

Pallbearers

Deacons of First Nazareth Baptist Church

Floral Bearers

Deaconess of First Nazareth Baptist Church

Acknowledgment

We, the family of Deacon John Richardson is grateful to each of you for your many acts of kindness during this difficult time in our lives. Thank you to First Nazareth Baptist Church for your support and loving-kindness. A special thank you is extended to the Prisma Health Heart Staff and the US Department of Veterans Community Living Center Staff for helping to make the transition as peaceful as possible. We would also like to thank the Columbia Fisher House (Helping Military Families) for their generous hospitality during our difficult time. The kindness and thoughtfulness of all will forever remain in our hearts. May God continue to bless each of you.

~The Family~

*A Celebration of Life
In Loving Memory
of*

DEACON JOHN RICHARDSON



**SATURDAY, APRIL 27, 2024
1:00 P.M.**

**FIRST NAZARETH BAPTIST CHURCH
2351 GERVAIS STREET
COLUMBIA, SOUTH CAROLINA**

**REVEREND DR. BLAKELY N. SCOTT
-PASTOR-**

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Reflections of the Life of Deacon John “Rick” Richardson

Deacon John “Rick” Richardson was born in Monticello, Florida, on July 23, 1936, to the late Garfield (L.B.) Richardson and the late Marie Hadley. He served in the United States Army branch of the military and received his associate degree at Augusta Technical College.

One of his accomplishments while at Augusta Tech was building the college marquee, which was displayed at the front of the campus. He later built a successful business, Richardson Painting & Repair, LLC. John was very active with First Nazareth; he served on the Deacon’s Ministry, sang in the Jubilee Choir and Brotherhood Chorus, enhanced his Christian knowledge through bible study and Sunday school, participated with the Deaconess Fellowship, and volunteered with the Food Pantry. He was a wonderful example of a Stewart Leader and follower of Christ.

Preceding him in death was his bonus mother, Florene Richardson; sister, Rosalee Terrell; brother, A.J. Nance (Mary); brothers-in-love, M.C Smothers and Wesley Davis; parents-in-love, William and Strannie Ruff Martin; and bonus mother-in-love, Rubylee Martin

On March 23, 1962, he was joined in holy matrimony to the late Willie Mae Martin. This union was blessed with three children: Veronica Richardson of Lexington, SC; Doris (Richardson) Gibson of Charlotte, NC; and John (Tony) Richardson (Chelsea) of Atlanta, GA.

He is also survived by his two daughters, Sharon Fritz of Salt Lake City, Utah, and Rita Holloway of Columbia, SC; three brothers, Garfield Richardson, Jr. of Winter Haven, Fl., James Clyde Richardson (Nancy) of Vancouver, WA, and Carl Watts, of Tampa, Fl.; three sisters, Betty Smothers, of Winter Haven, FL, Earnestine Davis of Bartow, Fl., and Shirley Long (Curtis), Nashville, TN; a host of grandchildren and great-grandchildren. of sisters & brothers-in-love, daughter-in-love, nieces, nephews, and special friends.

I’M FREE

**Don’t grieve for me for now I’m free,
I’m following the path God laid for me
I took his hand when I heard him call,
I turned my back and left it all
I could not stay another day,
To laugh, to love, to work or play
Tasks left undone must stay that way,
I’ve found that peace at the close of day
If my parting has left a void,
Then fill it with remembered joy
A friendship shared, a laugh, a kiss,
Ah yes, these things I too will miss
Be not burdened with times of sorrow,
I wish for you the sunshine of tomorrow
My life’s been full, I’ve savored much,
Good friends, good times, my loved one’s touch
If my time seemed all too brief,
Don’t lengthen it now with undue grief
Lift up your heart, rejoice with me,
God wanted me now, He set me free.**

Memories



Order of Service

Prelude
 Processional
 Viewing.....Funeral Directors
 Opening Hymn.....First Nazareth Baptist Church Choir
 Old Testament.....Psalm 23.....Minister
 New Testament.....John 14:1-6.....Minister
 Prayer of Comfort.....Reverend Dr. Blakely N. Scott
 Solo..... “Ride On, King Jesus”.....Mr. Carl Watts, Brother
 Remarks.....Mr. Garfield Richardson
 (Two Minutes, Please) Ms. Sharon Fritz
 Deacon Lorenza Breedlove, FNBC
 Mr. Zack Spence
 Mr. Edward Spigner
 Musical Selection.....“God’s Got A Blessing”.....Minister Sidney Grant
 Resolution.....First Nazareth Baptist Church
 Poem.....Ms. Veronica Richardson
 Hymn.....First Nazareth Baptist Church Jubilee Choir
 Words of Comfort.....Reverend Dr. Blakely N. Scott
 Recessional
 Postlude



Committal, Benediction, and Interment
Greenlawn Memorial Park
7100 Garners Ferry Road
Columbia, South Carolina

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