

In Loving Memory of

A portrait of Deacon Robert Richardson, an African American man with short hair, wearing a white dress shirt and a patterned tie. The background is a soft-focus indoor setting with a green door and a plant.

Deacon Robert Richardson

Sunrise: August 26, 1928

Sunset: April 17, 2014

Tuesday, April 29, 2014 - 6:30 p.m.

Greater Refuge Temple

2081 Adam Clayton Powell, Jr. Blvd. • New York, NY

Bishop Charles Wright, Sr., Officiating

A large, rustic wooden cross is positioned in the lower right corner of the memorial card. The background of the entire card features a soft, golden-hued sunset or sunrise over a landscape.

Obituary

Deacon Robert Andrew Richardson

Deacon Robert Richardson was born August 26, 1928 to the late Robert Richardson Sr. and Fannie Richardson in Georgia Rails, Virginia. He was one of three children, he was preceded in death by his only sister. He relocated to Harlem with his mother at a early age, was educated in the public school system. The Greater Refuge Temple was his church home from a very early age, attending with his mother and siblings.

Bobby affectingly called by family and friends joined the Army in October of 1948 and was discharged in May of 1952 after serving in the Korean War.

Bobby returned to his church home was Baptized in Jesus' name and received the Holy Spirit. He attended the Bible School at the Church of Christ Bible Institute. He became a diligent worker for Christ and many of his early years in Refuge Temple were spent as a active member. Serving the Lord was an extremely important part of his life and something he loved with all of his heart. Deacon Richardson served the Lord for over 65 years. Deacon Richardson was a member of the Deacon Board and was the oldest serving Senior Deacon. There are many aspects of Deacon Richardson service to the Lord not listed here, and was not only limited to the Deacon Board.

He met and married Sister Annette Richardson on September 15, 1956. Sister Richardson preceded her husband in death in February 2007. This was an extremely difficult time for Deacon Richardson, they were a couple that participated in many aspect of their church home, if you saw Annette you were sure to see Bobby.

He was a faithful husband to his loving wife Annette, and a devoted son-in law to, Annette's mother Mother Vernell Bright who is 100 years young. Deacon Robert Richardson departed this mortal life for the new life promised by Christ where death will be no more, on April 17 2014 after a long illness.

God has truly given him a fruitful life and we thank Him for allowing him to enrich our lives here on earth. He will remain in the hearts of his family and church family. Deacon Robert Richardson leaves to mourn his brother Roosevelt Richardson and his mother in law Mother Vernell Bright, one niece Mona Richardson, a host of cousins, relatives, godchildren, friends and his family here at The Greater Refuge Temple.

Submitted in Sorrow
The Family

Order of Service

Musical Interlude

ProcessionalClergy and Family

Selection.....Brotherhood Choir

Prayer of Comfort

Scripture

Old Testament - Psalm 39:1-13

New Testament - 1 Corinthians 15:50-58

Resolution..... Deacon Golden Hudson

Acknowledgement of Cards Sister Lucille Fore

Obituary..... Sister Sherell Sutton
Goddaughter

Eulogy..... Bishop Charles Wright Sr.

Viewing

Recessional

Benediction

Interment

Springfield Cemetery
Springfield Gardens, New York

He Is Gone

*You can shed tears that he is gone,
Or you can smile because he lived,
You can close your eyes and pray that he will
come back, Or you can open your eyes and see
all that he has left. Your heart can be empty
because you can't see him Or you can be full of
the love that you shared, You can turn your back
on tomorrow and live yesterday, Or you can be
happy for tomorrow because of yesterday. You
can remember him and only that he is gone or
you can cherish his memory and let it live on, You
can cry and close your mind be empty and turn
your back, Or you can do what he would want:
smile, open your eyes, love and go on.*

-Author unknown

Acknowledgement

*The family acknowledges with deep appreciation all acts of
kindness extended to them during this bereavement hour.
May God bless you for all your thoughtfulness and concern.*

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