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A husband is a gift to the heart, A friend to the spirit
A golden thread to the meaning of life.
I cannot deny that now I am without your company,
I feel not only am I deprived of a very dear husband,
but that I have lost half of myself.
Forever in my heart, Your loving wife, Valerie

REFLECTION | Life is a journey of steps. To get through the
hardest journey we need take only one step at a time, but we must
keep on stepping.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS | The Richardson family gratefully
acknowledges with profound appreciation the benevolence and
comforting words expressed to us by everyone through cards, calls,
visits, flowers, food, letters, and all other forms of condolence during
our bereavement.

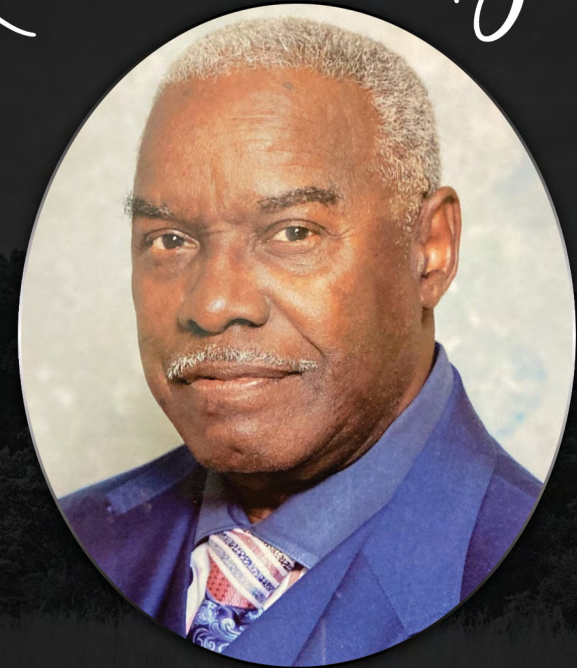
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IN LOVING MEMORY OF
E L D E R

Earnest Lee
Richardson



SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 23, 2023
TEN O'CLOCK IN THE MORNING

GRACE STREET CHURCH OF CHRIST
120 Grace Street | Augusta, Georgia

BROTHER JOHNNY KINSEY, EULOGIST

The Obituary

MR. EARNEST LEE RICHARDSON, son of the late Beulah Dunn Richardson and Felix Richardson was a native of Brookhaven, Mississippi. He was educated in the Brookhaven School System, and received an Associate degree in Psychology from Georgia Military College. Earnest then enlisted in the United States Army. While in the military, he was a member of the 82nd Airborne Division where he served as a Jumpmaster, a Medical Non-Commissioned Officer (NCO) and Operating Room Specialist. He retired as a First Sergeant after serving twenty-six years, receiving numerous awards and medals for dedicated service to include: the Purple Heart, the Bronze Star Medal, National Defense Service Medal, Cross of Gallantry w/ Palm Bars, Combat Medical Badge, and Parachutist Badge. Bro./Elder Richardson was baptized into the Lord's church over forty years ago. He served as minister and assistant minister of several congregations. He loved the Lord and working in the Lord's vineyard. Over these years, he has led many souls to Christ and left a rich spiritual legacy. Bro./Elder Earnest Richardson had a vision that all the Churches of Christ in the CSRA, both black and white congregations would bond together and show the community that churches could work together. With much prayer and the blessing of participating church ministers, Earnest founded the Churches of Christ Feed the Hungry. The churches come together to prepare food and serve the community on the Monday before Thanksgiving. The Lord has blessed this program to be in existence for sixteen years. It was his dream that this ministry would continue.

Earnest also served as President of the Cameron Homeowners Association, Cameron Subdivision, for ten years until his health started to decline.

Bro. Richardson was preceded in death by: sisters, Lonnie and Willene; brothers, Curtis and LB; and brothers-in-law, Freddie Brown and Timothy DeMyers.

Earnest will be cherished by: his loving wife, Valerie; daughters, Jessie (Johnny) Clay, Wesson, MS, Debra Richardson, Augusta, GA, Tiffany Brown, Augusta, GA; sons, Juhn Pierre Richardson, Brookhaven, MS, Darryl Richardson, Augusta, GA, Eric Richardson, Augusta, GA and Cory (Lanie) Golden, Augusta, GA; brother, Emmitt (Rita) Richardson, Ft. Lauderdale, FL; sisters, Reba Griffin, Ft. Lauderdale, FL, Retha Brown, Brookhaven, MS, Ozie DeMyers, Lansing, MI and Willye (Thomas) Tyler FT. Lauderdale, FL; brothers-in-law, Walter Rouse, Jr. and Julius Rouse; and a host of grandchildren, great grandchildren, nieces, nephews, cousins and friends. **"Lord let not his teaching been in vain."**

The Order of Service

PRESIDING | Elder John Felton

PROCESSIONAL | Faith

SCRIPTURE READING

Elder Roland Cumbee | Old Testament, Psalm 23
(Elder Richardson's favorite scripture)

Elder Sean Leonard | New Testament, Matt. 28:18-20

PRAYER | Elder Alfred Johnson

REFLECTION (3 MINUTES)

Glenn Stubblefield
Darren Gresham
Debra Richardson

CONGREGATIONAL HYMN | Elder Larry Knight,
"A Friend Like You"

PRAYER | Elder Tom Boston

REMARKS | Darryl Richardson, Son

ACKNOWLEDGMENTS | Sister Carolyn Curtis

HYMN | Faith

EULOGY | Brother Johnny Kinsey
Minister, Grace St. Church of Christ

RECESSIONAL | Faith

INTERMENT | Hillcrest Cemetery
2700 Deans Bridge Road

REPAST | Grace St. Church of Christ Fellowship Hall