our loss. Your presence today alone has eased this mournful road and lightened our heavy hearts. We pray that God will bless each of you in a special way. -The Erivin Family

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