

Celebrating the Life of
Ida Mae Nelson Richardson

Sunrise
July 8, 1938

Sunset
January 18, 2023



Obituary

Deaconess Ida Mae Richardson was born on July 7, 1938, in Berkeley County, South Carolina. She was the daughter of Willie Nelson and Elizabeth (Wright) Nelson.

She was educated in the South Carolina School system. She attended Bonneau Elementary School and completed her studies at Russellville High School. She furthered her education and received her bachelor's degree in Early Childhood Education at William Paterson College. After graduation in South Carolina, Ida moved to New York and then relocated to Paterson, NJ. There she met her husband, Sammy Richardson. To this union, four children were born.

Ida was employed as a teacher for the Paterson Public School system. There she taught gifted and talented students until her retirement. She was also an avid reader who enjoyed dining with friends, and taking brisk walks enjoying the fresh air.

Ida accepted God into her life at an early age and lived her life as a true Christian. She was a member of Seminary Baptist Church- Paterson, NJ, and remained constant and steadfast to her call. She also served in various ministries. She had such a great love for her church family she even had church announcements and bulletins saved from the 1980's.

Our beloved Deaconess Ida Mae Richardson quietly departed this life on Wednesday, January 18, 2023, at home.

She was predeceased by her husband; Sammy Richardson and her parents; Willie Nelson and Elizabeth (Wright) Nelson.

Left to cherish precious memories are her children; Kathleen (Richardson) Patterson (Everett), Karen Richardson, Kevin Richardson, and John Richardson. She will also be missed by her granddaughter; Nicole Patterson whom she helped raise, other grandchildren, sister; Nancy (Nelson) McBride, brother-in-law; Ervin McBride She is also survived by a host of nieces, nephews, other relatives, and special friends.

Finally, there are always those close friendships and extended family members who were dedicated and touched by her life. Therefore, the family asks that as we mourn, we also take the time to celebrate the life of Deaconess Ida Mae Richardson.

Afterglow

I'd like the memory of me
To be a happy one,
I'd like to leave an afterglow
Of smiles when day is done.
I'd like to leave an echo
Whispering softly down the ways,
Of happy times and laughing times
And bright and sunny days.
I'd like the tears of those who grieve
To dry before the sun
Of happy memories that I leave behind,
When the day is done.
-Helen Lowrie Marshall

Thursday, January 26, 2023 - 10:00 a.m.

Seminary Baptist Church

193 Haledon Avenue, Paterson, New Jersey

Pastor Alfred E. Steele, Officiating

Tammy Williams, Organist

Order of Service

Processional

Selection

Scripture Reading

Old Testament

New Testament

Prayer of Comfort

Selection

Remarks

Acknowledgements & Obituary

Selection

Words of Comfort

Pastor Alfred E. Steele

Recessional

Interment

Fair Lawn Memorial Park

22-21 Maple Avenue

Fair Lawn, New Jersey

Mother

A mother means so much to a child in need of love
I thank you for being all of what I needed
Beautiful like a morning dove
A mother is always there when
she's needed and can't be replaced
That's who you are,
and I will miss your smiling face
My mother is someone who not only gave me life
But she fought all my battles with me and my continued strife
I am happy she's getting her rest
She's given her best
God saw my mother getting tired
And she passed the test
To return home
Oh, what a blessed day
Rejoicing for my mother's calling
Although I wished she could stay
But saying goodbye isn't forever
I know I will see my mother again one day

Written by, Shannell G. Griggs



Acknowledgment

The family **Ida Mae Nelson Richardson** wishes to thank all of you for your prayers, messages of comfort and the many other acts of kindness shown during our hour of bereavement. May God continue to bless you in a very special way.

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