# Celebrating the Life

Michael Richardson

July 13, 1949 - November 26, 2011

Service

Saturday, December 3, 2011 - 2:00 p.m.

COMMUNITY BAPTIST CHURCH OF LOVE 535 Broadway Paterson, New Jersey

Rev. Frederick H. LaGarde, Jr., Pastor



<u>Reflections of Life</u>

Michael Richardson was born in Jersey City, NJ on July 13, 1949, the fifth child of the late Samuel and Cathryn (Canady) Richardson. He moved to Paterson at an early age and was reared by his special parents, the late Robert and Ola Mae Daniels. He received his education and guidance under their care.

After thirty-five years of employment with Verizon Telephone Company, he retired. He experienced three years of retirement.

He met and married Rosa (Singletary) Richardson in 1980.

Michael Richardson of Paterson, New Jersey shed his earthly garment to don his heavenly robe on Saturday, November 26, 2011, after a short illness at St. Joseph Hospital and Medical Center in Paterson, NJ.

He leaves to cherish memories: his wife, Rosa C. Richardson; one son, Gregory Crockett; two daughters, Lateefa Richardson and Regina De Loach of Little Falls, NJ, three grandchildren, Brianna M. Crockett, Aniliyah H. Richardson and Alex William De Loach of Little Falls. NJ; two brothers, David Canady of Paterson, NJ and Clarence Richardson of Hopkin, SC; three godchildren, Teshon Hayes of Maryland, William Singletary and Latisha Singletary of Paterson, NJ; eight sisters-in-law, Mable Richardson of Hopkin, SC, Rebecca Poindexter, Coretha Singletary, Venita Joyce Singletary, Celestine Singletary and Shawn Singletary of Paterson, NJ, Anna S. Thomas of Chesapeake, VA and Anita P. Singletary of West Orange, NJ; six brothers-in-law, Gene (Sam), James Ervin, Robert, James LM, Joe Lewis all of Paterson, NJ and Eddie (KB) Thomas of Chesapeake, VA; his special long time friends, Wallace Hayes, Dee and Ross; and a host of nieces, nephews, other family members and friends.

<u>Order of Service</u>

Processional	Clergy and The Family
Hymn of Consolation "Ho	ld To God's Unchanging Hands"
Scripture Readings	Rev. Troy Thompson
Invocation/Opening Prayer	Rev. Amery Johnson
Musical Selection	"Pass Me Not"
Acknowledgements & CondolencesP	resented by Bragg Funeral Home
Reflections and Remarks	(2 minutes please)
Musical Selection	"Precious Lord"
Eulogy	Rev. La Rita Wilson
Benediction	Rev. La Rita Wilson

### **Interment**

East Ridgelawn Cemetery Clifton, New Jersey

Family and Friends are invited for a repast following the interment back at the church.



*I Love You For So Many Reasons There are so many things I loved about you-*

Your generous spirit, your gentle heart, your passionate soul, the joy you brought to every day.

And there are so many caring ways you showed. Your deep commitment to our relationship and to family. With every year we spent together, it was a lifetime of beautiful reasons why I LOVE YOU and why I ALWAYS WILL.

### He Was Different

He was different, he was special, unique in a thousand ways, he was giving; he was loving and we'll miss him all our days. There are those who covet fame and court it lake a dame, there are those who covet wealth, kneeling in it claim.

But he was different. There are some who strive for praise they yearn for world applause, there are some who chase sweet comfort as their one and only cause, but He was different. There are some who race for power, sure 'twill bring them joy, some who long for pleasure, seeing time an endless toy, But He was different. He knew sorrow in great measure, and was stung by illness, too, But neither could defeat Him, nothing, His faith subdue. And when He heard death coming, He didn't cower in fear; instead, he called out boldly, "My Lord, I'm over here!" So instead of mourning as we remember Him this hour, we really should be celebrating the blooming of a flower. But forgive us, Lord, for pining, for wishing He were here, it's hard to give up someone we have come to love so dear. Because vou see .... He was Different, He was special, Unique in a thousand ways, He was loving, He was giving, and we'll miss Him, miss Him, miss Him All our davs.

We'll always love you Dad/PaPa. Your children and grandchildren

## Asleep

I've closed my eyes and fallen asleep, So there's no reason for you to weep; This is a debt we all must pay, You will see me again someday. I've endured pain and sometimes sorrow, Now I don't have to worry about tomorrow. But life for you must go on, You must not worry because I'm gone. You stood beside me all the way, When I was down, you knew what to say ... You always told me, "get some rest," Let me sleep now, I've done my best. So please let me rest in peace, The tears you're shedding soon will cease. You'll soon realize

#### Thank You

Rev. Frederick H. LaGarde, Jr. and the Community Baptist Church of Love Family.

The family wishes to thank the staff of St. Joseph Hospital, Paterson, NJ for all the support and help received during this trying time. Thanks to Dr. Angelo Bellardini, Dr. Eugene Zeltser and Dr. Michael Maroules. Your professional care meant so much to us.

#### <u>Acknowledgements</u>

We are deeply appreciative and grateful for all your acts of kindness, your cards, your calls,tokens of love, your presence and prayers.

The family

#### **Pallbearers**

*Eddie Thomas Maurice Singletary Olliver Singletary*  James Singletary Maquise Singletary Robert Singletary

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