

*Celebrating the Life of*  
**HOMER CLIFTON RICKS**



**SUNRISE**  
*November 21, 1940*

**SUNSET**  
*June 10, 2025*

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**WEDNESDAY, JUNE 18, 2025 AT 1PM**

*Jerusalem Temple Church*

**414 Ivy Street | Philadelphia, Mississippi**

*Bishop Stanley Jones*

*Rev. Lawrence Smith, Officiating*

*Mullberry Community Church*

*Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania*

**ARRANGEMENTS**

*Beck Funeral Home*

*10460 Road 561 Philadelphia, MS 39350*

**INTERMENT**

*Donald Rest Cemetery*

**REPAST**

*Jerusalem Temple Church Multipurpose Building*

# Reflection

## THE LIFE OF HOMER CLIFTON RICKS

Homer Clifton Ricks was born on November 21, 1940, to Clifton Ricks and Bertha M. Johnson. He attended Booker T. Washington finishing his Class of 1957. He continued his education at Rust Community College. Later, he married his high school sweetheart Juanita Smith. They then moved to Brooklyn, New York eager for a better life for their family. With great joy, Homer and Juanita welcomed two daughters to the world Tracie and Lynn. He later married Rosie Ricks.

Homer was employed at Brookdale Hospital and IBM in New York for many years. He then retired and became a manager at Franks Lounge where he enjoyed his employment. His favorite memory there is when he met the famous Blues singer, Bobby Rush.

Homer had a unique love for football. He not only loved the game, but he also knew the game. You could often catch him and friends watching the game in his garage. His favorite teams included the Giants and Jets. He also was a Yankees Fan. He had a great love for music and enjoyed the company of family and friends.

Homer departed life on June 10, 2025, at Neshoba General Nursing Home. Homer is preceded in death by his wife, Rose Ricks; his parents, Clifton Ricks and Bertha Johnson; one son, James Lawrence Coleman and a sister, Brenda Lowery; and one special aunt, Lola Robinson.

Homer is survived by four daughters: Tonya (Craig) Parker, Tracie (Randy) Cleveland, Sharon Lynn Ricks Houston, and Mary Deloise Griffin, all of Philadelphia, MS; two sons: Justin (Nadia) Ricks of Maryland and Brad Crockett of Philadelphia, MS; Sisters: Margaret Mitchell, Trina Davis (Trevor Edwards); Brothers: Johnny Lowery of South Carolina, James Tatum and Jason (Bridgett) Moore, both of Philadelphia, MS; Thirteen grandkids, twenty-seven great grandkids, and three great-great grandkids; special Uncle Jerome Brown, a beloved confidant and buddy, Anthony Cunningham and a host of extended family, children, nieces, nephews, and friends.

# Order of Service

Mistress of Ceremony .....	Stephanie Clemons
Prayer .....	Reverend Willie Rush
Scripture .....	Old/New Testament Minister Bernard Adams
Song .....	Ricks Family, <i>Carthage, MS</i>
Words of Encouragement.....	Bishop Stanley Jones
Remarks .....	Family and Friends
Silent Reading of Obituary .....	
Song .....	Ricks Family, <i>Carthage, MS</i>
Message.....	Pastor Lawrence Smith

Mulberry Community Church, Wilkinsburg, PA

Funeral Directors in Charge

## Recessional

Dad, you are my Hero in so many ways,  
and I am grateful to You  
I have respect for the man you were  
And the kind hearted things you did.

Your heart for me was Big as an Ocean.  
A soft side, we didn't often show.  
All of your life, you worked hard  
for your family.  
You taught me that...and helped me Grow.

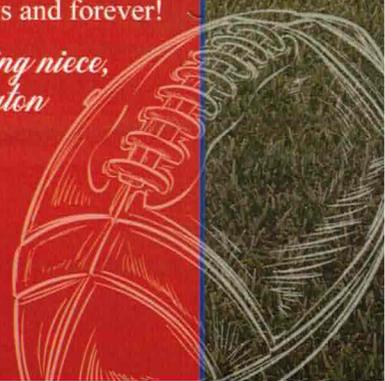
You were the man I knew I could lean on.  
Who fostered a strong sense of Pride.  
The Father who gave me his  
Love and Affection,  
and always remained by my side.

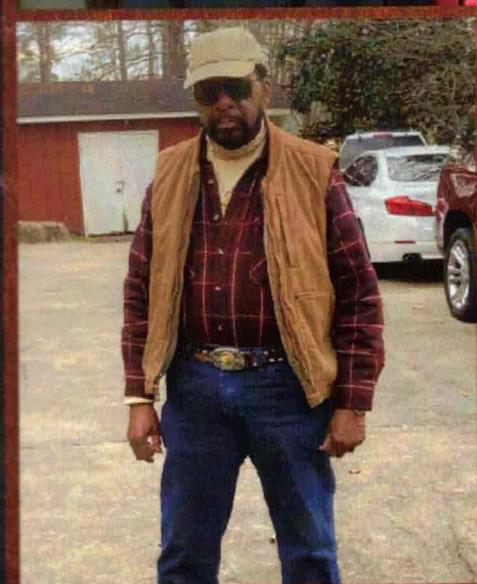
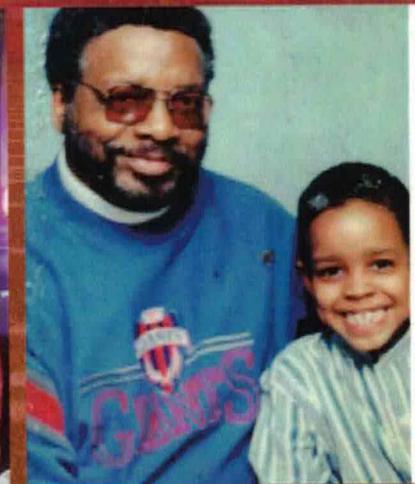
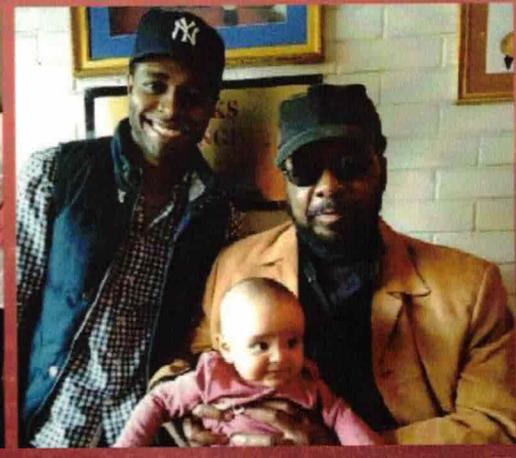
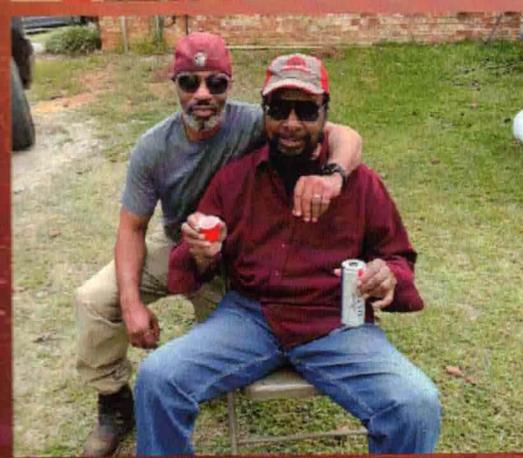
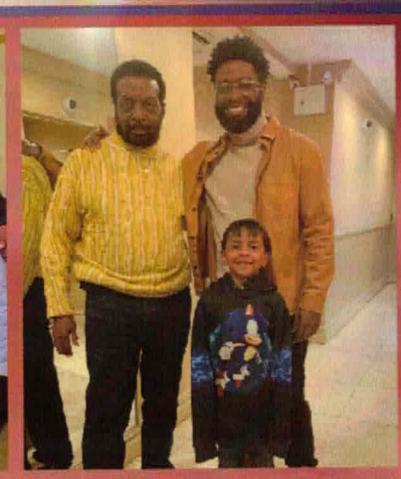
All of Life Dad, I will be Thankful  
That I had a Father like you  
I never had to search for a Hero  
The Hero in my life, was always YOU!

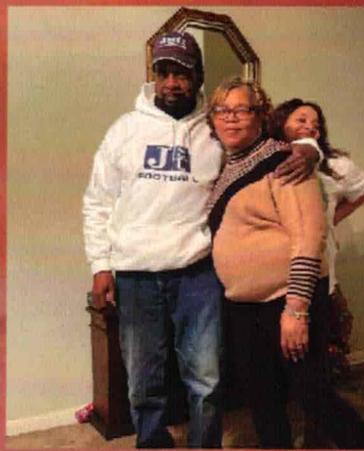
- *Your Daughter, Tracie*

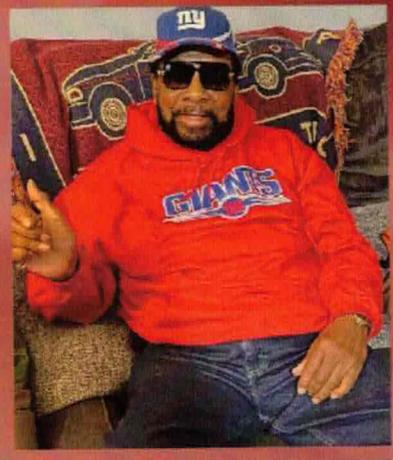
Uncle,  
You have been in my life for over 60  
years. I always remember you being there  
whether in person or a phone call away!  
Born in Mississippi, my mother and I  
came to New York a short time after. You,  
my father, and aunt Juanita watched me  
grow up and you helped raise me. You  
always said I was your first baby. My  
favorite story from you is when I took  
my many of first steps walking to you for  
your gold watch. I wanted to keep up with  
you no matter where you were. You will  
always have a special place in my heart  
with unforgettable memories and so much  
gratitude. I love you always and forever!

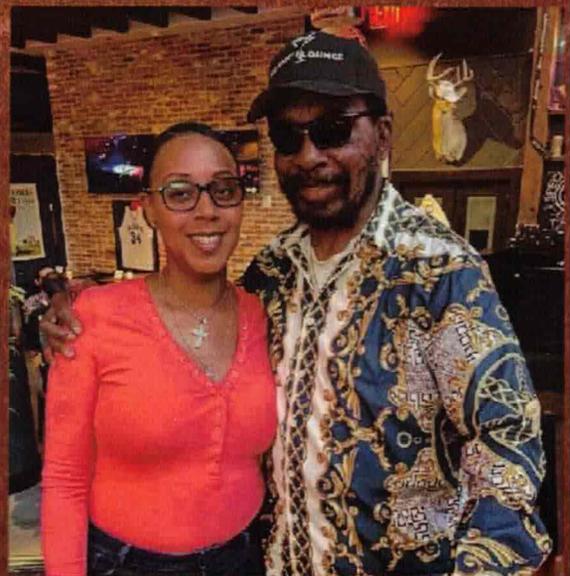
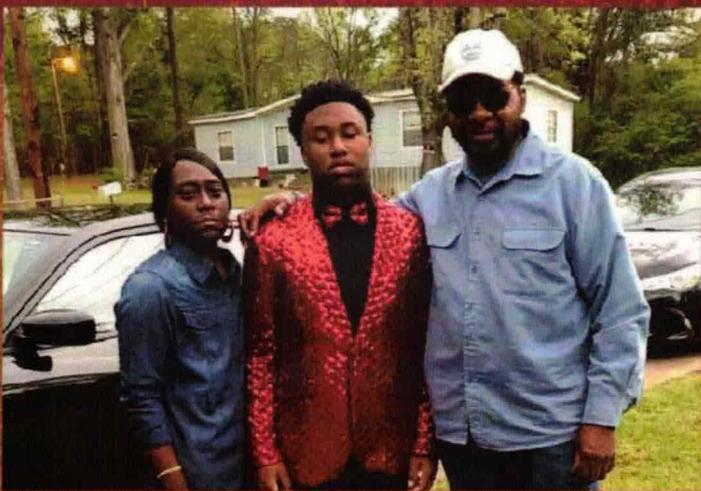
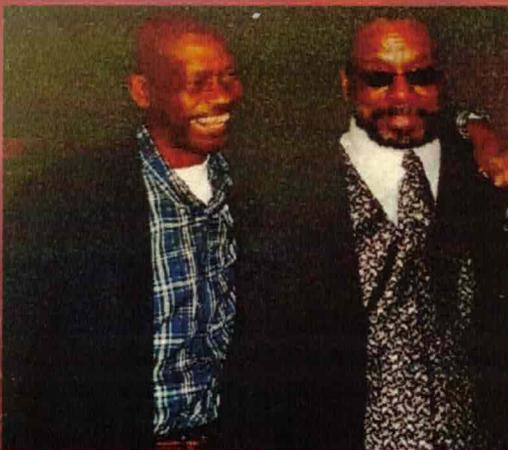
- *Your special loving niece,  
Anita Payton*











## ACTIVE PALLBEARERS

Victor Glenn	Justin Payton
Leon Chathman	Georgio Grace
Francisco Wilson	Brandon Willis

## HONORARY PALLBEARERS

Travis Willis	Charles Jackson
Eddie Hunt	Jerry Smith
Harvin Hudson	Julian Winters
Harold Dennis	Charles Kirksey
Gaddis McAfee	Dewey Sanders

## FLOWER BEARERS

Friends



## SPECIAL THANKS

The Homer Ricks family deeply appreciates the prayers, visits, phone calls, words of encouragement, and all acts of kindness during this time. Special thanks to Neshoba General Hospital and Nursing Home, Quality Hospice Care, Jerusalem Temple Church and Family. Also, a special thanks to Sylvia Crockett Hughes, Keshia Willis, Stephanie Dennis, Asaia Leach, and Debra Goodin.