



Clyde Brinkley Estis

October 13, 1944 - May 10, 2024

Clyde Brinkley Estis, 79, of West Point, VA passed away Friday, May 10, 2024. In his younger years Brinkley was a phenomenal athlete at West Point High School, especially in basketball, who held many records. He was also a JV basketball coach. Brinkley was an avid tennis player later into his 70's. Brinkley retired from the Chesapeake papermill and was an auctioneer for 30 years. He was an exceptional grandfather, great-grandfather, and friend to all.

Brinkley is survived by his wife of 45 years, Betty Estis; a son David Estis (Angie); a daughter Chris Flanzenbaum (Mark); grandchildren, Tate Estis (Isabelle), Lauren Flanzenbaum (Mike), Kayla Canipe (Gavin), Adam and Ellie Flanzenbaum; a great-grandson, Brinkley Fisher Estis; and a special cousin, Terry Estis.

The family will receive friends from 1:30 p.m. to 3:30 p.m, Wednesday, May 15th at Vincent Funeral Home, 417 11th Street, West Point, VA 23181. Interment will be private. In lieu of flowers donations may be made to West Point Vol. Fire Dept, PO Box X West Point, Va 23181.

Previous Events

Visitation

MAY 15. 1:30 PM - 3:30 PM (ET)

Vincent Funeral Home, West Point Chapel
417 11th St
West Point, VA 23181
(804) 843-2550

Tribute Wall

TF

“ *My sincere condolences to the Estis family. RIP, Brinkley.*

Tom Fudala - September 14, 2024 at 04:30 AM

GF

“ *Gabriel Fostek lit a candle in memory of Clyde Brinkley Estis*



Gabriel Fostek - July 30, 2024 at 04:51 PM

BB

“ *We are so sorry to hear this news. Sending our thoughts and prayers to Betty and the family. Steve & Becky Dunaway-Buck & Judy Burton*

Becky Burton-Dunaway - May 17, 2024 at 08:46 PM



“ *Dear Betty, I am so sorry to hear of Brinkley's passing. I didn't realize you had lost Ronnie in 2013 and Nancy In 2022. Because Brinkley's son married a Foster which is a 3rd cousin to me and to Bill, we have your family in our family tree on Ancestry. I'm so glad I got to see you at the Crab Carnival 3 years ago. Time goes by so quickly. I remember all the good times our families spent together! We were neighbors all my childhood life! Sending love and hugs, Jane Carter Haynes*

Jane Haynes - May 15, 2024 at 07:31 PM

RC

“ I am Brinkley's first cousin. We grew up together in West Point and, although he was a little younger than I, taught me to ride a bike. He will be sorely missed. My husband did not remember a lot of my cousins but he always remembered Brinkley and shared interesting conversations. Deepest sympathy to Betty and all the family.
Ann Carter Carmody

Ruth Ann Carmody - May 15, 2024 at 05:17 PM



“ Margaret Ogg lit a candle in memory of Clyde Brinkley Estis



Margaret Ogg - May 14, 2024 at 11:34 PM

GC

“ Dear Betty, Dave, Christie, all family members and friends,
Brinkley was always such a character, he loved to tease.
I'm so proud he will always be remembered for his tremendous basketball talent and his willingness to share his talents.
Cherish your precious memories and the good times you were able to share with him. He will always be in your heart.
With heartfelt sympathy,
Gloria Couch



Gloria Couch - May 14, 2024 at 07:48 PM

MM

Today, remembering Brinkley, I am saddened to tears just remembering what a tremendous athlete and friend to all of us who he amazed with his basketball talents! He became our local hero when WPHS was a true state basketball power in the early 60s. Being part of the team as manager, I am proud to have known him and will always consider him as a legend. None who knew him will ever forget Brinkley! My sincere Condolences to his family. Sonny McCloud

Mac McCloud - May 15, 2024 at 05:34 PM

MF

“ *Michael Haden And Family lit a candle in memory of Clyde Brinkley Estis*



Michael Haden and Family - May 14, 2024 at 05:31 PM

JP

“ *My heart felt condolences to Brinkley's family. Brinkley was one of my first West Point basketball heroes. I can vaguely recall listening on the radio at Riddle's drug store when he led the WPHS basketball team in a state tournament championship final. WPHS met Bland HS for the state championship both in 1961 and 1963. WP lost one and won one. Brinkley was forever popular and an admired personality. I trust the grandkids and all the family will hold and take comfort in all the fond memories.*
Johnny Payne



Johnny Payne - May 14, 2024 at 01:24 PM

VB

“ I’ve known Brinkley and his family my entire life. I haven’t seen him much in recent years but I have fond memories of our childhood when we used to play together. I particularly remember the first time I ever heard of the game, “Pin the Tail on the Donkey “. It was at Brinkleys birthday party. It would have been in the late 1940’s or 1950. Brinkley’s Mother, Margaret had set it up on the side of their garage in the side yard. We had a great time playing, “Pin the Tail on the Donkey”, along with softball. Brinkley went on to lead us to a state basketball championship in 1961. I have many fond memories of our childhood. Our hearts go out to his family. He will surely be missed.

Vic and Sharon Britton

Vic and Sharon Britton - May 14, 2024 at 12:49 PM



“ Prayers, love and healing from our family to yours. I apologize for missing the service, but I’m sending big hugs with Isabelle. ❤️



Sue Summers - May 14, 2024 at 12:44 PM

JB

“ GOD Rest Your Soul My Friend!!!

Jerry Blanchard - May 14, 2024 at 12:16 PM

WW

“ *Our prayers go out to the family .*



William and Susan Willis - May 14, 2024 at 11:16 AM

TG

“ *Tina & Desi Gulley lit a candle in memory of Clyde Brinkley Estis*



Tina & Desi Gulley - May 14, 2024 at 11:08 AM

TW

“ *Tommy Wilson lit a candle in memory of Clyde Brinkley Estis*



Tommy Wilson - May 14, 2024 at 10:17 AM

FS

“ *FAITH SILVA lit a candle in memory of Clyde Brinkley Estis*



FAITH SILVA - May 14, 2024 at 05:19 AM

BB

“ *Lit a candle in memory of Clyde Brinkley Estis.*



Brian Boswell - May 14, 2024 at 02:17 AM

DB

“ *Many fond memories of basketball, softball, golf, playing cards, and work with Brinkley. He will definitely be missed but not forgotten.*

Dickey Betts - May 13, 2024 at 11:51 PM

DH

“ *David N Ann Hall lit a candle in memory of Clyde Brinkley Estis*



David n Ann Hall - May 13, 2024 at 09:20 PM

JP

“ *So sorry for your loss. We send our love and sympathy to all of his family.*

Judy and Glenn Palmer - May 13, 2024 at 08:44 PM

BR

“ Thoughts and prayers to the family. God Bless



Beverly and Jim Ross - May 13, 2024 at 08:11 PM

WW

Brinkley was always a great person, never had a bad attitude he will be missed W E Wills Sr

william wills - May 14, 2024 at 10:17 AM



Brinkley led WP basketball team to championships! An icon in WP. RIP Brinkley! Sammy Hodges and Barbara

Barbara Hodges - May 14, 2024 at 06:24 PM

JR

“ John And Vickie Roane lit a candle in memory of Clyde Brinkley Estis



john and vickie roane - May 13, 2024 at 08:10 PM

DS

“ Dale Seward lit a candle in memory of Clyde Brinkley Estis



Dale Seward - May 13, 2024 at 07:39 PM

CD

“ Growing up, Brinkley and Betty along with many other Teachers & Coaches were a regular on Friday nights at the Littreal house. We were all one big rowdy family! I miss those days of laughter, discussing the games we'd just attended and playing Atari Yep I said Atari! Sending lots of love to Betty, David, Chris, and Terry along with all their families! May your memories bring you comfort always! ❤️

Carol Davis - May 13, 2024 at 07:03 PM

DC

“ My years in the presence of Brinkley were from 1982 to 1985 but each time we departed I left happy and with a smile. He and Betty invited me into their home many times. When a person can touch a life and leave them the way he left me they've done a great job. Brink touched many lives and he did a phenomenal service to the athletes, students and staff at WPHS and the community. He was a gift to humanity doing it with decency and integrity. He will be missed.

Derwin Cox - May 13, 2024 at 06:43 PM

JG

“ Joan Brizendine Gordon lit a candle in memory of Clyde Brinkley Estis



Joan Brizendine Gordon - May 13, 2024 at 06:38 PM

JW

“ So sorry to hear this news. He will be missed by many. I don't think he ever met a stranger and his auctions were the best ever. May good memories help us all in the days ahead.

Janie wampler - May 13, 2024 at 06:33 PM

PC

“ Pamela Carter lit a candle in memory of Clyde Brinkley Estis



Pamela Carter - May 13, 2024 at 05:39 PM

VB

“ Vicki Beswick Blake lit a candle in memory of Clyde Brinkley Estis



Vicki Beswick Blake - May 13, 2024 at 05:27 PM

BA

“ Brenda Anerton lit a candle in memory of Clyde Brinkley Estis



Brenda Anerton - May 13, 2024 at 05:27 PM

LS

“ My sympathy to Betty and the family.



Linda South - May 13, 2024 at 04:39 PM

DN

“ Brinkley left many impressions on many people throughout the course of his life and I have 2 that I am going to share with you .. back when The Auctioneer was still in early high school his parents and my parents and along with Wayne and his parents were pretty tight knitted is those days. My mother, my sister, and me were visiting all of them up in their neighborhood when Margaret said let's ride to Broaddus' tasty freeze for a cone ... she said she wanted to check up on Brinkley to make sure he was behaving himself anyway. When we pulled up in the parking lot the first thing she saw was Brinkley blowing smoke rings from a puff off his cigarette .. when he saw his mom he was like a vacuum cleaner trying to suck that smoke back inside his mouth. Don't know much about his outcome but guess it won't in his favor. # 2 was after both his parents had passed and they were auctioning some of their belongings away at the homestead I stopped in to just look around .. saw an old fishing tackle box tied together with a piece of rope .. thought that item would keep Clyde's memory in my mind so I made up to bid on it but was not bidding more than \$ 10 for it .. the bidding started and I told Mr. Auctioneer I would go 5 bucks .. then someone else hollered 7 .. then I went 8 then that guy said 10 .. I gave up on getting that box until I accidently wiped my nose and Brinkley screamed SOLD to that guy wearing the hat .. whenever I think of that day I can still hear his laughing voice echoing through my mind ~ R.I.P. // My Good Friend who could make a pair of sneakers scream Bloody Murder !

Dennis Norman - May 13, 2024 at 03:53 PM

DN

forgot to mention \$ 20 !!!

Dennis Norman - May 13, 2024 at 03:56 PM

JD

“ *To the entire Estis Family :Brinkley was always enjoyable to talk to and he was an outstanding basketball player. May all your good memories comfort you during this difficult time. Sincerely, John Davis*

John Davis - May 13, 2024 at 03:23 PM

HW

“ *HENRY WARD lit a candle in memory of Clyde Brinkley Estis*



HENRY WARD - May 13, 2024 at 03:03 PM

CL

“ *Carolyn Lockley lit a candle in memory of Clyde Brinkley Estis*



Carolyn Lockley - May 13, 2024 at 03:00 PM