

# Poem

## “When I Must Leave You”

When I must leave you  
For a little while-  
Please do not grieve  
And shed wild tears  
And hug your sorrow to you  
Through the years,  
  
But start out bravely  
With a gallant smile;  
And for my sake  
And for my name  
Live on and do  
All things the same,  
  
Feed not your loneliness  
On empty days,  
But fill each waking hour  
In useful ways,  
  
Reach out your hand  
In comfort and in cheer  
And I in turn will comfort you  
And hold you near;  
  
And never, never  
Be afraid to die  
For I am waiting for you in the sky!

Flowers and donations Please send to Davis Funeral Home at  
89 Walnut Avenue Roxbury, MA 02119. Donations in lieu of contribu-  
tions in Paul's honor can be made to the Louis D Brown Peace Institute,  
15 Christopher St, Dorchester, MA 02122

# Home Going Service for PAUL F. RICHARDS

SUNRISE: FEBRUARY 15, 1964 - SUNSET: MAY 16, 2020



**TUESDAY, MAY 26, 2020 11:00A.M.**

**DAVIS FUNERAL HOME**

**89 WALNUT AVE, ROXBURY, MA 02119**

THE IN PERSON SERVICE WILL BE RESERVED FOR  
IMMEDIATE FAMILY ONLY. FOR OTHERS,  
PLEASE VIEW BY ZOOM USING THE FOLLOWING LINK:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88658962929>

FOLLOWING WILL BE THE BURIAL PROCESSION AT 12:00  
OAK LAWN CEMETERY 427 CUMMINS HWY, BOSTON, MA 02131  
OFFICIATING MINISTER

**REV. DR. GREGORY G. GROOVER, SR.**  
SENIOR PASTOR CHARLES STREET AME CHURCH

**SPECIAL THANKS TO  
IMAM ABDULLAH FAARUUQ**

# Obituary

Paul Fredrick Richards was born in Boston, Massachusetts February 15, 1964 and made his transition on May 16, 2020. Paul was the son of William Richards and Bessie Gaul.

He attended Boston Public Schools, Iron Workers Local # 7 apprentice program and was a graduate of Bay State School of Technology. In addition, Paul was certified by the International Association of Approved Basketball Officials, Inc. (IAABO) and enjoyed being a referee. Furthermore, he was employed at the Massachusetts Department of Conservation and Recreation (DCR) as a labor supervisor.

Paul greatly appreciated giving back to his community. He will be remembered for his contributions as an active member with the No Books No Ball Basketball program and enjoyed mentoring young boys and girls with life and athletic skills that would help shape their future.

He also enjoyed attending annual summer basketball camps where he and other coaches accompanied various student athletes from Boston to experience weeklong activities at several colleges such as George Washington University, University of Massachusetts and Rutgers University.

Paul was proceeded in death by his father, William Richards and brother William Richards, Jr. Paul was survived by his daughter Latasha Richards and his granddaughter. His loving family Bessie Gaul and Ali Abdur Rashad & Shirley Richards, Tony & Juanita Richards, Victor & Rosemarie Richards, Darryl Richards and Steven Gaul will forever remember him, in addition to several nieces and nephews.

## A Note of Thanks

The Family of the late Paul F. Richards wishes to thank everyone for their kind expressions of sympathy, prayers and all acts of kindness extended to them during their hour of bereavement. The family expresses their sincere gratitude to all those who have supported us during this time of loss.

