

Celebrating the Life of



Walter J. Ricks

“Buck”

Sunrise: October 13, 1943 - Sunset: April 10, 2017



Reflections of Life

Walter J “Buck” Ricks was born on October 13, 1943 in Wakefield, VA. He was the eldest son of 11 children born to the late Walter and Elsie Mae Ricks.

Walter received his formal education in the Waverly Public School System. He accepted Jesus Christ as his Lord and Savior at an early age and was baptized at the Liberty Baptist Church in Waverly, VA.

Walter migrated to Paterson, NJ in 1961, later moving to Passaic for a short time before settling in Clifton in 1993. He owned a mechanic shop in 1977 with his friend, Henry McMurray. Later, he was employed at the New Jersey Department of Transportation as a bus inspector. He was promoted to supervisor and then investigator before retiring in 2001. Not only was he a hard worker, he was an excellent provider, caring for his two oldest grandchildren, Anayzah and Alonzo Thomas.

Walter was a member of the Mount Moriah Baptist Church of Passaic, where he was the guitar player and served faithfully for over 50 years.

In 2006, Walter met his lovely wife, Debbie Bates. After a long courtship, they married November 30, 2013. One of the many things that attracted her to him was his impeccable style of dress from head to toe. Soon after, in January 2014, she became his sole caregiver during his illness. He resided in his home until his transition to the Lord.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Walter and Elsie Mae Ricks; two brothers, John Ricks and James Lee Ricks; two sisters, Bernice Young and Barbara King and two brothers-in-law, Frank Haskins and Philip Jennings.

Here to cherish fond memories are his wife, Debbie Bates-Ricks; three daughters, Bridget Thomas (Mark), Keisha Omilana (Kunle), and Missy Bolden; six grandchildren, Anayzah Thomas, Alonzo Thomas, Amani Thomas, Matthew Thomas, Diran Omilana, and Diora Omilana; six sisters, Hazel Dixon (Alvin), Dorothy Ricks, Juanita Ricks, Thelma Haskins, Mary Jennings, and Shirley McGriff (Charlie) and a host of nieces, nephews, cousins, other relatives, friends, neighbors and the Mt. Moriah Church family.

Special thanks to my Lord and Savior, Nadine Morris-Roberts, Kathy and John Thomas, Classy Bacon, Gwendolyn Reynolds, and Passaic Valley Hospice.

Service:
Saturday, April 15, 2017 - 11:00 a.m.
MT. MORIAH BAPTIST CHURCH
9-11 Tulip Street • Passaic, New Jersey
Rev. Dr. William F. Baskerville, Jr., Pastor

Order of Service

The Prelude.....Bro. Kenny Montgomery
The Processional.....Clergy and Family
First Testament Reading.....Daniel 12:1-3
Second Testament Reading.....1 Corinthians 15:50-57
The Prayer of Comfort
Selection.....Mt. Moriah Choir
The Obituary.....Church Clerk
Acknowledgements/Tributes/Resolutions.....Church Clerk
Selection..... Mt. Moriah Choir
The Eulogy.....Rev. Dr. William F. Baskerville, Jr., Pastor
Mt. Moriah Baptist Church
Selection.....Mt. Moriah Choir
Remarks.....Funeral Director
The Committal
Benediction.....Pastor Baskerville
Recessional

FINAL DISPOSITION
Cedarlawn Crematory, Paterson, New Jersey



Do not ask me to remember
Do not try to make me understand
Let me rest and know you're with me
Kiss my cheek and hold my hand
I'm confused beyond your concept
I am sad and sick and lost
All I know is that I need you to be
 With me at all cost.
Do not lose your patience with me
Don not scold or curse my cry.
I can't help the way I'm acting
Can't be different though I try
Just remember that I need you,
 That the best of me is gone.
Please don't fail to stand beside me,
Love me till my life is done.

Acknowledgement

The family of the late **Walter J. Ricks "Buck"** 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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