



Richard Lee Daniel Jr. was born on May 4, 1959, in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, to Richard Lee Daniel Sr. and Roberta Newton. He was the eldest of three children: Richard Jr., Kimberly, and Kashif Daniels. He attended Benjamin Franklin High School and graduated in 1977. After high school, he enlisted in the United States Navy where he served for four years as a machinist mate on the USS Enterprise aircraft carrier. After his service, he pursued a career in construction and worked for various companies until his retirement.

Richard had a vibrant love for life—he enjoyed arcades, amusement parks, and listening to music with his favorite artists being the music of Sade and El DeBarge; Nas was also one of his favorites along with the Eagles. He often danced and sang along to their songs while spending time with those close to him; in 2014 after being diagnosed with stage four cancer he fought courageously until succumbing to it on November 16th at age fifty-five.

He was a father to Tamisha Jacobs, Felicia Jacobs; Richard Daniel III; Robert Daniels; Kimberly Daniels; Kashif Daniels; grandfather to seven grandchildren including Joel Simpson.

Richard is survived by siblings Helanie Jones (Gretta Rogers), Jeffrey Rogers (Brian King), Darrel Sears (Christina Daniel), Christopher Daniel (Sebastian) Anthony Hawkins & former wife Virginia Daniels loving companion Yolanda Hawkins and host of family names, nephews preceded death brother Michael, Daniel father Richard Sr.

Richard's loyalty, charm, and unforgettable spirit will continue to live in the hearts of all that loved him.