

*'Forever in our hearts'*



With special thanks from the  
Family of Kevin Riddick

Thank you so much for all your love and support during  
such a difficult time. We will be forever grateful.

Please join us for a celebration of life service at Bethel CME of  
Valdosta

followed by a repast held at

1000 N. Patterson St., Valdosta, GA 31601

Committal Service will be held on February 9<sup>th</sup>, 2:00 PM at the  
Georgia National Cemetery

A CELEBRATION OF

*Life*



**KEVIN RIDDICK**

MAY 7<sup>th</sup>, 1954 – JANUARY 22, 2024

702 Johnson Street, Valdosta, GA  
3<sup>RD</sup> FEBRUARY 2024 at 10:00 AM

## Obituary

Kevin was a man who never met a stranger. Most will remember him for his infectious laugh and silly jokes. Behind the laughter, was a man who served in many capacities. Kevin Riddick was a member of the United States Air Force for 20 years, followed by a second career in law enforcement at Hamilton Correctional Facility in Jasper, Florida. Kevin also served his community. In his role as Vice Chair of Membership for Lowndes County Democratic Party, Kevin pounded the pavement, registering citizens to vote and informing them of their rights. He was an advocate for change and diligently fought for the rights of Black Americans in his community. His love for the community was unmatched by his love and devotion to God and his family. He showed love to others as God shows his love to us. He never judged or had a harsh word to say. Reverend Kevin Riddick was a man of wisdom and sound advice, reminding people to keep the faith and hold on to God's promises. He was a friend to many because of his pure heart and love for people.

Kevin passed away on January 22, 2024 at the age of 69. He was born on May 7th, 1954 to Clayola Riddick and Rudolph Burke. Kevin grew up in Springfield, NY where attended Springfield Gardens High School before attending State University of New York at Old Westbury, where he studied drama. After completing four years, Kevin enlisted in the US Air Force. Kevin is survived by daughters Brittany (Guy) Holmes and Tiffany Riddick, and Grandson Triston Riddick, from his first marriage to Veronica Riddick.

Kevin Riddick was preceded in death by his wife, Mary Virginia "Ginny" Riddick and his mother, Clayola Riddick. He is survived by children Sierra, Cory (Dephamia), and Cameron (C'Tara) Marable; brother-in-law, Rogers Johnson Sr.; sisters-in-law Karen (Derrick) Rose, Michelle Johnson, Marsha Parker, and Myrtice Jackson; niece LaSharon Jackson; cousin David Johnson; Godson DJ Thompson; five grandchildren Jordan, Justin, Chelsey, Quincy, and Julius; along with a host of loving nieces and nephews.

Later in life, Kevin was elated to find more family who immediately embraced him, Abraham and Joylette West; Desiree Colman; Carmen Hyman; Tanisha, Mary, and Cynthia Scarlett; and several other members of the Creque family.

Kevin loved his family and friends deeply and they loved him too. He will be missed by so many.

## Tributes

*Kevin devoted many years advocating for the right to vote for everyone and helping to provide a safe space for voters by being a Poll Manager with the Lowndes County Board of Elections. He was also a very active member of the Lowndes County Democratic Party and served in many capacities and on many committees.*

*Kevin served on the executive committee of the local party. He devoted his time, talent and treasures to ensure democracy stays intact. The same faithfulness that he gave to the party was nothing in comparison to his faithfulness to God through his pastoralship, his love for his family and his love for people. He was one of the sharpest dressed men around!*

*I am truly saddened to not only lose a colleague but a friend. Take your rest Rev. Kevin Riddick until we meet again.*

*Democratically Yours,*

*Thameka Miller Akpan*

*Chairwoman, Lowndes County Democratic Party*



*On behalf of the president of the United States, the United States Air Force and a grateful nation, Kevin Riddick's family will receive a flag as a symbol of our appreciation for your loved one's honourable and faithful service.*





## 'KEVIN'

'There are some people in life that make you **LAUGH** a little louder, **SMILE** a little bigger and **LIVE** just a little bit better'



"I'm just a nobody, tryin' to tell everybody, about somebody who can save anybody."

Song by the Williams Brothers, saying adopted by Kevin Riddick



# *Order of Service*

## **PROCESSIONAL AND FINAL VIEWING**

### **OFFICIATING**

Presiding Elder Andre' Loyd

## **FINAL FAREWELL and SILENT MOMENT OF REMEMBRANCE**

Obituary

### **MUSIC SELECTION**

Bethel CME Choir

## **THE AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**

### **PRAYER OF COMFORT**

Rev. Tawanna Morrow

### **OLD TESTAMENT READING**

Read by Rev. Anthony Robinson

### **NEW TESTAMENT READING**

Rev. David Johnson

### **MUSIC SELECTION**

Bethel CME Choir

## **TRIBUTES OF LOVE**

Dr. Jerry Hardee and Mrs. Wyonnie Hardee

Rev. Ellis Jackson

Bethel CME (Resolution)

Representative from the Democratic Party of Lowndes  
County

## **REFLECTIONS (2 MINUTES)**

### **EULOGY**

Presiding Prelate Bishop Thoomas L. Brown, Sr.

### **ACKNOWLEDGMENTS**

Staff of Scott and Roberts Funeral Home

## **ACKNOWLEDGMENTS OF FLORAL CONTRIBUTIONS**

### **RECESSIONAL**

A SPECIAL THANK YOU FROM THE FAMILY TO:

SCOTT AND ROBERTS FUNERAL HOME

BETHEL CME CHURCH

and

LEVEL UP EVENT CENTER

for providing phenomenal service in the celebration of life for

KEVIN RIDDICK