

FROM LABOR TO REFRESHMENT

Alpha: November 2, 1954

Omega: March 11, 2026

“Daddy Rich”



Richard Lane
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Richard Lane Craft was born on November 2, 1954, to Zephaniah Craft Sr. and Willie Mae Wright-Craft. Richard was the fifth child born from this union and raised in Muskogee, Oklahoma. Richard accepted Christ at an early age at Central Missionary Baptist Church. He attended Muskogee Public Schools and graduated from Muskogee High School in 1973.

On January 23, 1981, Richard married his sweetheart, Josephine Levi, who was by his side the day he finished his race. From this union, two beautiful children, Tyrone Cornelieus and Richella Lynn were born. He was a hardworking man, starting his career at Fort Howard Paper Company, later Georgia Pacific before he retired to start his own HVAC business, Kool-Breezes Heat & Air. He went out of his way to assist anytime and anywhere, whether it be in Oklahoma or out of state; he was a true servant until his health began to fail. He fought a long hard battle with PSP Progressive Supranuclear Palsy, until he finished his race March 11, 2026, and his eternal life began. Richard, always known as “Daddy Rich”, special interest and hobbies included listening to his music collection, reading various books, learning new trades, teaching people, and helping his Daddy with the cows.

Richard was preceded in death by his mother, Willie Mae Wright-Craft, his father, Zephaniah Craft, Sr., his brother, Ernest Craft and sister Gloria Jean Craft-Thompson.

His life will be missed but remaining to cherish his memory: his loving wife, Josephine Levi-Craft; his son Tyrone of Muskogee, OK; his daughter (daddy’s little girl) Richella of Fort Worth, TX; his grandchildren, Kirklynn Freeman of Fort Smith, AR, Kyris Freeman of Fort Worth, TX, Tytianna Craft of Dumas, AR, Jordyn and MacKenzi Craft of Tulsa, OK; great grandsons, Kyon and Kreon (Kirklynn), Logan Jr and Niklaus (Tytianna); his siblings Zephaniah Craft, Jr. of Tacoma, WA, Shirley Burton (Ted) of Muskogee, OK, Wilma Jones (Arthur) of Lawton, OK, Archie Craft, Sr. (Pat) of Houston, TX, Vinita Smith (Patrick) of Guthrie, OK, David Craft (Renee) of Midlothian, TX, Pat Barrera (Jesus) of Honolulu, HI, Anthlia Craft of Tulsa, OK, Felecia Manning (Terrance) of Norman, OK, June Craft of Norman, OK, and Sarai Thomas (James) of Dallas, TX; paternal uncle James Wright; maternal uncle McKinley Craft; Aunt Rosa Lee Simpson; two sisters-in-law, Nola Levi-Shaw (Lomas deceased)Tulsa, OK and Helen Levi-Ingram (Joe) of Muskogee, OK; and a host of nieces, nephews, other relatives and friends.



The Service

*Saturday, The 21st Day of March - Two Thousand, Twenty-Six
12:00 Noon*

*Timothy Baptist Church
5530 West Okmulgee Avenue | Muskogee, Oklahoma
Pastor Kelly Payne - The Gracious Host*

*Pastor Jamie Powell, Senior Pastor, Central Missionary Baptist Church – Officiating
Brother Archie Craft, II, Assistant Minister, Southside Church of Christ, Houston, TX – Eulogist*

Musical Prelude Pastor Briasen Burke, Musician
Processional Funeral Directors, Participating Clergy and the Family
Tribute in Song Central Missionary Baptist Church Men's Choir
" Cooling Waters "

Comfort from the Scriptures

Old Testament Reading Reverend Michael Brackeen
New Testament Reading Kallena Haynes

Prayer of Assurance Pastor Jamie Powell, CMBC
Resolutions and Acknowledgment Sister Linda Gaines
A Reflection of Richard's Life Video Tribute
Remarks Please limit to 2 minutes
Tribute in Song Cletis Lowe
Eulogy Brother Archie Craft, II – Assistant Minister
Southside Church of Christ, Houston, TX

Tribute in Song Cletis Lowe
"We bid Him, a'dieu " Keith D. Biglow Funeral Directors Inc.
Recessional

Interment

"Where YE shall lay him..."
BOOKER T. WASHINGTON CEMETERY
Muskogee, Oklahoma



Bearers of the Casket

Joey Craft
Darrel Love
Bobby Clayton
John Porter
Joe Ingram
Cornell Wiles
William Lang

Bearers of the Casket Honorary

Central Missionary Baptist Church Brotherhood
Nephews

Flower Attendants

Central Missionary Baptist Church Women's Mission
Nieces
Brenda Davison, Linda Current, Linda English,
Dianca Finch, and Deandrea Samders

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A Special Thank You to Central Missionary Baptist Church, Allied Home Health staff, Avow Hospice staff and to Reverend Kelly Payne and the Timothy Baptist Church. Your comfort and support are greatly appreciated.
God Bless you all.

Comfort, Care and Understanding
"Concerning them which are asleep, that ye sorrow not..."
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