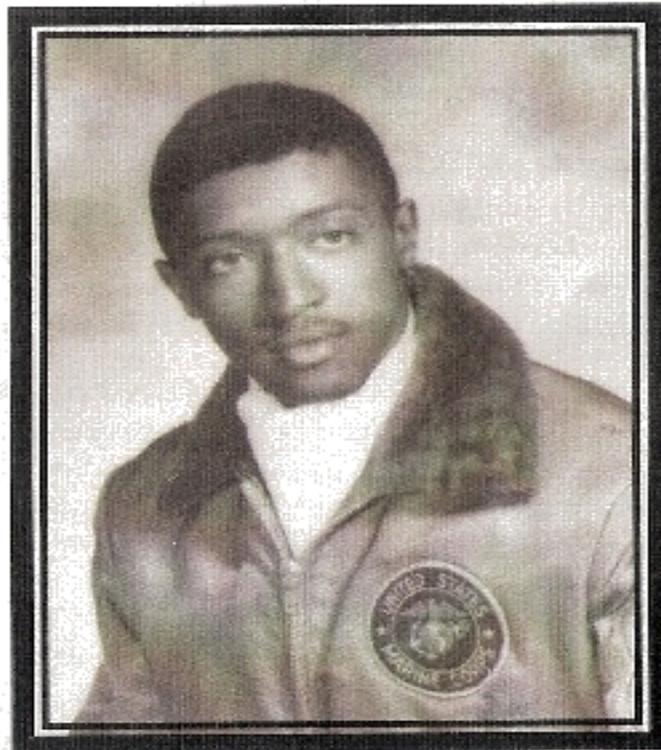


*Homegoing Service
for
Franklin Earl Richmond, Sr.*

November 20, 1945 — February 4, 2013



*Saturday, February 9, 2013
12:00 Noon*

*Goldie Hargett Memorial Chapel
905 East Market Street
Greensboro, North Carolina*

Pastor Robert Jarrell, Officiating

~ OBITUARY ~

Franklin Earl Richmond Sr. was born on November 20, 1945, to the late John Franklin Richmond and Mozelle Horton Richmond in Greensboro, North Carolina. Frank, known as "Da" by his children, passed away February 4, 2013, at Moses Cone Hospital.

Frank's walk with the Lord began at an early age. He was a member at East White Oak Baptist Church for many years, and then joined Outreach Baptist Church in 1993 until his homegoing. He was very active in the church, sang in the Sanctuary Choir, and served as a Deacon of sound judgment. Frank's sincerity about his relationship with God was unparalleled and he gave thanks for His Grace and His Mercy daily.

As a boy, Frank was a proud Eagle Scout of the National Council of the Boy Scouts of America, Troop 448. He attended Greensboro City Schools where he graduated from James B. Dudley High School in 1964. He had a wide array of extracurricular activities during his youth. Frank was very active on the football, track, and basketball teams. He was an academic scholar and student body president his senior year. As a young adult he was also employed by Cone Mills and the Greensboro Country Club. Upon graduation Frank attended North Carolina Agricultural & Technical State University where he earned a Bachelor's of Science in Economics. Following this, Frank excelled in his graduate studies of Economics at North Carolina State University where his chapter in academia was cut short.

In the fall of 1969 Frank was drafted into the United States Marine Corps. He served in the Vietnam War and his meritorious service, outstanding leadership, and devotion to duty were instrumental in his promotion to Sergeant of Marines prior to his honorable discharge in 1971. Frank had fond memories of his comrades in arms and loved to share them with those who crossed his path. His thoughtful stories of fellow Marines embodied the passage "*gone but not forgotten.*" Throughout Frank's entire life he maintained a true warrior spirit.

Prior to entering Vietnam Frank married his soul mate, the former Hortense "Gail" Mitchell. Upon his return, they gave birth to a beautiful baby boy in 1972, Franklin Earl "Skip" Richmond, Jr. In 1980 they were blessed with a second child, the lovely Cindy Renee Richmond, their little "Sugar-Pie." Later in life God's grace sent another champion son into the family, DeAndre Perry Richmond, nicknamed "Buddy" by Frank. Frank's dedication to his wife and children stood among no other and he has surely built a great legacy.

While building family bonds at home Frank was very active in his community. He was employed by a single company that saw many evolutions from Western Electric, AT&T, to Lucent Technology. Frank was an engine in the company's push into the future. He was an avid Greensboro City School supporter and made great contributions to the Page High School Band Booster.

Frank was preceded in death by his parents John and Mozelle Richmond; brothers, Bobby Jones Richmond Sr. and David Lionel Richmond Sr.

Frank is survived by his lovely wife Hortense "Gail" Richmond of 43 years; sons, Franklin Earl "Skip" Richmond Jr. and DeAndre Perry Richmond; daughter, Cindy (Donald) Richmond Terry of Charlottesville, Virginia; sister, Marthella Richmond Jones; and a host of other relatives and friends.

~ Order of Service ~

Viewing Prelude	
Processional	
Musical Selection	
Invocation	
Scripture Reading	Old Testament.....Minister Donald Trapp New Testament.....Pastor Kevin G. Webb
Prayer of Comfort.....	Deacon Darryl Jones
Solo.....	Robin Strayhorn
Reflections.....	Tico Wallace Rev. Reginald Cook Walter Johnson
Solo.....	Jimeetre Miller
Acknowledgements/Church Resolution.....	Cathy Gant Hill
Solo	Terry Staton
Sermon.....	Pastor Jerry R. Corpening Outreach Baptist Church
Funeral Director in Charge.....	Hargett Funeral Services



Military Rites
INTERMENT
Carolina Biblical Gardens
5710 Riverdale Drive, Jamestown, North Carolina

~ No Repass ~

*Casket and Floral Bearers:
Family and Friends*

~ Acknowledgements ~



Family wishes to express their sincere gratitude for the many acts of kindness shown during their time of sorrow.

wish to especially thank the staff at the Kidney Center (1000 Perry Street), Moses Cone Hospital ((2900 Unit), and Outreach Baptist Church Family for their support, love and devoted care during Frank's illness.

Family of Franklin Earl Richmond, Sr.

~ Professional Services Entrusted to ~

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