

Home Going Service For

Richard Leroy Laing

Sunrise
April 1, 1935

Sunset
July 5, 2011

Services

Friday, July 8, 2011 - 11:00 a.m.

MOUNT HERMON MISSIONARY BAPTIST CHURCH

221 Nesbit Terrace · Irvington, New Jersey

Officiating Clergy

Rev. Rodger J. Harris, Jr., Pastor
Mount Hermon Missionary Baptist Church

Obituary

Richard Leroy Laing was born on April 1, 1935 in Tarpon Springs, Florida to the late Lawrence Laing and Elmer Lee Laing. He departed this life on Tuesday morning July 5, 2011, after a lengthy illness.

As a child, his parents moved to Long Island, New York. Richard was educated through the Freeport School system where he participated in numerous sports and graduated from Freeport High School. Shortly after graduating he served in the United States Army and toured Korea.

In 1957, Richard married the late Ernestine Darrell from this union three children were born Linda, Cornell and Tony. Many years later Richard relocated to New Jersey.

Richard worked numerous jobs prior to being employed by General Motors Corporation located in Linden, New Jersey. He retired after thirty-three years and two months on January 1, 2000.

Under the leadership of John Thomas and Connie Woodruff, he was one of the original organizers of the 1966 Chripus Attucks Society Parade, the first Black Parade in the City of Newark, New Jersey, today known as the Black Heritage Parade. For several years, Richard was devoted to sponsoring over forty children in the community on camping trips prior to Former Newark Mayor Kenneth Gibson's administration providing funds. Along with Richard's love for children, he had a heart for helping the needy by volunteering many years of service. Richard and friends organized a Men's Club called The Eight of Us. Together they traveled to different parts of the world and went fishing. The bond between the members continues on today. Richard had a love for classical opera, fishing, historical events and traveling.

Richard was a member of Christian Love Baptist Church in Irvington, New Jersey for several years where he served on the Trustee Ministry, volunteered in the daycare center and aided with the community outreach program devoting hours feeding the needy. In August of 1996, Richard moved his membership to Mount Hermon Missionary Baptist Church then under the leadership of Rev. Dr. Jeremiah Ford. Richard served on the Trustee Ministry, the Usher Ministry, and as President of the Men's Day Ministry. Not only did Richard's walk with the Lord grow through the teachings and blessings he received at Mount Hermon, God blessed him with the friendship of Shirley Thomas Daniel. On February 14, 1998, Richard and Shirley were united in marriage.

Richard leaves to cherish his memories: his loving and devoted wife of thirteen years, Shirley Thomas Daniel Laing; his children, Linda Laing of East Stroudsburg, Pennsylvania, Cornell Laing of Long Island, New York and Tony Laing of Long Island, New York, Jasmine, Kamaal, and Yasmeen Daniel of Irvington, New Jersey; his siblings, Lawrence "Cisco" Laing (deceased), Arthur Baron Laing of Lynchburg, Virginia, Charles Laing (deceased), Yvonne Laing Crumm Newsome (deceased), Bernard Laing of Hempstead, New York and Adrienne Laing of Hempstead, New York; his brothers-in-law and sisters-in-law, Shirley Laing, Joe Newsome, James Thomas Ward, James Thomas Jr., Audrey H. McPherson, Rev. Dr. Wanda D. Wilburn, Yolanda G. Kelliehan-Dooley, Dolores Smith, Daud Abdel-Aziz, Azizah Hamiduddin, Shulton L. Thomas, Burnice Thomas, Rev. Dr. Willie S. Wilburn Sr., John Wayne Dooley, and Angela Thomas; his daughter-in-law, Darlene Green; his grandchildren, Shaun Laing, Tatiana Green, T'wanne Green, Jamaal "Good Buddy" Muhammad, Najilah Norman, and Layla Norman; his uncle Johnny; and a host of loving cousins, nieces, nephews, other relatives and friends.

Order of Service

Music Prelude..... Bro. Michael Gammage - Organist

Processional & Final Viewing Led by Rev. Rodger J. Harris, Jr., Pastor
Mount Hermon Missionary Baptist Church

Invocation Rev. Dr. Willie S. Wilburn, Sr., Pastor
New Jerusalem Missionary Baptist Church

Scripture Reading

Old Testament – Ecclesiastes 3:1-22 Dec. Leroy Johnson
I Corinthians Baptist Church

New Testament – I Corinthians 15:51-58 Rev. George Davis, Pastor
First Baptist Church Of Carteret

Prayer of Comfort Rev. Dr. Jeremiah Ford, D.D. - Pastor Emeritus
Mount Hermon Missionary Baptist Church

Hymn of Praise Min. Joann Ross

Expressions of Remembrance..... Dec. James Jackson

Song of Praise Deas. Velma Eddie

Acknowledgement of Cards & Resolutions Rev. Dr. Wanda D. Wilburn, Co-Pastor
New Jerusalem Missionary Baptist Church

Remarks (2 Minutes Each Please)

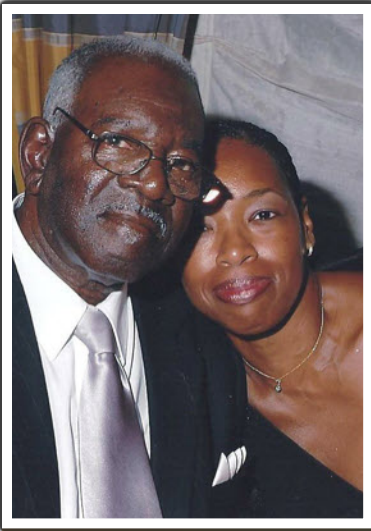
Reading of Obituary.....Rev. Dr. Wanda D. Wilburn

Song of Praise Bro. Michael Gammage

Eulogy.....Rev. Rodger J. Harris, Jr., Pastor
Mount Hermon Missionary Baptist Church

Recessional

Immediately following the service, friends are invited to join the family for a repast in the church fellowship hall.



Miss Me-But Let Me Go

*When I come to the end of the road
and the sun has set for me,
I want no rights in a gloom filled room,
Why cry for a soul set free?
You may miss me a little-but not too long, and not with
Your head bowed low.
Remember the love that we once shared,
Miss me-but let me go.*

*For this is a journey we all must take,
And each must go alone.*

*It's the Master's plan, just a step on the road to home.
When you are lonely and sick at heart, go to the family and friends
We know, and bury your sorrows in doing good deeds
Miss me-but let me go.*

Pall Bearers

Bernard Laing
Cornell Laing
Shaun Laing

Kamaal Daniel
Arnold J. Smith
Adam B. Smith

Special Thanks

The family extends their grateful thanks and appreciation to the caregivers Hospice of New Jersey: Jennifer, Shaun, Carol and Nakia, Home Health Aide: Ruby and Nicole, Jimmie Jackson, Dorothy, Kamaal Daniel and Jamaal "Good Buddy".

Acknowledgement

*The family of **Richard Laing** acknowledges with deep appreciation all acts of kindness extended to them during this bereavement hour.
God bless you all for your thoughtfulness and concern.*

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