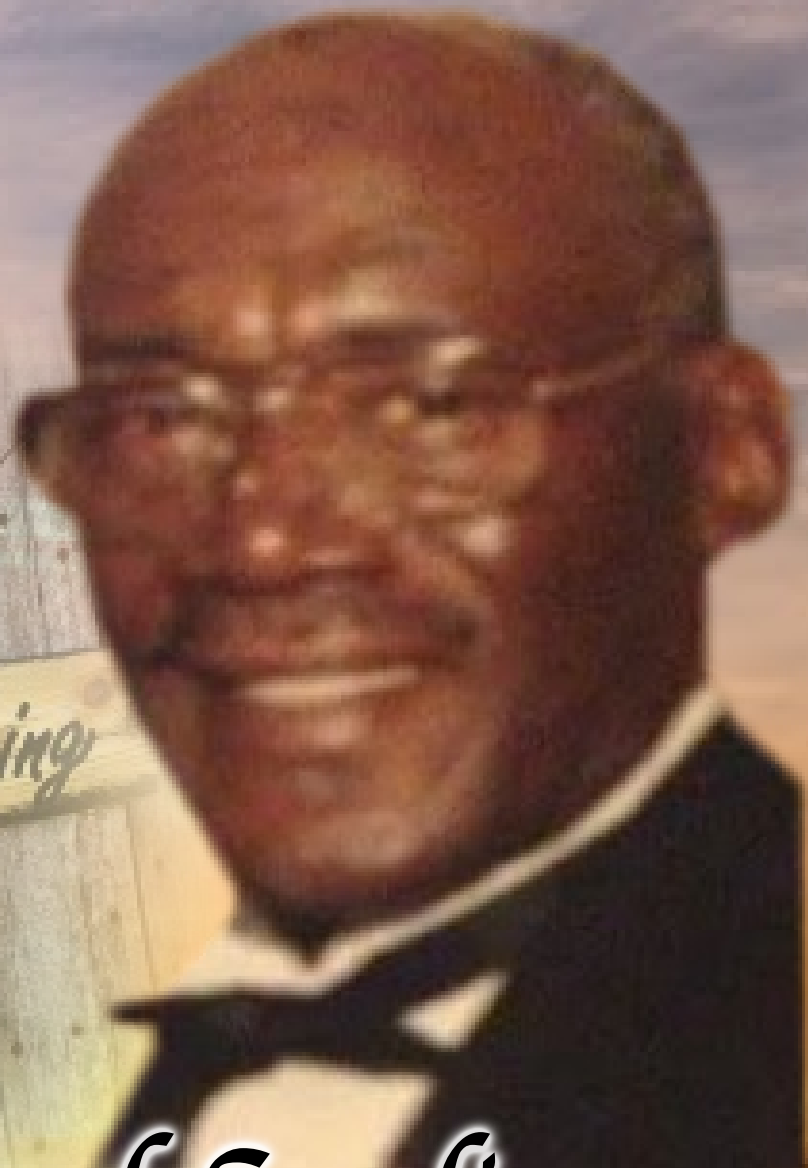


*Home-Going Celebration
of
Life For*



Gone Fishing

Richard Starling

Sunrise: September 14, 1930 - **Sunset:** March 31, 2017

Service

Saturday, April 8, 2017 ~ 9:00 am

Bethlehem Missionary Baptist Church

1002 Rivington Street, Roselle, New Jersey

Reverend Jeffery Bryan, Officiating

Reverend Richard D. Starling, Eulogist



Husband

My husband was a blessing sent from heaven above
A gift from God, for our family to love
A helping hand that was always there
A loving friend who would always care
And who all of our burdens would share
My husband what a blessing.
Those guiding hands that lead us
To the straight and narrow way.
And teaching lips that help us to learn
More and more each day.
A comfort when things didn't go right
An angel watching over us through the night
Protecting us with all his might
My husband, what a blessing
My husband put his family first,
Before himself always
He always tried to do his best
To give us better days
By sacrificing each and every day.
He set examples for us, all the way.
Remembering always
to serve God and pray.
My husband, what a blessing.
Good husbands never die.
They live with God eternally
And one day, when we meet again, how happy
We will be, in his footsteps we now go
And will follow God and we will show
That his work was not in vain.
Oh no, my husband,
what a blessing.



Processional.....Choir

A Final Glance

Selection.....“Uncloudy Day” Choir

Invocation Prayer.....Reverend J. Randall Wright

Community Baptist Church Bristol, Pennsylvania

Holy Scriptures:

Old Testament.....Reverend Marlon Wilson

New Testament.....Reverend Reginald Wright

Prayer of Comfort.....Reverend Tammy Bahjah

Words of Comfort.....Deacon Deal Wright

Solo.....“When I See Jesus”Larry D. Norman

Expression of Love (2 minutes please):

Niece: Crystal Wright / Nephew: Deacon Sean Wilson

Family Member: Deacon Wes Coleman

Oldest Grandchildren: Kristina, Robert, Christopher, Marquis and Omar

Acknowledgements/Obituary.....Dana Ross/Cheri S. Morris

Solo.....Courtney Norman

Eulogy.....Reverend Richard D. Starling

Christ Community Church Union, New Jersey

Interment
Rosehill Cemetery
Linden, New Jersey

Services Entrusted To:

G.G. Woody Funeral Home, LLC

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A Time To Be Born...

Richard Starling was born September 14, 1930 to the late Ben and Anna Starling in Cuthbert, Georgia. He was one of fourteen sisters and brothers.

A Time To Grow...

Richard received his formal education at Pumpkin Town Jr. High Cuthbert, Georgia.



When he was young one Christmas he and his sister Eddie Marie Wilson got a whooping from Maw because they were so excited to get a nickel & a dime for Christmas and they began to sing I got a nickel I got a dime and baby wont you be mine. Well you know Anna Starling wasn't trying to hear that style music especially not on Christ Birthday.

A Time To Love...



Richard married the love of his life Barbara G. Wright on December 27, 1958.

He loved his family and was a good provider, he loved being around his children, grandchildren and great grand children especially on Sunday's while enjoying Barbara's Soul Food Meals. Richard enjoyed playing the game of baseball he was one of the best from the stories he told.

He played in the Negro Baseball League in Roselle, New Jersey. He would often travel back to Cuthbert to visit his family and friends but we knew the real reason was to go fishing and sometime hunting which was two of his favorite pastimes. He had many big catches over the years. While visiting his sister in law in Alabama he was in the local newspaper for catching the largest catfish of the season.


He also loved to bowl as well, ask his friends at the Jersey Lanes Bowling Alley in Linden, New Jersey. On a couple of occasions he bowled a 300 perfect score which is equivalent to 12 strikes in a row.

A Time To Labor...

Upon arrival to New Jersey in 1957, Richard Starling landed a job at Allen Industries until 1972.

Prior to his retirement in 1998 Richard Starling was employed as a truck driver for Posnock Kosher Foods for many years.

Richard Starling was baptized at the Piney Grove Baptist Church in Cuthbert, GA. As a teenager growing up in Cuthbert Richard use to sing in a gospel quartet with a few of his cousins.

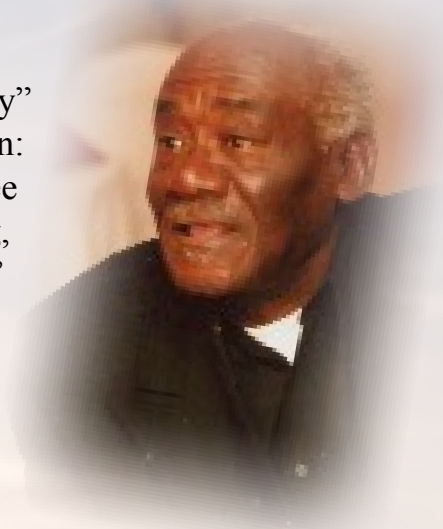


At the time of his death he was a member of Christ Community Church in Union, NJ for over 10 years.

From Labor to Reward

Richard Starling departed this earth to his heavenly home on Friday, March 31, 2017.

He is preceded in death by his son: Robert Wendell “Bay-Bay” Starling, daughter: Carolyn Sonae Starling-Harris, grandson: Willie “Booney” Charles III, granddaughter: Quiana Sheree Starling Chestnut, brothers: Woodrow and Wilson Starling, Lucious Starling Sr., Willie Dee Starling, Jimmie Lee “Bro” Starling and sisters; Lucille “Darling” Calloway and Bennie Lee “Sista”Newkirk.



Richard Starling Legacy that will cherish his memory...

His Beautiful Virtuous Woman of a Wife:

Barbara G. Starling

One Son:

Reverend Richard Darnell (Cheryl) Starling of Union, New Jersey

Four Daughters:

Raynetta Carter of Plainfield New Jersey, Joyce Ann Moore and Cheryl (Larry) Norman both of Willingboro New Jersey and Cheri (Antonio) Morris of Bear, Delaware.

Fifteen Grandsons:

Omar, Samier, Jaquan, Joel, Isaiah, Robert, Kayin, Marquise, Jerrod, Darnell, Kalief, Christopher, Antonio, Joshua and Elijah

Eleven Granddaughters:

Shontae, Tynasia, Shanise, Nila, Kristina, Jasmine, Asia, Shakira, Jessica, Courtney and April

Twenty-Five Great-Grands:

Shariqua, Dylan, Imani, Sonae, Marquis, Aliyah, Amir, Shiah, Javon, Kayla, Elaysha, KeAsia, Lyric, CJ, Kristen, Phoenix, Isabella, Trey, Nasir, Malachi, Brielle, Ava, Jayden, Brianna, Kayla, Jihad, Jayden, Jordan and Javon

Two Great-Great Grands:

Mah'ciah and Aminah

One Brother:

Otis (Sarah) Starling of Roselle, New Jersey

Five Sisters:

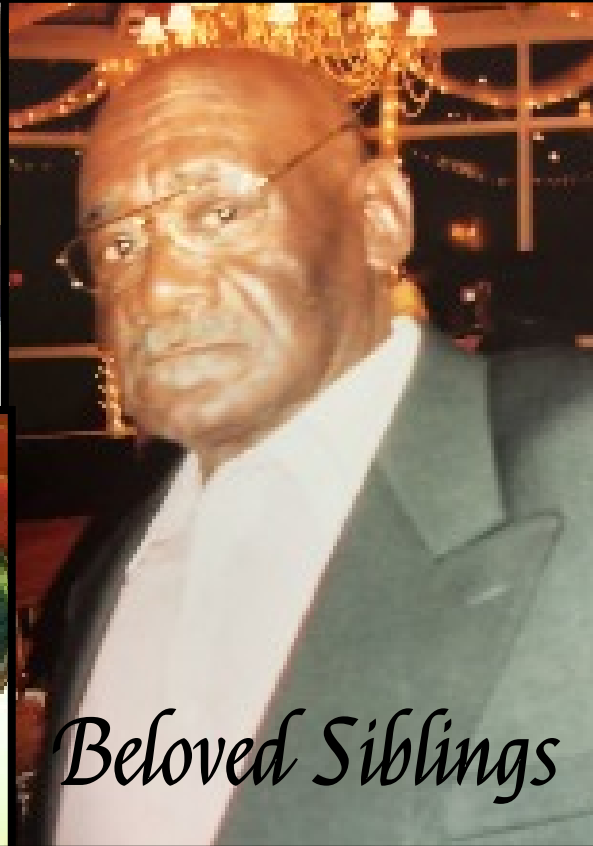
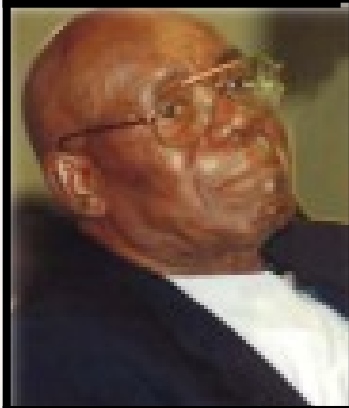
Eddie Marie "Dutch" Wilson of Rahway, NJ, Ethel Mae Thomas of Charlotte, NC, Lula (Curlie) Burks of Cincinnati, OH, Vivian Brown of Elizabeth, NJ and Levonna (Ronnie) Coleman of Perth Amboy, NJ. And a host of nieces, nephews, cousins, in-laws and friends.

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Pallbearers

Omar Wadley, Joel Starling, Robert Starling,
Marquis Starling, Kalief Norman and Christopher Morris

When Tomorrow Starts Without Me

When tomorrow starts without me, and I'm not there to see if the sun should rise and find your eyes, all filled with tears for me. I wish so much you wouldn't cry, the way you did today, while thinking of the many things, we didn't get to say. I know how much you love me, as much as I love you, and each time that you think of me, I know you'll miss me too. But when tomorrow starts without me, please try to understand that an angel came and called my name, and took me by the hand and said, "my place was ready, in heaven far above and that I'd have to leave behind, all those I dearly love." But when I walked through heaven's gates, I felt so much at home. When God looked down and smiled at me, from His great golden throne. He said "This is eternity, and all I've promised you." Today for life on earth is past, but here it starts anew. I promise no tomorrow, for today will always last. And since each day's the same way, there's no longing for the past. So when tomorrow starts without me, don't think we're far apart. For every time you think of me, I'm right here in your heart.

-Author unknown

*Repast following the service at
John T. Gregorio Recreation Center*

Acknowledgement

The family of **Richard Starling** extends its deepest appreciation to the many friends who contributed prayers, concern, love and expressions of sympathy during this time of great sorrow.

May God bless each of you.

