

Pallbearers

Grandsons and Nephews

Floral Bearers

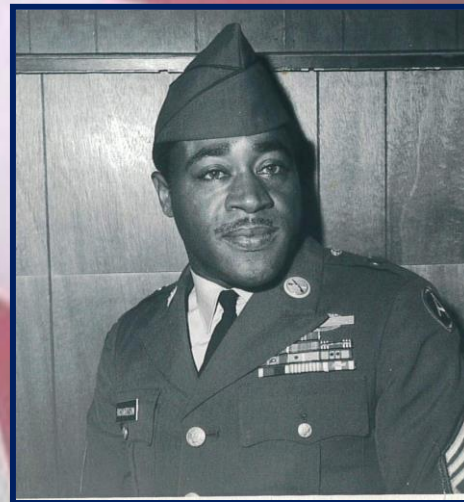
Granddaughters and Nieces

The Last Request

*Please don't say that I gave up,
just say that I gave in.
Don't say I lost the battle,
for it was God's war to lose or win
Please don't say how good I was,
but that I did my best
Just say I tried to do what's right,
To give the most I could, not less
Please don't give me wings
or halos, that's for God to do.
I want no more than I deserve,
no extra, just my due.
Please don't give flowers or talk
in real hushed tones
Don't be concerned about me now,
I'm well with God, I've made it home.
Don't talk about what could have been,
it's over and it's done.
Just see to all my family's needs,
especially my "special one!"*

Acknowledgement

We, the family of SGM (Ret.) Willie Howard Richardson, would like to thank everyone for their kind expressions. Perhaps you called, came by, sent flowers, gave food, cards, donations, or simply whispered a prayer, we thank you. May God continue to bless you is our prayer.



Services Entrusted To:

<p>Taylor Street Chapel 1831 Taylor Street Columbia, SC 29201 (803)771-7799 I. S. Leevy Johnson -Owner & Director-</p>	<p>Leevy's FUNERAL HOME</p>	<p>Lower Richland Chapel 9120 Garners Ferry Road Hopkins, SC 29061 (803) 776-6922 Leverette A. Williams, II -General Manager-</p>
<p>Chris Leevy Johnson -President & Managing Director-</p>		

In Honor of your Memory

SGM (Ret.) Willie Howard Richardson



"Sarge"

Thursday, September 29, 2022

11:00 a.m.

Leevy's Funeral Home Chapel

1831 Taylor Street

Columbia, South Carolina

Reverend Michael H. Baker

- Officiating -

Obituary

A Time To Be Born: Willie Howard Richardson was born on February 27, 1931, in Washington Wilkes County, Georgia. He was the oldest son of the late Wylie Richardson and Reba Hill Richardson. He was preceded in death by two brothers, Tom Wylie Richardson and Luther G. Richardson, and a grandson, James Mims; and a great-grandson, Honor Mims.

A Time To Plant: Willie Howard united with Flint Hill Baptist Church, in Washington, GA, at a very young age. He remained faithful to Flint Hill, where he traveled frequently from Columbia, SC to Washington, GA, especially on homecoming, church anniversary, and men's day. While living in Columbia, Willie Howard faithfully served at his wife's church, Greater St. Luke Baptist. He served on the men's ministry. He graduated from Washington Wilkes County High School, in Washington, GA, class of 1948.

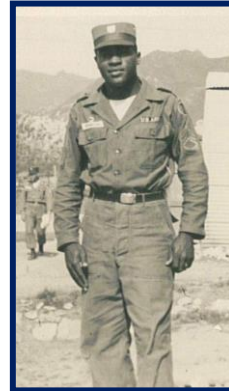
Service To His Country: Willie Howard enlisted in the US Army, in 1951, where he served for thirty years. He advanced to Sergeant Major. He taught ROTC at the Citadel, in Charleston, SC, where he retired in 1981. He also received the Bronze Medal and several honors of recognition.

A Time To Love: He met the love of his life, Annie Ruth Rogers, and married her on June 20, 1959, at Fort Dix, New Jersey. They were affectionately together for sixty-three years.

A Time To Die: God called Willie Howard home early Thursday morning, September 22, 2022 around 6:00 a.m.

A Time To Weep: Cherishing the happy times, he leaves his wife, Annie Ruth Rodgers Richardson; his daughter, Louise Mims, of Columbus, GA; brother, Rogers L. (Edwanita) Richardson, of Atlanta, GA; sister, Diane R. McLendon, of Jacksonville, FL; aunt, Anita Downer, of Washington, GA; granddaughter, Bonita Hubbard, of Columbus, GA; grandson, Dennis Mims, of Stockbridge, GA; brother-in-law, Robert Lee (Robena) Rodgers; two great-grandsons, five great-great-grandchildren; special nephew, William (Willie Lee) Franklin; a host of nieces, nephews, cousins, and friends, all of whom will miss him dearly.

Memories



Order of Celebration

Prelude.....Musician
 Processional.....Clergy, Family, and Friends
 Viewing.....Funeral Directors
 Musical Selection.....Mr. William Lee Franklin, *Nephew*
 Old and Testaments.....Reverend Willie Wilson
 Prayer.....Deacon Robert Cook
 Reflections:
 Meadowlake HOA.....Mr. Jeff Owens
 St. Luke Baptist Church.....Mr. Joe Geter
 Washington, GA Family.....Mr. Ed Jenkins
 Words of Comfort.....Reverend Michael H. Baker
 Recessional
 Postlude



Committal, Benediction and Interment

1:00 p.m.
Fort Jackson National Cemetery
4170 Percival Road
Columbia, South Carolina

Repast
M. L. Smith Center
5213 Farrow Road
Columbia, South Carolina