

*In Loving Memory of*  
*William "Willie" Richardson*



August 27, 1942 - April 23, 2021

THURSDAY, MAY 6, 2021 - 11:00 A.M.

**Cotton Funeral Service**

1025 Bergen Street • Newark, New Jersey

## Obituary

WILLIAM “WILLE” RICHARDSON, SON OF THE LATE CLAUDE RICHARDSON, SR. AND PENSOLA RICHARDSON.

WILLIE WAS BORN ON AUGUST 27, 1942 IN LAURINBURG, NORTH CAROLINA. ON FRIDAY APRIL 23, 2021 WILLIE WENT HOME TO BE WITH OUR LORD.

WILLIE GRADUATED FROM THE SCOTLAND COUNTY SCHOOL SYSTEM.

IN 1961 WHILE VISITING RELATIVE IN NEWARK, NEW JERSEY, WILLIE DECIDED TO MAKE NEW JERSEY HIS HOME. SOON AFTER HE MET THE “LOVE OF HIS LIFE” HIS BEAUTIFUL BRIDE OF OVER 50 YEARS TAMMY.

WILLIE WORKED SEVERAL ODD JOBS BEFORE LANDING A JOB IN THE BEER INDUSTRY, SECURING EMPLOYMENT WITH PABST BLUE RIBBON BREWING COMPANY, BECAUSE OF HIS EXCELLENT WORK ETHIC WILLIE LATER TRANSFERRED TO ANHEUSER BUSCH BREWERY.

DURING HIS RETIREMENT FROM ANHEUSER BUSCH BREWERY IN 2008, WILLIE ENJOYED HIS FAVORITE PASTIME FISHING AND SHOOTING POOL.

WILLIE KINDNESS AND GENEROSITY EARNED HIM RESPECT FROM FAMILY AND FRIENDS, HE NEVER MET AN STRANGER THAT HE DID NOT BEFRIEND.

AN WELL RESPECTED, HONORABLE MAN OF INTEGRITY WITH STRONG RELIGIOUS VALUE, WILLIE’S BAPTIST UPBRINGING TAUGHT HIM THE IMPORTANCE OF TREASURING HIS PERSONAL RELATIONSHIP WITH GOD. IT WAS OBVIOUS IN HIS DAILY WALK.

WILLIE WAS PRECEDED IN DEATH BY SIX SISTERS, JUANITA AUSTIN, LILLIE PAYNTER, CARRIE RICHARDSON-JOHN, LUCY FORD, RUBY RICHARDSON-OUTLAW, AND HELEN RICHARDSON, 2 BROTHERS JAMES FRANK RICHARDSON, CLAUDE RICHARDSON, JR.

WILLIE LEAVES TO MOURN HIS LOSS AND CHERISH HIS MEMORY HIS DEVOTED LOVING WIFE, TAMMY S. RICHARDSON, TWO SISTERS, COLA MAE MCLEOD OF CHARLOTTE, N.C. AND MARY LEE FORD OF FAYETTEVILLE, N.C., A SPECIAL NEPHEW, LARRY RICHARDSON (CHRIS), AND A SPECIAL NIECE, ROBIN BOGAN-PARKER; AND A HOST OF OTHER RELATIVES AND FRIENDS.

*Order of Service*

PROCESSIONAL

MUSIC SELECTION

PRAYER OF COMFORT: ELDER ERIC DICKERSON, PASTOR  
GREATER MOUNT CALVARY CHURCH, SOUTH ORANGE, NJ

SCRIPTURE READING: MIN. MONICA RILEY-WILLIAMS  
GREATER MOUNT CALVARY CHURCH, SOUTH ORANGE, NJ  
OLD TESTAMENT  
NEW TESTAMENT

REMARKS

OBITUARY

MUSIC SELECTION

EULOGY: MINISTER ROBIN BOGAN-PARKER  
GREATER MOUNT CALVARY CHURCH, SOUTH ORANGE, NJ

BENEDICTION

RECESSIONAL

*Interment*

Evergreen Cemetery  
Hillside, New Jersey

“When I am gone, release me, let me go.  
I have so many things to see and do,  
You mustn't tie yourself to me with too many tears,  
But be thankful we had so many good years.

I gave you my love, and you can only guess  
How much you've given me in happiness.  
I thank you for the love that you have shown,  
But now it is time I traveled on alone.

So grieve for me a while, if grieve you must,  
Then let your grief be comforted by trust.  
It is only for a while we must part,  
So treasure the memories within your heart.

I won't be far away for life goes on.  
And if you need me, call and I will come.

Though you can't see or touch me, I will be near.  
And if you listen with your heart, you'll hear,  
All my love around you soft and clear.

And then, when you come this way alone,  
I'll greet you with a smile and a "Welcome Home."

## *Acknowledgement*

*THE FAMILY WISHES TO ACKNOWLEDGE WITH DEEP APPRECIATION  
THE MANY EXPRESSIONS OF LOVE, CONCERN AND KINDNESS  
SHOWN TO THEIR FAMILY DURING THIS HOUR OF BEREAVEMENT.  
MAY GOD BLESS AND KEEP YOU. A SPECIAL THANKS TO ELDER ERIC  
DICKERSON, PASTOR OF THE GREATER MOUNT CALVARY CHURCH,  
SOUTH ORANGE, NJ, MIN. MONICA RILEY-WILLIAMS, OF THE  
GREATER MOUNT CALVARY CHURCH, SOUTH ORANGE, NJ, MIN.  
ROBIN BOGAN-PARKER, OF THE GREATER MOUNT CALVARY  
CHURCH, SOUTH ORANGE, NJ, MIN. LAKISIA BANK OF THE GREATER  
MOUNT CALVARY CHURCH, SOUTH ORANGE, NJ.*

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