



William H Richardson

AUG 8, 1937 - JAN 2, 2022



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William Harvey Richardson, Sr. was born August 8, 1937, to Jacob Richardson, Sr. and Mary Jane Warfield Richardson in Columbia, Missouri. Mr. Richardson, also known to many as “Rocket” and “Big Mare” among other nicknames, departed this life January 2, 2022, in Kansas City, Missouri.

William attended Frederick Douglass High School in Columbia, Missouri where he excelled in football, track and field and diving. He graduated, in 1957, from Douglass High School having earned All State in Football. William was also one of the first African Americans to receive a football scholarship to the University of Missouri that same year. He went on to Fort Scott Junior College in Kansas to earn the title of National Junior College Athletic Association for indoor track and field. Also in 1957, the Downtown Optimist Club and the Columbia Missourian sponsored “Athlete of the Year” and William was named the Best High School Athlete as Douglass High’s three-sport star. In his years after college, William participated in Columbia’s Park and Recreation Department softball leagues. He was an avid hunter, fisherman, bowler and lover of sports.

William worked at Columbia’s City Public Works Department where he retired, after many years of employment. He was a member of Sugar Grove Baptist Church in Columbia, Missouri, where he served on the usher board.

Cherishing his memory and mourning his passing are a sister, Charlene Burnett of Kansas City; five children, Bonetta Lewis of Kansas City, Anthony Curtis of Columbia, Lorinda Cockrell (Bruce) of Houston, TX, Althea Bivens of Houston, TX, Kendra Richardson of Phoenix, AZ and son William H. Richardson, Jr. of Columbia preceded him in death; and a host of grandchildren, great grandchildren, cousins, nieces, nephews, and great nieces and nephews, and friends. He was also preceded in death by his parents, four sisters, seven brothers, a half-sister, one foster brother and a granddaughter.

Services will be Saturday, January 22, 2022, at Fifth Street Christian Church, 401 N. 5th Street, Columbia, Missouri 65201. The viewing/visitation will be from 11 a.m. to 12 p.m., funeral to follow



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at 12 p.m.



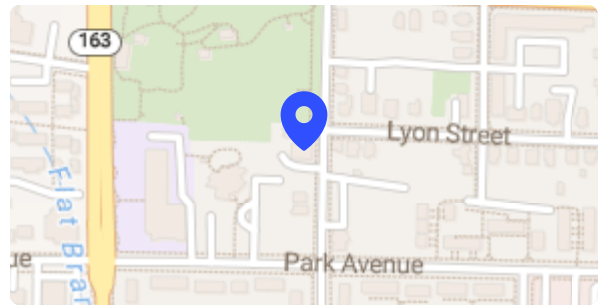
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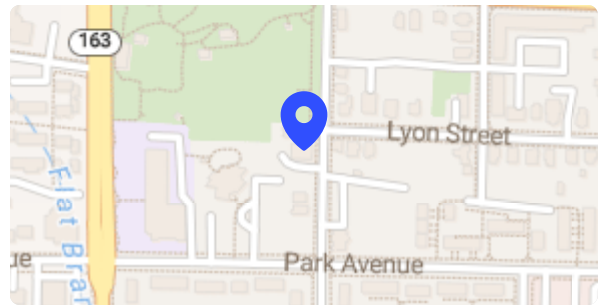
Viewing

- 📅 **Saturday**, January 22, 2022
- 🕒 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM CT
- 📍 **Fifth Street Christian Church**
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Service

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Tribute Wall

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JS

James Jaime Smith lit a candle in honor of William.

February 7 at 9:45 AM



AJ

Arnita Jordan lit a candle in honor of William.

January 27 at 2:49 AM



HF

Hetty Coleman And Family sent a virtual gift in honor of William.

January 25 at 9:04 AM



RW

Robert And Betty Wilson sent a virtual gift in honor of William.

January 25 at 9:04 AM



VP

Veta Curren-Peoples lit a candle in honor of William.

January 21 at 8:38 PM



TS

Tammy Sutherlin lit a candle in honor of William.

January 21 at 3:00 PM





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ER

Essie And Robert Redmon sent a virtual gift in honor of William.

January 17 at 10:09 AM



SJ

Sylvia Jackson lit a candle in honor of William.

Prayers and condolences to the Richardson family.

January 16 at 6:32 PM



VH

Vanessa Hickem sent a virtual gift in honor of William.

Ant, I am thinking about you and sending prayers of peace in this moment. Look to the skies above there will be a bright star call it your Dad forever watching over you. Love ya Vanessa Hickem

January 15 at 6:15 AM



TK

The Boys & Girls Youth Bowling Club Kcmo sent a Divine Peace Bouquet to the Richardson family.

January 14 at 12:34 AM



DK

Doris Kenney lit a candle in honor of William.

January 13 at 5:37 PM



MS

Morda Scott sent a virtual gift in honor of William.

January 13 at 5:13 PM





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NN

Nieces & Nephews sent a Strength & Solace Spray to the Richardson family.

January 13 at 1:15 PM



DG

Deborah Porter Greene lit a candle in honor of William.

So sorry for your loss.

January 13 at 6:24 AM



JB

Jesse Brown sent a virtual gift in honor of William.

January 13 at 4:37 AM



JB

Jesse Brown lit a candle in honor of William.

January 13 at 4:33 AM



SM

Sharon B Miller sent a virtual gift in honor of William.

January 12 at 5:06 PM



SM

Sharon B Miller sent a virtual gift in honor of William.

January 12 at 5:05 PM





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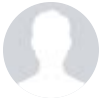
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Arch Brooks posted:

Not everybody knew Rocket Richardson. Hes was my next door neighbor. To his son and the remaining family members I extend my deepest condolences. Praying for your comfort through bereavement period.

January 12 at 5:00 PM



Marcus Bentley sent a virtual gift in honor of William.

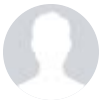
Best in Columbia ever 🏈 🏈 🏈

January 9 at 4:40 PM



Marcus Bentley sent a virtual gift in honor of William.

January 9 at 4:39 PM



Marcus Bentley lit a candle in honor of William.

January 9 at 4:38 PM



Bill Clark posted:

William Harvey wqas a long-time friend. I ewtoe manywords abolut hkim as a yolung aman and one olf finest athletes ever to come from Columnbia. I wkill have an on-line column abut him on Jan.10. We have been friends since 1956.BILL CLARK

January 9 at 3:42 PM



Althea Richardson January 12 at 7:10 AM

Thank you Bill. This is his daughter. I used some of your columns you wrote about him to write his obit. I need to get a copy of Jan 10th column.



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JS

Julian & Jordan Richardson & Suzette lit a candle in honor of William.

January 8 at 7:34 PM



SJ

Sandra Bentley-Jones lit a candle in honor of William.

January 8 at 3:24 AM



BB

Bobbie Brown lit a candle in honor of William.

January 7 at 5:11 PM



PH

Paula Hayes lit a candle in honor of William.

January 7 at 4:38 AM



BC

Beverly Collins-Chikasu lit a candle in honor of William.

January 6 at 10:10 PM



EJ

Ethel Thornton Jackson sent a virtual gift in honor of William.

Family, please accept our heartfelt sympathy for the loss of your loved one. Our prayer is that God comfort and give you peace. Sincerely, The Thornton Family

January 6 at 9:52 AM





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Helen Marmon lit a candle in honor of William.
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January 5 at 2:46 PM



Barbra Horrell And Family. posted:
Sending prayers and thoughts to Richardson families. Bill was always a part of our family and classmate.

January 5 at 12:18 PM



Florence Pruitt January 5 at 5:40 PM
Condolences to the Richardson family. May God bless all. Florence Horrell Pruitt and family.



Jesse Brown sent a virtual gift in honor of William.

January 5 at 9:09 AM



Sabrina Mcclanahan sent a virtual gift in honor of William.

January 5 at 7:09 AM



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Tammy Houston lit a candle in honor of William.

January 5 at 6:33 AM





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Carolyn Gross-Waits lit a candle in honor of William.

January 5 at 5:43 AM



Cassandra Simmons-Collins lit a candle in honor of William.

January 5 at 1:54 AM



Cassandra Simmons-Collins sent a virtual gift in honor of William.

January 5 at 1:54 AM



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January 5 at 1:53 AM



Cassandra Simmons-Collins lit a candle in honor of William.

January 5 at 1:52 AM



Cassandra Simmons-Collins lit a candle in honor of William.

January 5 at 1:50 AM





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Salena Harris (Richardson) lit a candle in honor of William.

January 4 at 4:47 PM



Tammy Sutherlin lit a candle in honor of William.

January 4 at 2:58 PM



Darlene Dixon sent a virtual gift in honor of William.

January 4 at 12:29 PM



Richard Hardiman sent a virtual gift in honor of William.

January 4 at 9:56 AM





Memories only last if you share them

Join us in honoring William by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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