

I'm Free

Don't grieve for me, for now I'm free
I'm following the path God laid for me
I took his hand when I heard Him call
I turned my back and left it all.

I could not stay another day.

To laugh, to love, to work or play.
Tasks left undone must stay that way,
I found that peace at the close of day.

If my parting has left a void,
Then fill it up with remembered joy.
A friendship shared, a laugh, a kiss,
Oh, yes these things I too will miss.

Be not burdened with times of sorrow,
I wish you the sunshine of tomorrow.

My life's been full, I savored much.
Good friends, good times, a loved one's touch.
Perhaps my time seemed all too brief, Don't
lengthen it now with undue grief.
Lift up your heart and share with me,
God wanted me now, He set me free!

-author unknown

Acknowledgement

*Our family would like to express Their appreciation and gratitude
for the many acts of kindness during this time of bereavement.
May God bless you all for your concern.*

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Celebrating the Life of



Stephanie C. Richardson

Sunrise
February 3, 1944

Sunset
October 9, 2021

Service
Saturday, October 16, 2021 - 9:30 am

Mt. Olive Baptist Church
216 Liberty Street • Plainfield, NJ



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Order of Service

Clergy Processional

Open Prayer

Scripture Readings

Psalm 23 - Deacon Arthur Releford

John 14:1-7 - Deacon Allen McRae

Solo

Nadene McLeod

Family Remarks and Acknowledgements

Phillip Merriweather

LisaMarie Richardson Sherin

Solo

Nadene McLeod

Eulogy

Rev. Eric Wallace, Sr., Senior Pastor

Closing Prayer

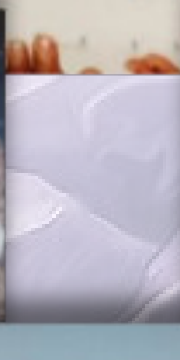
Interment

Graceland Memorial Park

Kenilworth, NJ

Family Repast

Repast will be held
immediate following interment.





Stephanie Eileen Merriweather Richardson was born on February 3, 1944 to the late Robert Lee Merriweather and Ruth Louise Page Merriweather in Johnstown, PA. She attended and graduated from Greater Johnstown High School where she met and made a host of lifelong friends.

Over the years, Stephanie worked in three professions and received certificates from trade schools, Candace Enterprises, Loving Care and B& M Consultants in NJ and was licensed from Union County and Middlesex County College, NJ: administrative lead clerk in payroll of Pathmark Store/Supermarket General for 29 years, cosmetologist for 10 years and a health aid assistant for 22 years until her untimely death. Stephanie's love for helping and serving people was a cornerstone of her personality and very much dear to her heart.

She met the love of her life, Ronald Richardson at the young age of 13. Although their parents were very close, they had to follow very strict rules during their courtship. They had the opportunity to accompany each other to their proms. On February 8, 1964, Ronald and Stephanie joined in holy matrimony and moved to New Jersey. From this union, they enjoyed raising two children, Lisa Marie and Barry Scott. Throughout the years, they loved to entertain at home and host family

activities at dude ranches, local parks, amusement parks, family vacations and participating in their children's after school programs.

Ronald and Stephanie enjoyed traveling with family couples and friends. They were a part of several social groups and went on week-long vacations bi-yearly. After retirement, their vacations increased and their suitcases were always packed and ready to travel.

Stephanie loved wearing funny hats during the holidays and sometimes she purchased funny hats for the entire family. As a holiday tradition, she baked and played games with her children, grandchild, nieces, nephews and neighborhood children.

Life will never be the same without seeing Ron and Steph together. They became parents to so many people and role models to couples throughout the years. When in their presence, you could see and feel their love.

Stephanie joined and was baptized at The Mt. Olive Baptist Church in Plainfield, NJ with her husband. She served with the Missionaries and other special activities. Daily reading of God's Word with her husband made their marriage stronger.

She is predeceased by her parents; son, Barry Scott Richardson; brothers-in-law, Melvin Lee Richardson and Bennie Otis Banks.

Stephanie leaves to cherish her fond memories, her loving husband of 57 years, Ronald Richardson; daughter, Lisa Marie Richardson Sherin; son-in-law; Derrick Sherin; granddaughter and her angel, Moneá Jichel Richardson; one sister, Phyllis Merriweather; brothers-in-law and sisters-in-law, Jeffrey (Patricia) Richardson, Delores "Janey" Richardson; Sylvia Banks; nieces and nephews, Phillip (Jessica) Merriweather; Michael (Kim) Richardson, Melvin "Eric" (Andrea) Richardson; Mark Richardson; Bobby Joe (Teresa) Banks, Michael (Debbie) Banks, Scott Banks, Crystal Richardson (Bernard) Crawford, Angela Richardson, Jeffrey Richardson, other close relatives and friends. She enjoyed her long daily walks with Margie Hall and her daily side splitting laughter with Ella Flowers White.