

## *Pallbearers*

David Richards  
Leonard Dwyer, Jr.  
Peter Atta Appiah  
Tre'-Von Kimbrough

Aaron Richards  
Anthony Horn, Jr.  
Ryan Horn  
Joe Agyemang

## *Flower Bearers*

Nieces & Cousins

The Family would like to thank you for your expressions of kindness, compassion and care during the passing of our loved one.

A special thanks to Mr. Tulio Alvarez, Care Coordinator, nurses, therapists and other Colombian staff, Estell Young, Cincinnati Ohio and Philip Long, Florida

Donations can be made to the  
Colombia Nurse's Scholarship Fund:



# Celebrating the Life of Reverend Dr. Osborne Richards

August 16, 1949 - September 8, 2025



Date of Service

Saturday, October 4, 2025

Place of Service

Higher Ground House of Favor  
1391 E. Crescentville Rd. Springdale, OH  
Rev. Earl Finney, Pastor

Officiating Service

Dr. Deborah Merritt  
Evangelist Darrow Smith



## OBITUARY

### The Life and Legacy of a Man of Faith and Prayer

Born on August 16, 1949, in Kumasi, Ghana, Reverend Dr. Osborne Richards dedicated his life to the service of God as a pastor, counselor, and biblical educator, embodying an unwavering spirit of prayer and faith who lived by the inspiration of Romans 8:28, "And we know that in all things God works for the good of those who love him, who have been called according to his purpose". He transitioned from this life to eternal rest on Monday, September 8, 2025. Dr. Richards was a beloved son of Akousa Konadu and Yaw Ofori, both of whom preceded him in death. Reverend Dr. Osborne Richards was a remarkable man whose life was marked by profound spiritual dedication and a commitment to serving his community. His unwavering faith and spirit of prayer inspired many, as he touched the lives of countless individuals through his teachings and guidance. Throughout his life, he worked tirelessly to promote the message of love, hope, and redemption, leaving behind a legacy that will continue to inspire future generations.

Dr. Osborne Richards, a lifelong scholar devoted to ministry, education, and mentorship, earned three doctoral degrees throughout his distinguished career. His journey began in the late 1960s when he received his first doctorate in Ministry while residing in London, England. He subsequently obtained concurrent doctoral degrees in Philosophy and Divinity from Muskegon Bible Institute Inc. in Indianapolis, Indiana. In 1982, Reverend Dr. Richards served as a visiting professor at Pinecrest Bible School in New York City, where he inspired countless students. He later moved to Canada, where he worked as an itinerant minister and evangelist, traveling the world to teach and preach a gospel message of hope and love. Voices of his profound leadership continue to resonate with his devotion and impact.

In 1983, Osborne Richards exemplified his profound faith by courageously approaching and eventually marrying the woman he believed God had chosen for him, the devoted and faithful Dr. Kimberley Richards. The couple settled in Cincinnati, Ohio, where they welcomed three wonderful children into their family.

In 1984, Dr. Richards and his wife established New Life Outreach in Springdale, where they served for the next thirty years. During this time, Dr. Richards founded a distinguished Bible School of Ministry, where students were trained to serve as ministers and leaders, focusing on perfecting the saints and equipping the body of Christ. This program fostered ministerial passion and the development of spiritual gifts within the students and those around them. Graduates have since embarked on successful careers as Christian educators, pastors, musicians, evangelists, and chaplains, making a significant impact throughout the United States and around the world. Under his leadership, numerous nonprofits were established to serve the marginalized and food-insecure communities in the greater Cincinnati area.

## Special Recognition Of Dr. Richards Siblings & Family

Mr. Kingsley & Agnes Sarpong

Mr. & Mrs Prempeh

Mr. Francis (Franco) & Dora Atuahene

Ms. Francis Atta Antwi & Barbara Antwi Boasiako

Ms. Mary Sarfowaa

Mr. Adomako & Alice Gyamfi

Mr. Peter Appiah-Kubi

Ms. Nana Serwaa Amoakowaa

Ms Francisca Boakye

## Live Your Creed

*I'd rather see a sermon, than hear one any day.  
I'd rather one walk with me, than just to show the way.  
The eye is a better pupil and more willing than the ear.  
Advice may be misleading but examples are always clear.  
And the very best of teachers are the ones who live their creed. For to see  
good put into action is what everybody needs.  
I can soon learn to do it if you let me see it done.  
I can watch your hand in motion but your tongue too fast may run And the  
lectures you deliver maybe very fine and true  
But I'd rather get my lesson by observing what you do.  
For I may misunderstand you and the fine advice you give  
But there is no misunderstanding in how you act and how you live.*

*By Langston Hughes*



Dr. Richards was a devoted mentor to both men and women, always encouraging them to live their best, God-promised lives. He championed debt-free living and generosity, inspiring individuals to embrace faith instead of fear. With patience and vision, he taught and nurtured young, aspiring leaders, consistently seeing in them the potential they could not yet recognize in themselves. Dr. Osborne authored two impactful books, *\*The Key to the Bible\** and *\*Women Will Evangelize the World\**. The latter addressed his deep concerns for the liberation of women in a faith community often resistant to acknowledging their call to serve in God's kingdom. This book ultimately became an Amazon bestseller.

Dr. Richards walked alongside people in their joys, struggles, and growth, gently guiding them toward peace, hope, faith, and love. As a faithful servant of God and a tireless advocate for others, he dedicated his life to ministry, education, and mentorship. He was called to serve both in the pulpit and within the community, known as a peacemaker who counseled couples and restored marriages with compassion and insight. He led his congregation with theological wisdom, clarity, and warmth, expressing his joy through exuberant hand clapping and foot-stomping praise.

After 30 years of devoted pulpit service in Springdale, Ohio, and following a diagnosis of Parkinson's disease, Reverend Dr. Osborne Richards spent the last ten years of his earthly life in Medellín, Colombia. There, he dedicated himself to prayer and faith, expressing gratitude to the doctors, nurses, and staff of Enfermería De Tu Mano, led by CEO Tulio Alvarez, who attended to his care with respect and unwavering love and devotion until the very end.

Dr. Richards was preceded in death by his son, Brice Richardson (Joyce), Hamburg, Germany.

He leaves to celebrate his legacy his loving and devoted wife of 42 years, Kimberley, his daughter, Elizabeth (Charlotte, North Carolina), his son David (Melbourne, Australia), and his youngest son, Aaron (Brooke) of Phoenix, Arizona. Dr Richards' grandchildren are Brighton and Ace of Phoenix, Arizona, and Sherylyn and Brian, of Hamburg, Germany. He leaves siblings and family in Ghana, Africa, Germany, the UK, and the United States who cherish fond memories of his prayers and intercession. He also leaves behind a multitude of relatives, friends, and numerous spiritual brothers and sisters, as well as spiritual sons and daughters whose lives reflect his lasting influence.

Finally, Dr. Osborne's life was undergirded by two primary mantras:

"Let's Pray" and "Don't give anybody a piece of your mind...you need all of it!"

## Order of Service

Musical Prelude

Family Processional

Prayer of Comfort

Evangelist Darrow Smith

Scripture Readings

Evangelist Darrow Smith

Old Testament - Psalms 118:24

New Testament - Romans 8:28

Timeline Presentation

Chaplain Tina Stenson

Song

Jacqueline Horn

Acknowledgements

Dr. Deborah Merritt

Obituary Reading

Joe and Matilda

African Drummers and Dance of Celebration

Reflections (two minutes, please)

Siblings of Dr. Richards

Jerry Reiner, founder of Project 52

Executive Team of New Life Outreach

Song

Jacqueline Horn

Presentations

Colombian Nursing Company

Pastor Jackie Whiting, Scholarship Presentation

Eulogy

Rev. Steve Sjogren -Virtual Video

The Richards Family

Recessional

Clergy & Family

# Memories

