

In Loving Memory Of

Presiding Elder

Richard T. Druid

Sunrise
June 5, 1937

Sunset
July 28, 2013

Service

Saturday, August 3, 2013 - 10:00 a.m.

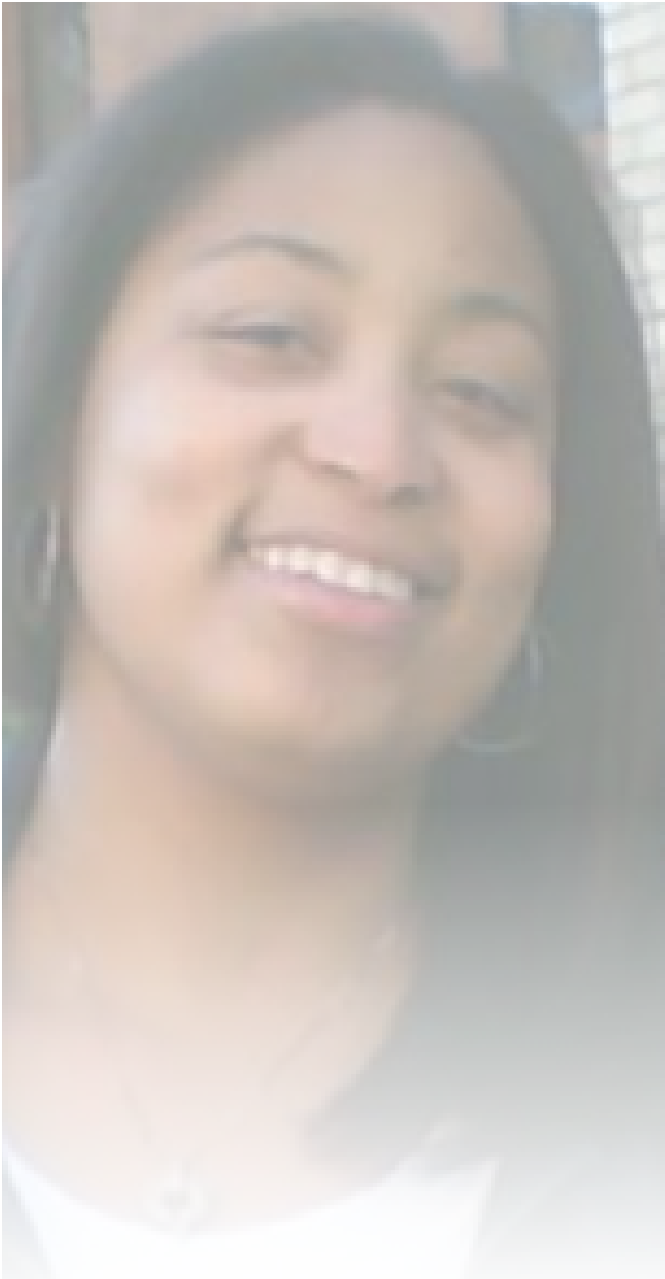
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Right Rev. Gregory G.M. Ingram

Presiding Bishop



Dear Dad,
Words are not easy to come by in circumstances such as these, where ones we love are no longer with us. Nonetheless, I'd like to say having you as a father taught me many things, such as to always exceed your greatest expectations. To be honest and Helpful. To protect your most prized possession which is yourself. So for all those things your genetics have embedded within me I thank you. And while you are no longer here physically your legacy of triumph lives on within me.

**Forever you are loved your daughter,
Porscha A. Glisson**

Acknowledgements

The family wishes to acknowledge with deep appreciation the many expressions of love, concern and kindness shown to their family during this hour of bereavement.

May God Bless and Keep You!

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Order of Worship

Rev. Dr. Kenneth L. Saunders, Sr., Worship Leader

Musical Prelude	Robert L. Arrington
Processional	Clergy & Family
Doxology	
Opening Hymn	“God Will Take Care Of You”
Prayer of Comfort	Bishop Reginald T. Jackson Prelate of the 20th District and Ecumenical Officer
Prayer Response	“He’s Sweet I Know”
Scriptures	
Old Testament - Isaiah 6:1-3	Rev. Dr. James Coaxum, III
Gospel - John 14:1-6	Rev. Lynda Rassmann
New Testament - 1st Corinthians 15:44-58	Rev. Charles Wilkins, Sr.
Selection	Choir
Tribute/Reflections	P.E. Joseph D. Patterson, Sr. (Retired) P.E. John G. Regan (Retired) P.E. Larry Dixon (A.C. District) P.E. Herbert L. Eddy (President P.E. Council)
Resolutions/Acknowledgements	Rev. Dr. Lesly Devereaux
Obituary	Rev. Regina L. Thomas
Selection	Rev. Dr. Kim Anderson
Eulogy	Rt. Rev. Gregory G.M. Ingram Presiding Prelate 1st Episcopal District
Benediction	Bishop Ingram
Recessional	

Entombment

Woodbridge Memorial Gardens
Woodbridge, New Jersey

Obituary

Presiding Elder Richard T. Druid was reared in Atlantic City, New Jersey, where he attended the public schools and graduated from the Atlantic City High School. He was a resident of Edison for the past twenty-five years and formerly of Clark, NJ. He was raised in Second Baptist Church, Atlantic City under the care of his loving parents, who were devout members. Richard was known for his athletic prowess, his engaging smile, pleasant personality, was very popular among his peers, and was a lover of sports, notably basketball.

He left Atlantic City as a young man and was eventually called into God's service. Although he was reared and nurtured at Second Baptist Church in Newark, God had great things for him to do in the African Methodist Episcopal Church. Rev. Druid joined the pulpit staff at St. Luke A.M.E. Church in Newark, where he became a protégé of Rev. John G. Ragin. He pastored at the Mt. Zion A.M.E. Church in Princeton; Allen A.M.E. Church in Newark and Mt. Zion A.M.E. Church in Plainfield where he rendered outstanding service.

Eighteen years ago, the Right Rev. Philip R. Cousin, then Bishop of the First Episcopal District, selected him to become one of the presiding elders in his cabinet. Since that time, he has led the rising Atlantic City District into a position of prominence within the African Methodist Episcopal Church. Presiding Elder Druid was known as Dean of the New Jersey Conference Presiding Elders, he was the second most Senior Presiding Elder of the 1st Episcopal District and Vice President of the Presiding Elders Council, he was well known as a dynamic preacher, organizer, fundraiser and dedicated servant of God. He became one of the outstanding leaders not only in the Atlantic City District but throughout the entire connection. He retired June 2013.

Presiding Elder Druid was a "People Person". He treated each of his pastors and every member of the Atlantic City District with dignity and respect. He always encouraged everyone to do their best. Bold and intrepid, he was the first Presiding Elder, along with his district, to host the New Jersey Annual Conference at a hotel. In the year 2000, the seat of the New Jersey Conference was held at the Sheraton Hotel in Atlantic City.

He was an amiable man with an infectious sense of humor and a big heart. "Richie" was also a compassionate person, who during her extended illness diligently ministered to the needs of his late wife, Ernestine, the beloved First Lady of the Atlantic City District.

Among his notable characteristics, these are two that stand out; he was a man of his word and if he was your friend, he would be your friend through thick and thin. The A.M.E. Church, New Jersey Conference and especially the Atlantic City District were blessed to have this giant of a man to walk among them.

He was Owner operator of RTD Management Corp. Elder Druid was a veteran of the U.S. Air-force.

He was predeceased by his loving wife, Ernestine, parents, John and Marion and three brothers, Donald, John & Webster. He leaves to cherish his memory: his daughter, Porshca Glisson; sisters-in-law, Edna McLaughlin, Willean Anderson and Rodean Druid; devoted caregiver, La-Tanja Edwards; godson, Kenneth L. Saunders; and a host of devoted family and friends.

