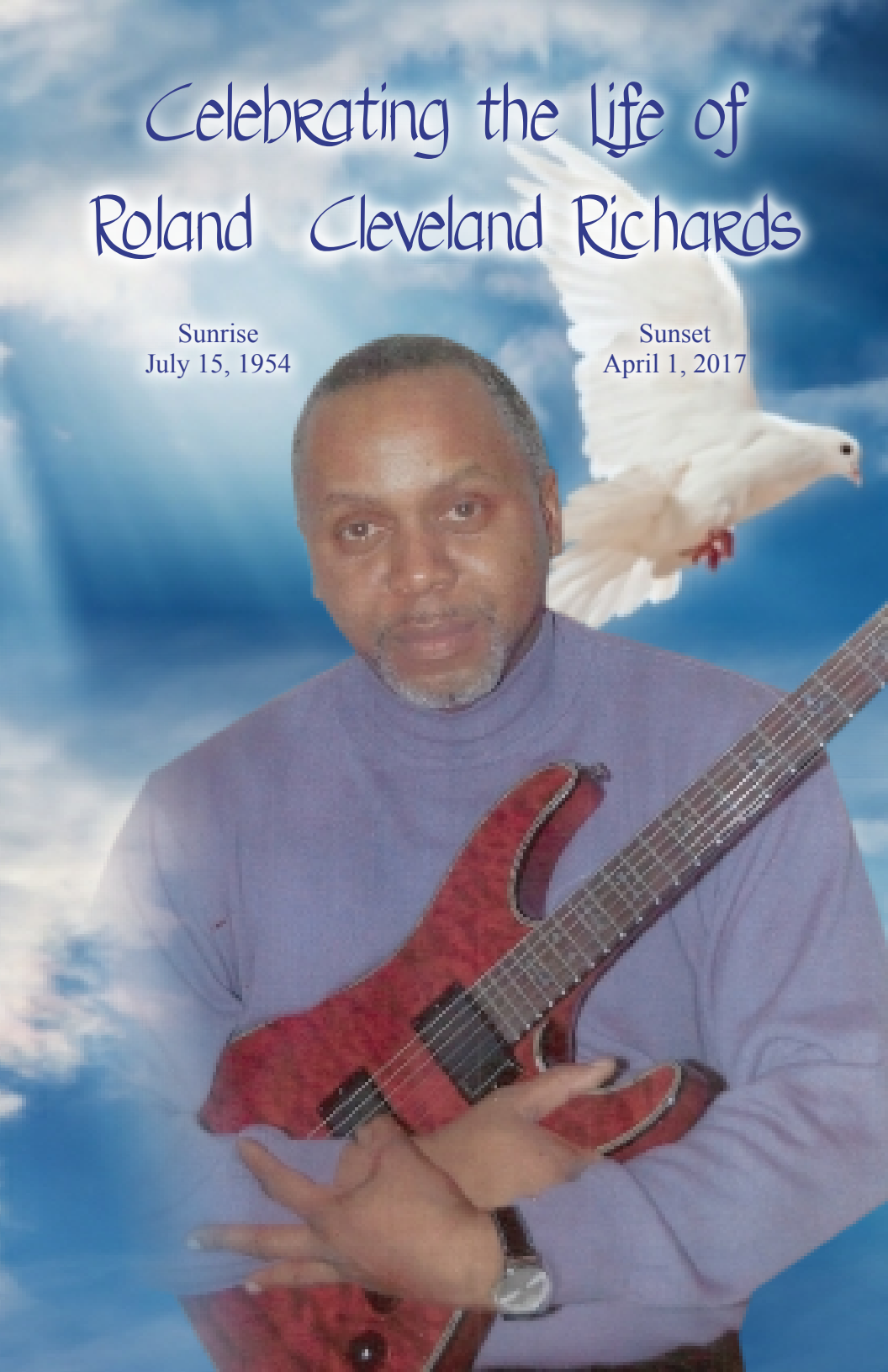


Celebrating the Life of Roland Cleveland Richards

Sunrise
July 15, 1954

Sunset
April 1, 2017



Obituary

Roland was the first born of Alice F. Richards and Randolph Richards. Roland Cleveland Richards was called home to be with our Lord and Savior on Saturday, April 1, 2017 in Jersey City. Roland was born July 15, 1954 in Newark, NJ. He attended and graduated from Blessed of Sacrament Elementary School and also graduated from South Side High School.

From the age of five, Roland taught himself to play many instruments and later went on to form his own group and label “Cash Money” as the lead guitarist. Roland was affectionately known as “Rich” throughout his adolescence and musical career. Later on in life he built his own studio “OGM / Rich Productions”, where he taught himself to engineer and opened the doors for various local artists; sometimes for free.

Unbeknownst to many, Roland dedicated most of his life serving as a minister. He later was ordained as a pastor speaking at churches all over. Roland decided to carry on with his own ministries “See the Light” where he touched many lives.

To cherish his memory, Roland leaves his wife, Josephine Goodnight; daughters, Persenzia Givens of Ohio, Sha’ron T. Ellis of Vauxhall, NJ, Alicia Ellis of Parlin, NJ, Princess Richards of Newark, NJ, Shani Stafford of Newark, NJ, Catresa Richards of Vauxhall, NJ; his mother, Alice F. Richards of Newark, NJ; his siblings, Sharon Sarah Richards of Newark, NJ, Abdul Jalil (Trina Jalil) of Newark, NJ, the late Byron Richards of Newark, NJ, Percinda Demps (Arthur Demps) of PA, Terrance Richards (Lulit Richards), Rodney Pierce Richards (Latreese Pierce) and several grandchildren, nieces and nephews.

Service
Saturday, April 8, 2017 - 9:30 a.m.

Whigham Funeral Home
580 Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd.
Newark, New Jersey
Pastor Doris Cherry, Officiating
Roland Washington, Organist

Order of Service

Prelude Mr. Roland Washington

Processional

Scripture Reading - John 14:1-4Jacquelyn Richards

Prayer.....William Thomas

Solo.....“I Won’t Complain”
Ricky Richards

Expressions Lannie Thomas
Indira Singh

Obituary & Acknowledgments

Remarks

Solo.....“The Blood”
Ricky Richards

Eulogy.....Reverend Alfred Adams

Recessional

Repast
St. Mark A.M.E Church
587 Springdale Avenue, East Orange, NJ, 07017

An Eternal Memory...

Until We Meet Again

*Those special memories of you
Will always bring a smile
If only I could have you back
For just a little while
Then we could sit and talk again
Just like we used to do
You always meant so very much
And always will do too
The fact that you're no longer here
Will always cause me pain
But you're forever in my heart
Until we meet again*

Pallbearers

Hassan Jalil Kamil Jalil
Wah Jalil Ti'Drya Ellis

Acknowledgement

The family wishes to express their sincere thanks and appreciation for all acts of kindness and expressions of sympathy that was shown to them during this time of bereavement.

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