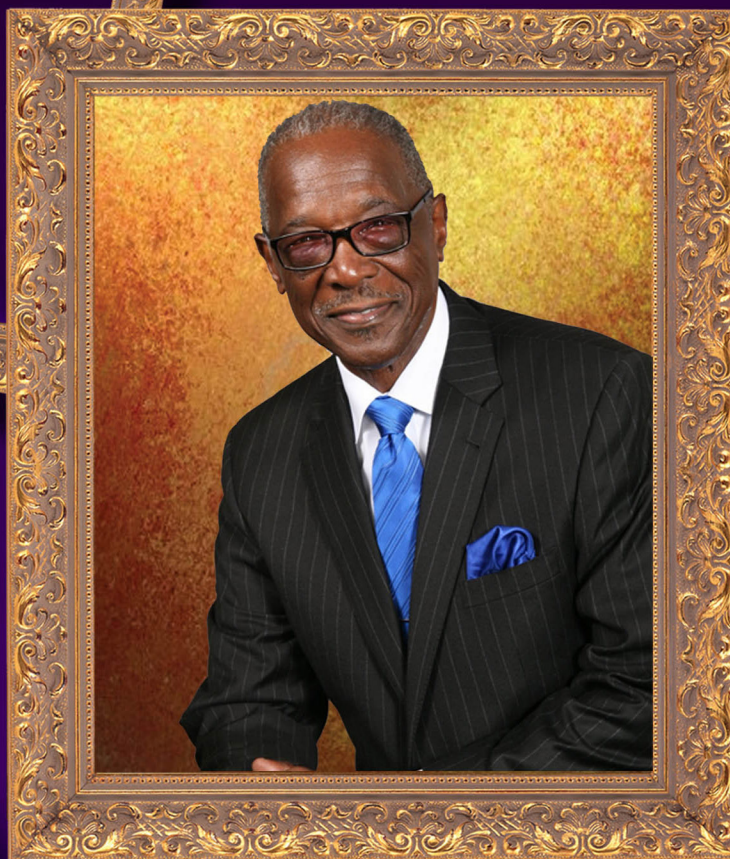


CELEBRATING THE LIFE OF



SUFFRAGAN BISHOP

EDDIE G. RICHARDS

PRESERVING THE APOSTOLIC DOCTRINE

Born Into Time: November 22, 1946

Born Into Eternity: December 17, 2024

Services:

Saturday, December 28, 2024

Wake: 10:00am Service: 11:00am

Hazel Crest Assembly Church

17801 Cicero Avenue

Country Club Hills, IL 60478



*L*egacy of a Great Man

BISHOP EDDIE G. RICHARDS, JR.

Suff. Bishop Eddie G. Richards Jr. was born November 22, 1946 in Memphis, Tennessee. He was the second of six children born to Eddie and Annie Richards.

He attended Ford Road Elementary School, Porter Middle School and Booker T. Washington High School. While at Booker T. Washington Eddie was a star athlete, earning All-City honors as a defensive back.

He had many offers to play collegiate football. He chose to stay close to home and attend Southern Illinois University Carbondale – where he would earn his bachelors. Eddie loved learning and would eventually go received his master's degree in public administration from Governor's State University.

Suff. Bishop Richards relocated to Chicago in the early 1970's and began driving buses for Chicago Transit Authority (CTA).

He drove 79th Street and Stony Island routes. After a few years of driving, he rotated to bus maintenance and eventually maintenance instructor where he would retire after 25 years in 1997.

While in Chicago he met and married his soul-mate Marjorie Wynn and to that union was born Eddie G. Richards III 'Popi'. Together they shared a total of 6 kids Aaron 'Keith', Antonio 'Pugga', Jocque, twins Jetton and Shonice and Eddie 'Popi'.

Suff. Bishop Richards was baptized at New Jerusalem Pentecostal Church (1977) and later that year received the gift of the Holy Ghost. He made Morgan Park Assembly Church his home under the leadership of Suff. Bishop Robert A. Baggett Sr. After 12 years of faithful teaching in the children's church, God called him to pastor.



On December 3, 1989, Suff. Bishop Richards began his pastorate of Hazel Crest Assembly Church of the Apostolic Faith (HCAC) in the Hazel Crest Community Center. Bible class was conducted at his home on Wednesdays and prayer on Friday night.

Moving forward, HCAC would soon lease space from the Lutheran House of Prayer in Country Club Hills. In July 1993, HCAC purchased the land and church facility at 17801 S. Cicero Avenue, Country Club Hills, IL (retired the mortgage in 3years). Lastly, HCAC broke ground on a brand-new facility in 2003 and completed construction in March 2005.

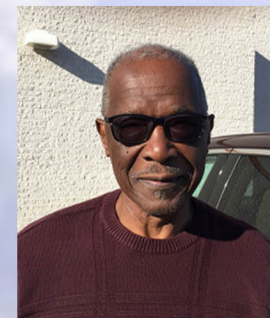
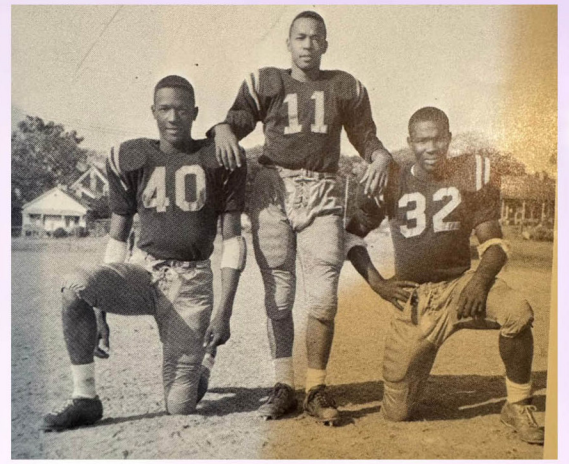
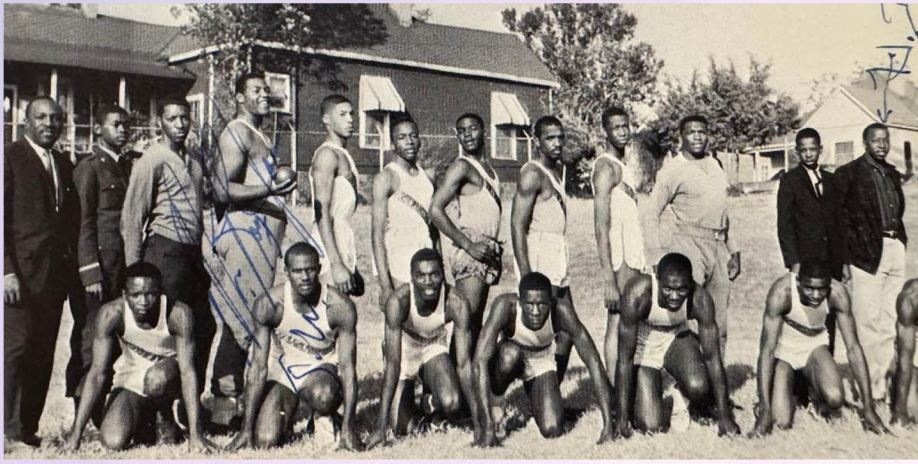
Suff. Bishop Richards was ordained in the Illinois District Council, April 1991; promoted to District Elder in 1992 and later served as the Council's Vice Chairman for three years. He was promoted to Suffragan Bishop in July of 2007.

Suff. Bishop Richards was an amazing teacher. He always referred to himself as more a teacher than a preacher. He used his gift to enact his calling of “preserving the apostolic doctrine”. Everything he did - whether it be bible class, Sunday sermon, New Saints class etc. he wanted to instill the unadulterated word of God. His teaching will forever be missed.

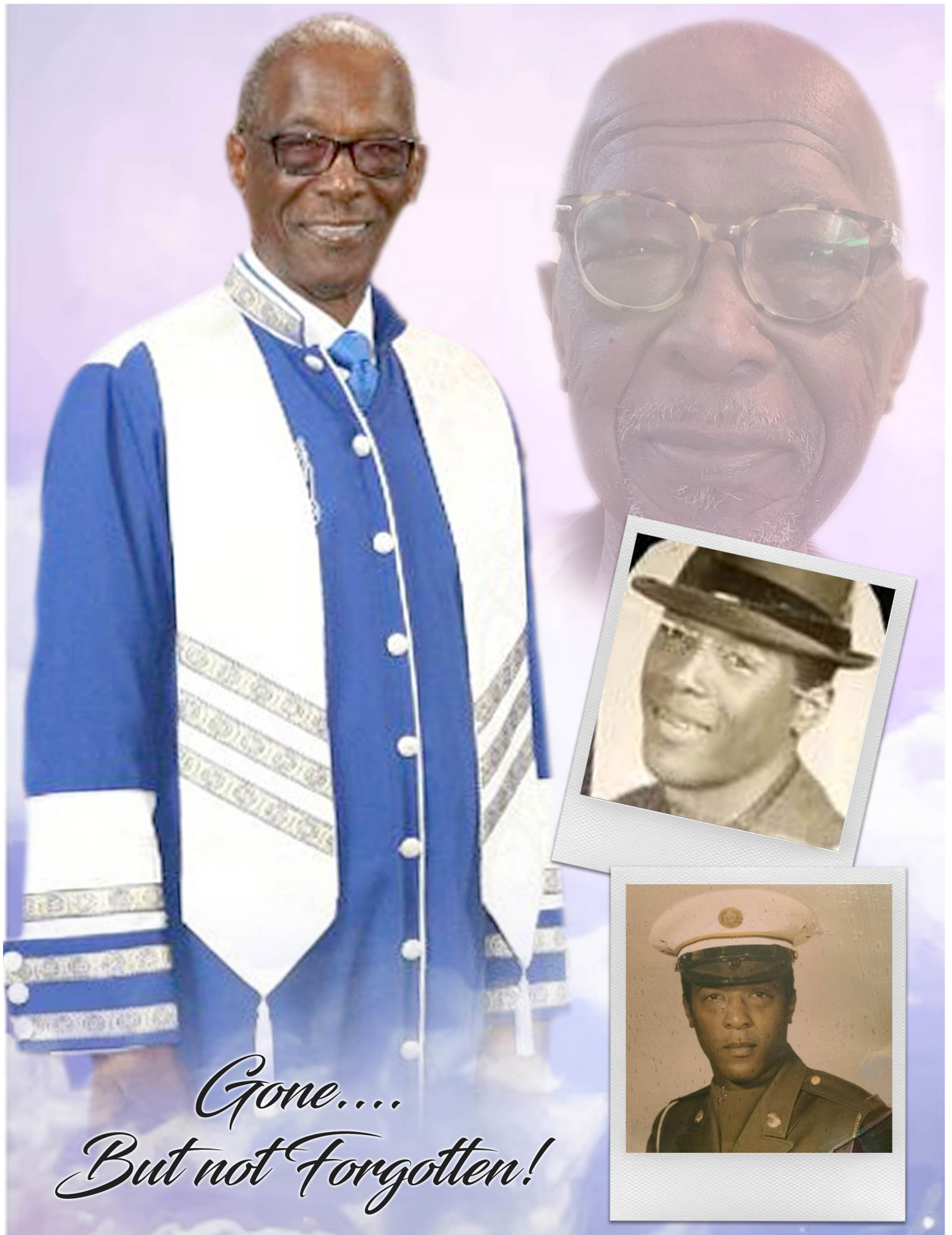
After 47 years on the battlefield, the Lord called him home on December 17, 2024 at 3:33 p.m.

Suff. Bishop Richards was preceded in death by his loving parents, Eddie and Annie B. Richard, wife (First Lady Marjorie Richards), sister (Claudine Richard), brother (Darnell Richard), sons (Jocque Richard and Antonio Wells) and daughter (Shonice Richard). He leaves to cherish his memories and the testimonies of faith his sons Jeton Richard (Ingrid), Aaron Keith (Coreatha), Eddie “Popi” and Pete Katranides; siblings James, Diane and Barbara Jean; grandchildren Marquise, D’Angelo, Jahaun, Antonio, Amber, Naujah, Aaron LaRonn, Elijah, Issa, Kyra, Jetton II ‘LJ’, Autumn, Chloe, Bria and Gabriel and a host of nieces, nephews, cousins, relatives and friends.









*Gone....
But not Forgotten!*

DEVINE ORDER OF SERVICE

Associate Minister, Elder Aaron Keith Wells, Officiant

Organ Prelude.....Music Ministry

Mistress of Ceremony.....Suffragan Bishop Yolanda M. Hunt
Chairlady, Illinois District Council, PAW, Inc.

The Procession.....Ecclesia and Family

Old Testament Scripture.....Evangelist Betty Stephens

New Testament Scripture.....Minister Brandon Payne

Prayer.....Elder Cyrell McClemore

Musical Tribute.....HCAC Reunion Choir

Special Remarks.....Associate Minister Elder Mike Jenkins

Ecclesiastical Remarks.....Ecclesia (2 minutes please)

Acknowledgement of Resolutions.....Sis Faye Hooper

Musical Tribute.....HCAC Reunion Choir

Ecclesiastical Remarks.....Ecclesia (2 minutes please)

Family Remarks.....Siblings, Children, Grandchildren

Special Remarks.....Bishop Horace E. Smith, M.D.
Diocesan Bishop, Illinois District Council, 6th Episcopal
District of the Pentecostal Assemblies of the World, Inc.

Special Remarks.....Eddie Richards, III

Obituary Reading.....Sister Margaret Eubanks

Musical Tribute "It Is Well"Dr. Yvonne Ruff

Eulogy.....Associate Minister, Elder Aaron K. Wells

Reviewal

Benediction

Recessional



FAMILY TRIBUTES

Pappa, Pappa, my man, my man; thank you for showing and teaching me how to be a man. After you and momma got married, in 1973 we moved to 7844 S. Steward, after about three days I asked momma, when are you going to leave our home? Mom smirked, I do not remember what she said, but you never left. You never left mom, you never left me, you never left Pugga and you never left Popi. My man, fought a good fight, finished your course, kept the faith, now 'Total Healing'.

~ *Your Eldest Son, Aaron 'Keith' Wells.*

HEY POPS

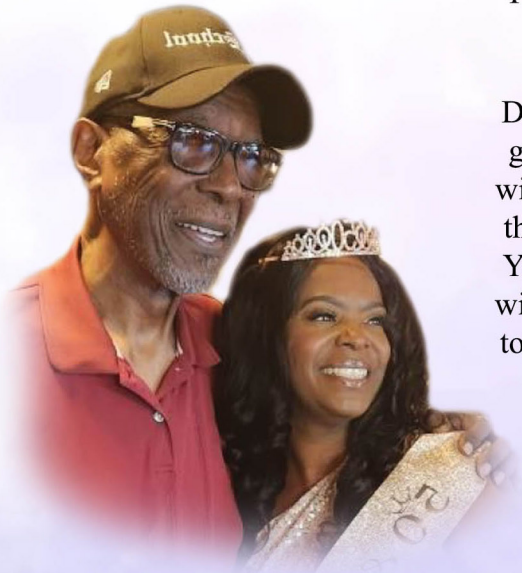
I wouldn't trade you for the world. Out of the billions of men on this planet, God gave me you as a Dad. For 35 years, I watched you pour your heart into your calling, giving tirelessly to others—whether it was the long nights spent preparing for sermons and Bible classes, the countless counseling sessions, or those late-night phone calls when someone needed guidance. You became a doctor, lawyer, and therapist all in one, always present and always giving, never turning away from those in need. Words can't fully express how proud I am of you. Your life has been a testament to the power of faith and love, and through all the trials and sacrifices, you have remained a man after God's own heart. You've taught me more than I could ever put into words, and for that, I am eternally grateful.

~ *Love, Popi*

What do you say about a man that meant everything to our family? Although he had all these titles and positions, he was just granddaddy to us, and we love him for that! By all accounts he was a better man than I even knew. He was the most unassuming man I knew. Thank you for guiding our church and family for all these years. You have made some strong God-fearing men and women who will continue in your honor. Job well done!

~ *Love Markie*

Ps Tell Granny We Miss Her!



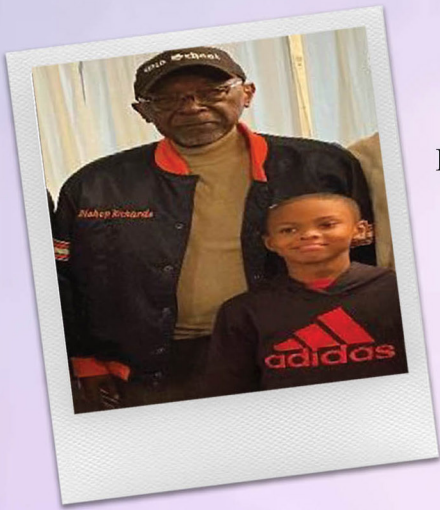
Dad, thanks for being a pillar of strength, faith and integrity. You were a great example of a faithful and fearless pastor and father. Your strength will be forever engraved in my heart and soul. I will miss greeting you in the office as you sat in your chair, kissing you on the head saying "Hey Young Man!" and hearing you say "Hey Co!" Thanks for your words of wisdom, and encouragement. You gave me my last preaching assignment to stand in your place saying "Let the Lord Use You!", I will continue to do just that! Your Daughter - in - love

~ *Evangelist Coreatha Wells (aka Co-Co)*

Grandpa, there are so many things, recently, that I did not take the opportunity to say, but what was not said is definitely visible now that you are in light. Man fails but God has never failed. The Lord Jesus who is my father and friend definitely did not fail when he wrote your story and established it on this earth Sir. Your life and impact can be considered nothing short of Legendary! I pray that our Lord will grant me the grace to live up to the title as your son. Thank you for the opportunity to be a partaker of the grace that you carried so well. ~ *Your loving grandson, Aaron Laronn*



FAMILY TRIBUTES



Dear Grandpa, you were my best example, and you gave me and the church faith. You built our faith and our destiny. The reality is that some of us were lost, but you helped us get to Jesus and get our faith back, so rest well Grandpa.

~ *Your Grandson, Elijah*



Pops,

My heart aches, but I rejoice knowing you are in the presence of the Lord you served so faithfully. You and Granny Margie led me to salvation, grounding me in the Apostles' Doctrine and forever changing my life. Caring for you during those two years was one of God's greatest gifts to me. In that time, you taught me to love sacrificially, lead with humility, and serve the Kingdom above all else. You were more than a grandfather - you were a father to me, my pastor, and my best friend. I'll miss our talks and the time we spent together, but I thank God for every moment. You welcomed my wife, Claire, with open arms, blessing our marriage with wisdom and prayer, showing us what it means to build a life rooted in holiness. Your life was a testimony of unwavering faith, holiness, and truth. Though it's hard to imagine life without you, I trust in God's perfect plan and take comfort in the promise that this is not goodbye, but "see you later." Thank you for everything, Pops. I will carry your legacy and strive to finish my race as faithfully as you finished yours.

I love you forever.

~ *Pastor Antonio Wells, Your Grandson*



Granddad Richards - A loving and devoted grandfather. You will be remembered for your kind heart, warm smile, strict discipline and endless wisdom. You cherished your family, always offering sound guidance and support in life. You leave behind a legacy of love and liberty that will forever be remembered and beneficial to me.

~ *Grandson Jahaun*

To My Dear Older Brother - Wherever a beautiful soul has been, there is a trail of beautiful memories. I will hold the memories you've given me in my heart forever.

~ *All My Love, Diane*

Well, my brother words cannot express what I want to say. So I'll let God's word say it for me. II Tim 4:7 and I Thess 4:13-18 says it all. I'll see you later my big brother. Love You!!

~ *Your Brother James*

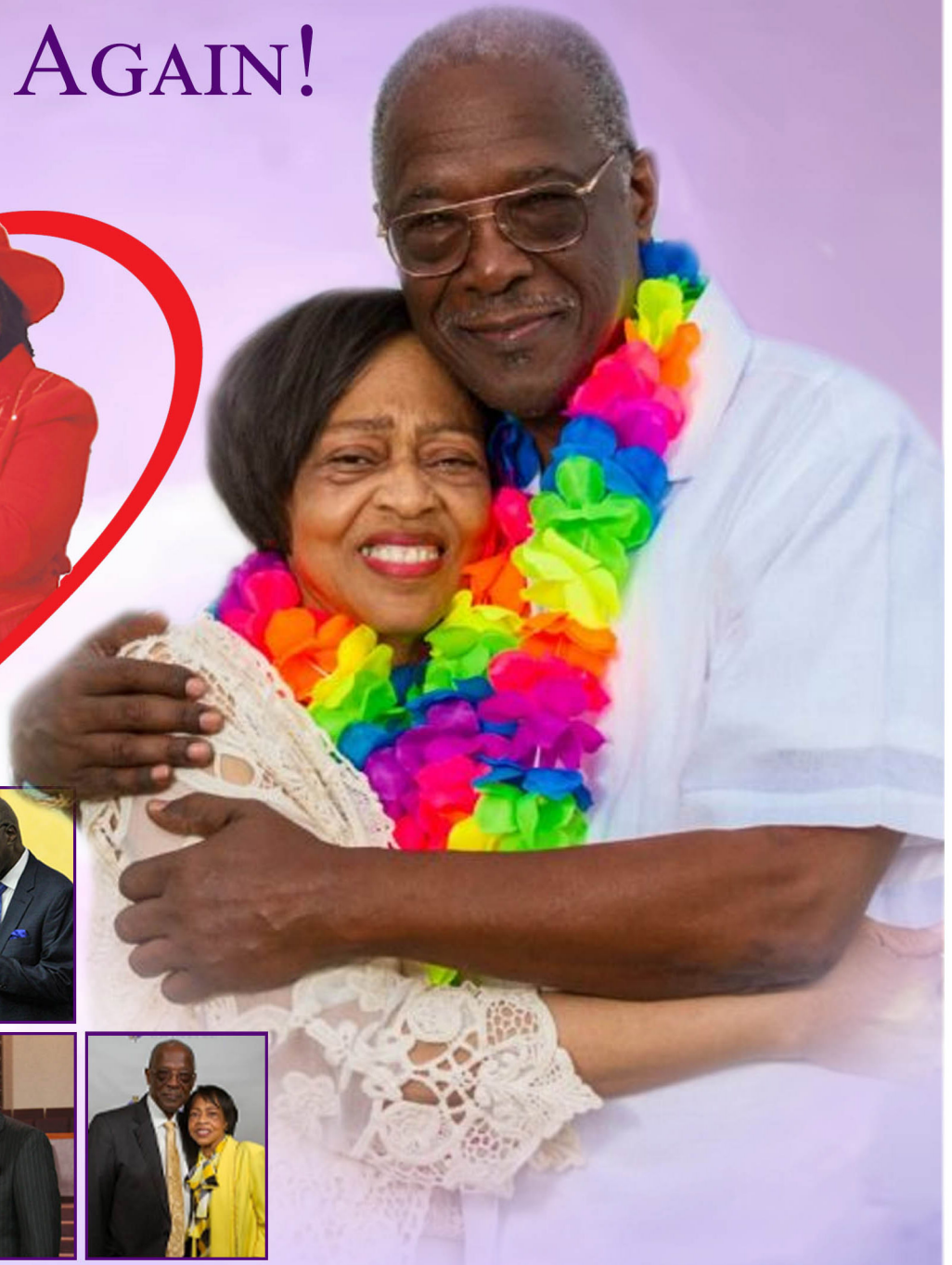
To My Beloved Brother - Gone but not forgotten - see you soon.

~ *All My Love, Bobbie Jean*

Children hear the voice of their fathers, it doesn't matter how far you are away from them. Even through the storms of life, and as time moves on, we still hear and need father's voice. Love you Dad,

~ *Your Son, Jetton E Richard Sr.*

TOGETHER AGAIN!



PALLBEARERS

Jetton Richard, II Aaron L. Wells
Larry Bobbitt Bryan Jordan
Aaron M. Foster Ja'Lance Hunt

HONORARY PALLBEARERS

Jahaun Harris Jerome Coenic-Taylor
Elijah C.L. Wells Sir Lathan Wynn
Antoine Jordan, III Marquise J. Foster



ACKNOWLEDGMENT

The family of Bishop Eddie G. Richards wishes to acknowledge with deep appreciation, the many expressions of kindness bestowed upon us during our time of bereavement. May God bless each of you for the support and love you have shown.

16 For the Lord himself shall descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of the archangel, and with the trump of God: and the dead in Christ shall rise first: 17 Then we which are alive [and] remain shall be caught up together with them in the clouds, to meet the Lord in the air: and so shall we ever be with the Lord. 18 Wherefore comfort one another with these words.

INTERMENT

Mount Hope Cemetery
11500 S. Fairfield Avenue - Chicago, IL 60655

REPAST

(Immediately following interment)