

Acknowledgement

We the family of Joseph "Joe" Richards would like to express our profound gratitude to our many friends and family for their expressions of sympathy and to all that extended kindness through visits, cards, telephone calls and flowers during our time of bereavement. These acts brought us great comfort.

May God Bless You All.

Pallbearers

*JEFFERY LANE ~ JOSEPH WATSON ~
JOSEPH PEARSON ~ STEFAN RODGERS
WILLIAM PEARSON ~ DASHAN ADKINS*

Honorary Pallbearers

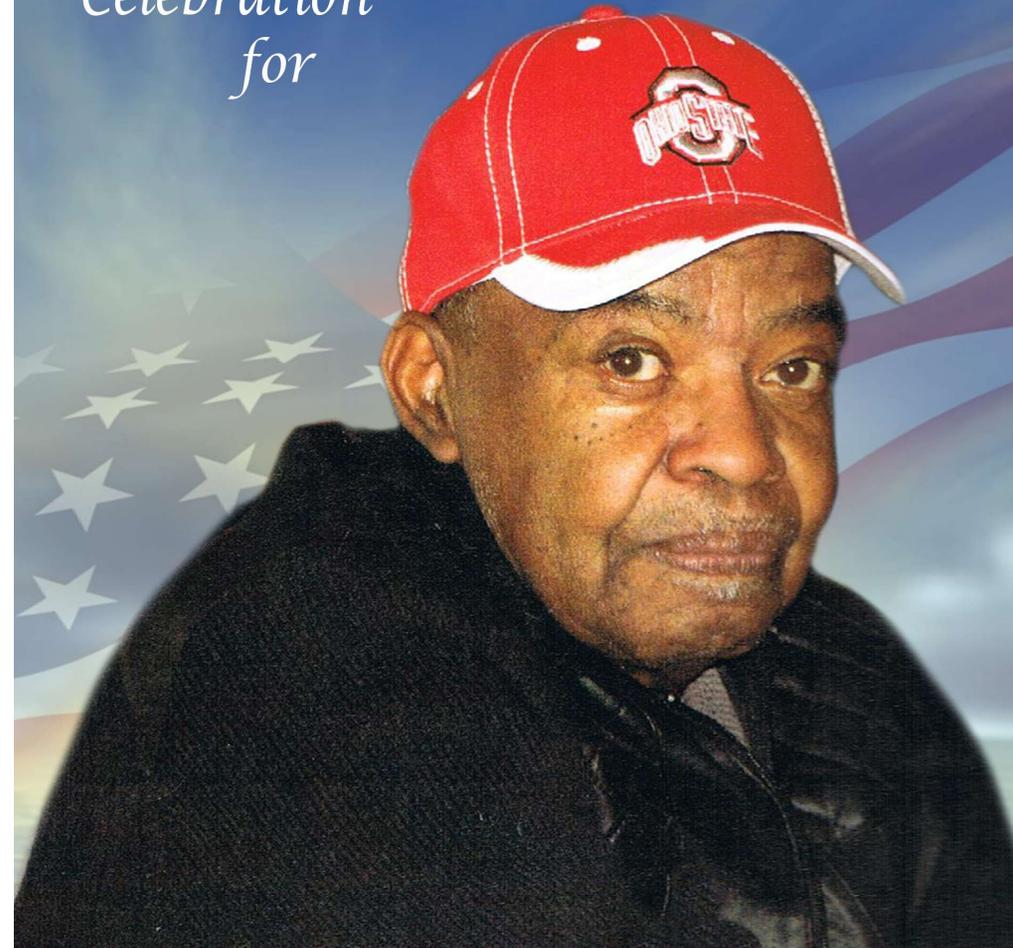
*TIMOTHY GIBSON ~ OTIS STRICKLAND
CURTIS STRICKLAND JR. ~ REGINALD DUNLAP*

*A precious one from us has gone
A voice we love is still
A place is vacant in our hearts
Which never can be filled!
And after a lonely heartache
And many silent tears
There's always a beautiful memory
Of one we love so dear*

To offer condolences to The Richards Family,
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Homegoing Celebration for



JOSEPH RICHARDS

FEBRUARY 23, 1929 ~ APRIL 17, 2021

~Service~

FRIDAY, APRIL 30, 2021 ~ 12:00 PM

MARLAN J. GARY FUNERAL HOME

Chapel of Peace East

5456 E. Livingston Avenue ♦ Columbus, Ohio

BROTHER JOHNSON

Officiating & Eulogizing Minister

Obituary

Joseph Richards, age 92 was born to the late France Richards and Elizabeth Norton Richards on February 23, 1929, in Ashland, Mississippi, the fifth of eleven children. He transitioned to his Heavenly Father, peacefully at his home on April 17th, 2021.

In 1948, Joe traveled to Columbus, Ohio to care for his late uncle Joe Mathews for a year due to a severe injury that rendered him blind. He was drafted in the United States Army at the age of twenty-one on November 21st, 1950 where he worked as a cannoneer during the Korean war. After serving in Korea for two years, he transferred to the Army Reserve for an additional five years. Joseph was honorably discharged from the U.S. Army reserve on May 14th, 1957.

Joe married his childhood sweetheart Tommie Lue Strickland Richards on June 15th, 1952. From this union of sixty- eight years, he raised a very special niece as his daughter alongside five children that were born to he and Tommie. This led to a beautiful growth of fifteen grandchildren and ten great-grandchildren.

He was a hard worker and spent twenty-three years working for Federal Glass Company until the Company closed in 1980. He joined Capital City Products for seventeen years until his retirement on January 20, 1997.

Joe was baptized in Ashland Mississippi and gave his life to Christ at an early age. He was a devoted member of the Church of Christ and assisted with various roles and responsibilities for many years. He exercised and exemplified excellence in leadership roles as a church member, a husband, father and grandfather. He was firm, yet giving, stern, but loving, taking care of all who crossed his path. Joe put his heart, sweat and tears into his garden and shared his vegetables with friends, family and neighbors. At any time, you could see him mowing the neighbor's lawn or helping friends work on their cars.

Joe enjoyed hunting, fishing, and watching boat races on the river front. He loved playing cards, listening to music and watching sports on television.

Joe was preceded in death by his parents, France and Elizabeth Norton Richards; brothers, Wilson, John Robert and Ellis Richards; sisters, Mattie Strickland, Lugenia Strickland, Annie Gibson and Delphia Richards. He leaves to cherish his memory, his loving wife, Tommie; sons Leon, Joseph (Ginger) and Jerome Richards; daughters, Debra Richards, Diana (Jeffrey) Lane and Dedra (Reginald) Richards-Dunlap all of Columbus, Ohio; sisters, Georgianna Reynolds of Atlanta, Georgia, Ruby Spight of Walnut, Mississippi and brother, Tommy Richards of Memphis, Tennessee, grandchildren, great-grandchildren and a host of nieces, nephews and friends.

Order of Service

ORGAN PRELUDE..... Matthew Jackson
Chapel of Peace Music Ministry

PARTING VIEW..... Immediate Family

SCRIPTURE READING..... Landon Price
Old Testament Psalm 23
New Testament..... St. John 14:1-6

PRAYER Robert Boykins

SELECTION The Richards Family

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT/CONDOLENCES

Naysa Dunlap

REMARKS (2 minutes please)..... Family & Friends

READING OF OBITUARY Silently

SELECTION The Richards Family

The Eulogy

BROTHER JOHNSON

Watkins Road Church of Christ

BENEDICTION Brother Johnson

RECESSIONAL Clergy, Family & Friends

Interment

SUNSET CEMETERY

6959 West Broad

Galloway, Ohio 43119

*I am the resurrection and the life: He that believeth in me
though he were dead yet shall he live.*

And whosoever liveth and believeth in me shall never die.

John 11:25-26