

## A Tribute to My Husband

When Willie, our mutual friend brought you over, I sensed there was something very unique about you. Yes, William you were indeed a special gift to me from God. You not only won my heart, but you also gained the respect and the love of my parents and family. Life has been so much better with you as my husband, and as the father of our daughters. It's almost as if my weaknesses became your strengths. Yes, we were a pretty good team...a match made in heaven! I must confess that all our time together was not trouble free, but praise be to God, I've had you as a husband and partner for forty-five years! Though you're not physically present, the memories of you will forever be in my heart until we meet again. "My happiness doesn't depend on my current circumstances, but on future joys."

I Love You,  
Ruth

Daddy Rich,

They say God places people in our lives for a reason, season, and a lifetime. I am so glad that you were my lifetime. Words can't express how thankful I am that you accepted me and my family into yours. Your love, dedication, and devotion will always be a blessing for me. Thank you for all the beautiful memories and a lifetime of laughter. I will never forget how you enjoyed getting me in trouble with mom by having me sneak you chocolates and sweet tea.☺ Now you can enjoy all you want. I love you with all my heart and will miss you even more.

Love always and forever ~ Vee

Papa, I'll miss you so much I'll never forget you and the good laughs we had together. I love you and thank you for taking care of me after school.  
~ Jayla

## Acknowledgements

The family of William D. Richardson wishes to thank each of you for the cards, prayers, flowers, kind words, and all acts of kindness and thoughtfulness during the illness and final service. We shall remember you in our prayers and hope that you will continue to pray for us. May God bless you and keep you.

### Active Pallbearers

Deacons of Shiloh Missionary Baptist Church

### Flower Bearers

Deaconess of Shiloh Missionary Baptist Church

### Final Service & Interment

Saturday, March 2, 2013 at 1:00  
Sparkman Hillcrest Funeral Home  
7405 W. Northwest Highway  
Dallas, TX 75225



*Celebrating the Life of*

*William D. Richardson*



February 27, 2013 - One O'clock in the Afternoon  
Shiloh Missionary Baptist Church  
Pastor Isiah Joshua, Jr., Officiant

## The Worship Experience

Processional	
Parting View	
Ministry In Music	<i>When The Saints Go to Worship</i> Michelle Moses-Meeks, Soloist
Reading of the Old Testament	Isaiah 25:3
Reading of the New Testament	James 1:12
A Time of Prayer	Minister
Ministry In Music	<i>Thank You Lord</i> Linda Brooks, Soloist
Resolution(s)	
Special Remarks	Deacon Irice Jones Nicole Webb Candice Richardson
Remarks	<i>Limit Two Minutes</i>
Video Presentation	
Ministry In Music	<i>Safe In His Arms</i> Areal Thomas, Soloist
The Spoken WORD	Rev. Isiah Joshua, Jr., Senior Pastor Shiloh Missionary Baptist Church
Ministry In Music	<i>Going Up Yonder</i> Derrice Harris, Soloist
Recessional	



## Highlights of Life

Less than two weeks before Christmas on Friday, December 13, 1946 Mary Ethel and Ralph Luvere Richardson, Sr. were excited to share the news of their early Christmas gift... a little bouncing baby boy, William, was born.

There were a lot of fun times for little William and his family as he grew up in Kansas City, Missouri. One of the favorite childhood memories for them was when their parents would leave home and he and his older sister, Mary Lois, would push back all the furniture and have an all-out wrestling match. Their brother, Ralph, would referee and try to keep the fights in order. When time came close for the parents to return they would put everything back in order like nothing ever happened. Those were the good ole days.

William graduated from Paseo High School in Kansas City and enlisted in the military for four years. He served in Vietnam as a helicopter gunner which created his love for aviation. Following his tour of duty he returned home and opened, Wingtip Aviation. His career in the aviation industry lasted for 34 years until he became ill.

On Saturday, March 30, 1968 he married his soul mate, Ruth Ann. There were many good times, and God blessed them to parent two wonderful children and to enjoy the lives of their grandchildren. He enjoyed making her laugh and smile and often reminded her often of how beautiful she was and how lucky he was to have her as his wife.

*So many precious memories...* from steak dinners and dinners at Red Lobster to going to the movies were always fun. How excited he was when Nicole landed a job at the movie theater... now, he laughed, 'we can get in free' as it was custom to go to nearly every new Sci Fi Movie that came out, especially Star Wars and Star Trek.

Candice reflected him doing things that he knew he was not supposed to do from eating candy to the time she catch him smoking inside the house... you should have saw his face as he would lean over by the fireplace and blow the smoke up the chimney 'see, you can't smell it... it's going outside'.

He enjoyed listening gospel and jazz music, and let's not mention how he enjoyed Gladys Knight! Not only did he enjoy good music, he was a super sports fan for 'his' Dallas teams. Sundays were filled with good food, family, and SPORTS. Sports along with bowling and playing Chess were some of his favorite hobbies and activities.

In addition to his activities, as a faithful member of Shiloh, he loved his church family and enjoyed being a deacon, as well as fellowshipping with the brotherhood.

In 2002 he experienced health challenges. Where it changed some things for him physically, it also changed his approach to life. He valued precious time with his family and friends and he also became transparent in his communication. Life is too short. If he thought it – he said it!

*To be absent from the body is to be present with The Lord.* On Saturday, February 23, 2013 he traveled home to be with The Lord. His laugh, smile, jokes, quick wit, and presence will be missed.

Those who will often reflect on these and other precious memories include:

<i>Loving Wife</i>	Ruth Ann Richardson
<i>Children</i>	Nicole (Dante) Webb & Candice Richardson
<i>Grandchildren</i>	Semaj Brown, Stefon Webb, Julien Deboskie, Dante Webb II, and Zoe Webb
<i>God Child</i>	Vericia Jones
<i>God Grandchildren</i>	Jayla Marshall and Aliyah Colley
<i>Brother</i>	Ralph Richardson

*In that great getting up morning... Fair ye well; fair ye well!*

