

CELEBRATION OF LIFE

"IN A MOMENT, IN THE TWINKLING OF AN EYE, AT THE LAST TRUMP:
FOR THE TRUMPET SHALL SOUND, AND THE DEAD SHALL BE RAISED
INCORRUPTIBLE, AND WE SHALL BE CHANGED. FOR THIS
CORRUPTIBLE MUST PUT ON INCORRUPTION, AND THIS MORTAL
MUST PUT ON IMMORTALITY. SO WHEN THIS CORRUPTIBLE SHALL
HAVE PUT ON INCORRUPTION, AND THIS MORTAL SHALL HAVE PUT
ON IMMORTALITY, THEN SHALL BE BROUGHT TO PASS THE SAYING
THAT IS WRITTEN, DEATH IS SWALLOWED UP IN VICTORY...BUT
THANKS BE TO GOD, WHICH GIVETH US THE VICTORY THROUGH
OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST."

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NOV 13, 1932

APRIL 15, 2021



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ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF APPRECIATION

THE FAMILY OF THE LATE VIVIAN LOUISE RICHARDSON
WISHES TO ACKNOWLEDGE WITH DEEP APPRECIATION,
THE MANY COMFORTING MESSAGES, FLORAL TRIBUTES,
PRAYERS AND MANY OTHER EXPRESSIONS OF KINDNESS
AND CONCERN EVIDENCED AT THIS TIME IN THOUGHT
AND DEED. A MORE PERSONAL ACKNOWLEDGMENT
WILL BE MADE AT A LATER DATE.

THANK YOU

SISTER
Vivian Louise
RICHARDSON

THURSDAY
APRIL 22, 2021 3:30 PM

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BISHOP SHEDRICK L. CLARK, SR - OFFICIATING

Obituary

VIVIAN LOUISE RICHARDSON WAS BORN NOVEMBER 13, 1932, TO THE LATE SAMUEL AND DAISY WALKER CRANFORD IN DETROIT, MICHIGAN. SHE WAS ONE OF FOUR CHILDREN; SISTERS ELIZABETH, DAISY RUTH AND BROTHER LEONARD HAVE ALL PROCEEDED HER IN DEATH.

VIVIAN ATTENDED THE DETROIT PUBLIC SCHOOL SYSTEM AND GRADUATED FROM COMMERCE HIGH SCHOOL LATER GRADUATING FROM LEWIS COLLEGE OF BUSINESS AND EARNED AN ASSOCIATE DEGREE.

VIVIAN WAS EMPLOYED BY THE INTERNAL REVENUE SERVICE (IRS) FOR 34 YEARS AND LATER BECAME A SUPERVISOR DURING THAT TIME. SHE RECEIVED A LETTER OF APPRECIATION FROM (FORMER) PRESIDENT GEORGE H. W. BUSH. AFTER SHE RETIRED, SHE LATER WORKED FOR H&R BLOCK FOR 13 YEARS AS A TAX PREPARER AND MAX TAX ADVISOR.

ON MAY 23, 1964, VIVIAN WAS UNITED IN HOLY MATRIMONY TO JOHN L. RICHARDSON. TO THIS UNION TWO CHILDREN WERE BORN JOINING WITH JOHN'S FOUR CHILDREN.

SISTER RICHARDSON SERVED AS A FAITHFUL MEMBER AT CLINTON STREET GREATER BETHLEHEM TEMPLE FOR MANY, MANY YEARS. SHE WAS BAPTIZED IN JESUS' NAME AND FILLED WITH THE PRECIOUS GIFT OF THE HOLY GHOST AT AN EARLY AGE UNDER THE PASTORAGE OF THE LATE BISHOP SAMUEL N. HANCOCK.

SISTER VIVIAN SERVED ON OVER 30 AUXILIARIES AT THE TEMPLE IN HER LIFETIME. YOU COULD ALWAYS FIND HER ON HER POST SMILING AND TIRELESSLY SERVING THE PEOPLE OF GOD WHEREVER NEEDED.

AND IF THAT WAS NOT ENOUGH, SHE ALSO SERVED AS A BOARD MEMBER AND TREASURER FOR THE YOUTH ADVOCACY PROGRAM, INC., A NON-PROFIT ORGANIZATION THAT GAVE SCHOLARSHIPS AND HELPED YOUNG PEOPLE THAT GRADUATED FROM HIGH SCHOOL ENROLLING INTO COLLEGE.

SHE LOVED TO TRAVEL, GO ON CRUISES, GOING OUT TO EAT WITH FAMILY AND FRIENDS AS WELL AS THE FAITHFUL WORKERS, THE BIRTHDAY GROUP OR EVEN JUST BECAUSE. HER FAVORITE RESTAURANT WAS RED LOBSTER. SHE ALSO ENJOYED GOING ON THE SENIOR CITIZENS TRIPS WITH THE CHURCH. NOT TO MENTION HER YEARLY TRIPS TO VISIT HER DAUGHTER BRENDA.

VIVIAN WAS LOVED AND RESPECTED BY SO MANY; YOUNG PEOPLE, MIDDLE AGED AND SENIORS ALIKE. SHE WILL BE GREATLY MISSED.

VIVIAN IS PRECEDED IN DEATH BY HER HUSBAND TRUSTEE JOHN LEHMAN RICHARDSON; CHILDREN JEROME, GAYLE, AND STEPHEN. AFTER A LENGTHY ILLNESS, VIVIAN DEPARTED THIS LIFE ON THURSDAY, APRIL 15, 2021. SHE LEAVES TO CHERISH HER MEMORY, SON, JOHN "TONY" RICHARDSON; DAUGHTERS, JUDY EVANS, AND BRENDA RICHARDSON; DAUGHTER IN-LAW, DAWN RICHARDSON; NINE GRANDCHILDREN, DASHAWN (EARL) DAVIS, ANTOINETTE (LAWRENCE) BLACK, ANDRE HILL, TRAMAIN (KEVIN) PORTER, TIMOTHY EVANS, JR., AARON HILL, AUTUMN HILL, AIRESS HILL AND CAMERON BUTLER; A HOST OF GREAT-GRANDCHILDREN, NIECES, NEPHEWS, COUSINS, SAINTS AND FRIENDS. SPECIAL FRIENDS; SISTER SHIRLEY DAY, SISTER ELIZABETH DAVIS, SISTER CLARA PORTER, SISTER EUNICE L. MITCHELL, SISTER EVELYN HERRON, SISTER ISABELLE DAVIS, BISHOP SHEDRICK L. CLARK, SR., DEACON FREDERICK ROSEMAN AND BROTHER ALFONZO MASSEY.

Tributes

IF ROSES GROW IN HEAVEN

BY DELORES M. GARCIA

IF ROSES GROW IN HEAVEN,
LORD PLEASE PICK A BUNCH FOR ME,
PLACE THEM IN MY MOTHER'S ARMS
AND TELL HER THEY'RE FROM ME.

TELL HER I LOVE HER AND MISS HER,
AND WHEN SHE TURNS TO SMILE,
PLACE A KISS UPON HER CHEEK
AND HOLD HER FOR AWHILE.

BECAUSE REMEMBERING HER IS EASY,
I DO IT EVERY DAY,
BUT THERE'S AN ACHES WITHIN MY HEART
THAT WILL NEVER GO AWAY.

LOVE, BRENDA

TO MY OTHER MOTHER

VIVIAN, YOU ARE THE MOTHER I RECEIVED THE DAY I WED YOUR SON STEPHEN. I JUST WANT TO THANK YOU MOM FOR WELCOMING ME INTO THE FAMILY WITH OPEN ARMS AND A WARM HEART. YOU MEAN THE WORLD TO ME, ONLY A HEART AS DEAR AS YOURS WOULD GIVE SO UNSELFISHLY. YOUR KINDNESS HAS INSPIRED ME IN MORE WAYS THAN ONE. OUR TEARS THAT FALL HERE TODAY, WILL REMIND US OF YOUR LIFE AND HOW YOU SHARED YOUR LOVE WITH EVERYONE. I KNOW HOW FORTUNATE I AM THAT YOU WERE IN MY LIFE AND I WOULDN'T TRADE THOSE MOMENTS FOR ANYTHING. GOD BLESSED ME WITH THE BEST MOTHER IN-LAW.

REST IN GOD'S PERFECT PEACE, MOM.

LOVE ALWAYS, DAWN

DEAR MAMA,

I'M GOING TO MISS TAKING CARE OF YOU. I'M GOING TO MISS OUR MEALS AND SPECIAL TIMES TOGETHER; GOING OUT TO DINNER, ESPECIALLY YOUR FAVORITE PLACE RED LOBSTER. I'M GOING TO MISS BRINGING YOU YOUR CHEESEBURGERS AND FRIES. I'M GOING TO EVEN MISS YOU BEING MAD AT ME WHEN I DIDN'T BRING IT WHEN YOU WANTED IT. I'M GOING TO MISS WATCHING TV, JEOPARDY AND WHEEL OF FORTUNE WITH YOU. MAMA, YOU DIDN'T PLAY. YOU BELIEVED IN WALKING WITH THE LORD. I WAS ENCOURAGED TO BE FAITHFUL AND BE AT CHURCH EVERY TIME THE CHURCH DOORS WERE OPEN. WHEN I MISSED CHURCH SERVICE, YOU GAVE ME THE SIDE EYE!
I WILL MISS YOU.

I LOVE YOU, JUDY



MEMORY LANE

GOTTA GO DOWN MEMORY LANE
WHERE WE HAD OUR RUN
MEMA, I DO THIS FOR YOU BECAUSE
TO ME WE'RE FOREVER YOUNG
I GOTTA KEEP UP HOPE
CAUSE ONE DAY WE'LL SEE THE SUN
BUT THEN ITS THOSE DAYS
I CAN'T BELIEVE YOU'RE GONE
I THOUGHT THIS WAS FOREVER
WHY THEY LEAD ME ON
YOU WERE BATTLING THINGS
WITHOUT ME EVEN KNOWING
WE GOT A HILL TO CLIMB
BUT WE GONE KEEP IT GOIN'
EVEN WHEN I BREAK DOWN
I KNOW IT'S ONLY FOR THE MOMENT
UNTIL WE MEET AGAIN

MOOMIE

Tributes

DEAR GRANDMA,

THANK YOU FOR ALL THE BIRTHDAYS AND HOLIDAYS YOU SPENT WITH US AS WELL AS THE COUNTLESS PICNICS AND VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL TRIPS YOU TOOK WITH US AS WELL. YOU ARE LOVED AND WILL BE GREATLY MISSED.

AARON, AUTUMN AND AIRESS

MEEMAH

I'M SO THANKFUL AND GRATEFUL FOR HOW YOU AND PAPA BROUGHT US TO SUNDAY SCHOOL WITH YOU, VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL AND CHURCH PICNICS.

THANK YOU FOR SHOWING ME AT A YOUNG AGE HOW TO SERVE OTHERS WITH LOVE AS YOU SERVED IN THE DINING HALL.

GROWING UP I DIDN'T QUITE UNDERSTAND HOW ON EARTH YOU WERE ABLE TO KEEP UP WITH ALL THE BUSINESS OF EVERY AUXILIARY YOU SERVED IN MINISTRY AND WORKED A REGULAR JOB. YOUR ANSWER WAS "IT'S GOD WHO HELPS YOU." I TOOK THAT TO HEART AS I WORKED, I COMMITTED TO BEING DILIGENT ON EVERY JOB I HAD. I'D WORK VERY HARD WITH LOVE AND INTEGRITY. I WOULD RECEIVE MANY PROMOTIONS, AWARDS, ETC...

IN THE MIDST OF CHALLENGING TIMES, BEING CALLED OUT OF MY NAME AND TREATED UNFAIRLY BECAUSE OF MY SKIN COLOR, I REMEMBERED YOU SAID WHEN YOU HAD CHALLENGES YOU LOOKED TO GOD'S WORD, SO I APPLIED THE WORD OF GOD IN MY HEART CONCERNING EACH SITUATION AND WATCHED HIM MOVE IN POWERFUL WAYS.

MEEMAH, WATCHING YOU SERVE FAITHFULLY GROWING UP HELPED ME TO SERVE GOD FAITHFULLY NOT ONLY IN THE CHURCH BUILDING, BUT EVERYWHERE I GO BECAUSE HE LIVES INSIDE OF ME.

I MARRIED SOMEONE WHO LOVES GOD AND IS VERY DILIGENT AND FAITHFUL IN EVERYTHING HE PUTS HIS HANDS TO.

EARL AND I ARE TEACHING OUR CHILDREN THE PRINCIPLES OF THE KINGDOM OF GOD, SO THEY WILL BE PRODUCTIVE KINGDOM CITIZENS AS WELL.

WE WILL FOREVER LOVE AND HONOR YOU!

EARL, DASHAWN, EARL III & E'MIYA DAVIS

MY TRIBUTE TO MEEMA,

SHE WAS AFFECTIONATELY KNOWN AS VIVIAN, VC, SIS. RICHARDSON, OR MRS. RICHARDSON. TO US SHE WAS MAMA, MEEMA, GRANDMA OR GRANDMA RICHARDSON.

MEEMA ATTENDED WEDDINGS, BABY SHOWERS, BRIDAL SHOWERS, BIRTHDAY CELEBRATIONS, ETC., YOU NAME IT... SHE WAS THERE AND OFTEN TIMES THE FIRST GUEST TO ARRIVE WITH HER GIFT IN HAND. SHE WAS A WONDERFUL COOK AND BAKER. SHE LOVED SPENDING TIME WITH THE FAMILY...ESPECIALLY FOR THE HOLIDAYS.

SHE ENJOYED PLAYING GAMES WITH US AND WE ENJOYED PLAYING WITH HER IN RETURN, SIMPLY BECAUSE NO MATTER WHAT TEAM SHE PLAYED ON SHE WOULD ALWAYS SHOUT OUT THE ANSWERS FOR HER TEAM AND THE OPPOSING TEAM! SO BASICALLY SHE PLAYED FOR BOTH SIDES...THAT WAS OUR GRANDMA!

I APPRECIATE HER SO MUCH FOR TAKING US TO SUNDAY SCHOOL, VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL, SUNDAY SCHOOL TRIPS, THE CHURCH FARM, CEDAR POINTE (SHE EVEN RODE SOME OF THE RIDES...INCLUDING SOME ROLLER COASTERS) AND SPECIAL OUTINGS AND EVENTS THAT HER JOB HAD.

I REMEMBER THE DAY I TOLD HER THAT I WAS DATING (NOW HUSBAND) LAWRENCE. SHE WAS SO HAPPY...SHE SAID "OH YES, HE'S A GOOD BROTHER). I ADMIRERED HER SO MUCH FOR THE ROLES SHE PLAYED AT CHURCH. SHE WAS SO DEDICATED TO THE PEOPLE OF GOD. SHE DIDN'T DO IT TO BE SEEN OR TO RECEIVE PRAISES OF MEN, BUT I BELIEVE SHE DID IT TO THE GLORY OF GOD AND TO SERVE HIS PEOPLE...AND THAT SHE DID! AND SHE DID IT WITH A SMILE!

LOVE, NETTE

HOW CAN ONE ENCAPSULATE THE MULTI-GENERATIONAL IMPACT YOU'VE HAD ON ANYONE THAT HAS COME FROM THE MOTHER CHURCH? ANY NOSTALGIC THOUGHTS OF THE "GOOD OLE DAYS" AT THE TEMPLE WOULD NOTABLY INCLUDE YOU.

APT TO TEACH-YOU INSTRUCTED THE PRIMARY AGED CHILDREN IN SUNDAY SCHOOL. I WAS THAT ONE STUDENT WHO REFUSED TO LEAVE YOUR CLASS ONCE I HAD AGED OUT. IN VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL, AGAIN; THERE YOU WERE, WORKING IN A CAPACITY TO ENSURE THAT CHILDREN COULD LEARN THE WORD OF GOD, WRITE IT ON THE TABLET OF THEIR OWN HEARTS, AND DRAW FROM THE WORD AS ADULTS.



SERVITUDE-YOU FAITHFULLY, CONSISTENTLY SERVED THE PEOPLE OF GOD. YOU PUT YOUR HAND TO EVERY PLOW AVAILABLE. WHAT AUXILIARY WERE YOU NOT ON OR SOMEHOW CONNECTED TO? YOU SERVED AS UNTO THE LORD. I WATCHED YOU GO FROM RUNNING DINNER SERVICE, CLEAN UP, AND PUT YOUR CLOTHES BACK ON TO SERVE IN SOME OTHER CAPACITY. YOU WERE NOT ALONE AT ALL. YOU HAD THE BEST, MOST LOYAL, FRIENDS WORKING TIRELESSLY IN EVERY COMMITTEE: PASTORS, DEACONS, TRUSTEES, YOUTH LEADERS, SUNDAY SCHOOL, COOKS, CUSTODIAL SERVICE, JUST EVERYWHERE. THEY ALL TOOK HOLD OF OUR FAMILY AS THEIR OWN AND POURED SO MUCH INTO US. I LOVED TO HEAR ABOUT V.C. AS A YOUTH DEPT. LEADER OR JUST IN GENERAL. THE NICKNAMES YOU ALL HAD FOR ONE ANOTHER WERE THE BEST. "WAIT, YOU ALL CALL BISHOP CLARK WHAT?"

YOU BRIDGED THE GAP BETWEEN THE YOUNGER GENERATION AND YOUR OWN BY BEING A FAITHFUL MEMBER OF THE CHOIR. EVERY CHOIR MEMBER LOVED YOU. YOU KNEW THE HYMNS AND THE NEWEST CHOIR SONGS. I LEARNED THE HYMNS FROM YOU. IT HAS BEEN A TRUE HONOR TO HAVE GROWN UP UNDER YOU AND TO HAVE SERVED GOD'S PEOPLE ALONGSIDE YOU.

IT PAINS ME THAT YOU ARE GONE. YOU AND GRANDPA POURED INTO AND TRAINED ME AND YOUR LESSONS WILL STICK WITH ME FOREVER.

LOVE, PEE WEE (TRAMAINE)

Order of Service

MISTRESS OF CEREMONY- EVANGELIST STEPHANIE HARBIN

ORGAN PRELUDE.....

PROCESSIONAL.....CLERGY AND FAMILY

OLD/NEW TESTAMENT SCRIPTURE LAWRENCE BLACK

PRAYER.....

SONG....."I WON'T COMPLAIN".....TRAMAINE PORTER

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SPECIAL REMARKS.....BISHOP SHEDRICK L. CLARK, SR.

REMARKS..... 2 MINUTES PLEASE FAMILY & FRIENDS

SONG....."CONGREGATIONAL SONG".....TRAMAINE PORTER

EULOGY.....ELDER ALGERNON BARTELL

RECESSIONAL.....

ORGAN POSTLUDE.....

"I AM THE RESURRECTION, AND THE LIFE: HE THAT BELIEVETH IN ME, THOUGH HE WERE DEAD, YET SHALL HE LIVE." ST. JOHN 11:25

Reflections

