



Horace Green Richards

February 1, 1938 - February 14, 2022

Horace Green Richards (Cotton Top) passed away peacefully at his home February 14, 2022, at the age of 84. He was born February 1, 1938, in Laurel, Mississippi, and was the youngest son of James Nathaniel Richards and Nola Mae Sims Richards. On his final day, he was surrounded by his wife and children, who he adored more than anything else in the world.

He enlisted in the US Army in 1956 while in Laurel, and served over 20 years of his military career as an E-6, S/SGT in various locations stateside as well as serving two tours in Korea and Germany. While in Nellingen, Germany, he was assigned to the 11th TRANS. CO (LT.HEL) unit. He retired from military service in November, 1977, while stationed at the University of Southern Mississippi with the R. O. T. C. Department.

After retirement, he worked for the State of Mississippi doing civil service and ended his work life with Tri-State Mack Trucking Company as a transporter.

His favorite hobby was traveling on his Gold Wing with the love of his life and spoiling his grandchildren and great grandchildren. His favorite pastime was cooking his mother's famous tea cakes and oatmeal cookies. He was welcoming, caring, dedicated, humble and patient.

He was a man of utmost integrity and honor, instilling those values in his

children, grandchildren, and great grandchildren. He will be forever remembered as “the ROCK of our family”. Friends that spoke of him said he not only knew them but had a relationship with each and everyone. He will be dearly missed by all.

He is survived by his wife of 33 years, Sherlie Mae Richards, his three children, Donny Richards (Karen) of Laurel, MS, Diane Allen of Brandon, MS, and Jan Cross of Collierville, TN. He is blessed with seven grandchildren and twelve great grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his two brothers, Charles and Jerome Richards. He is survived by his siblings, Geraldine Reid and Milton (Mickey) Richards.

His family has organized a memorial to honor his life and military service. Visitation at Memory Chapel, Laurel, MS will begin Saturday, February 19th from 5:00 p.m. until 8:00 p.m. Memorial services will be Sunday, February 20th, at 2:00 p.m. at Memory Chapel with interment services provided by US Military Honor Guard at Bethlehem Baptist Church Cemetery. Rev. Greg Gavin and Rev. Jimmy Hood will officiate.

Honorary pallbearers are Casey West, Adam Canoy, Weston Macdonald, Brandon Cross, Charles Holifield, and Andy James.

In lieu of flowers, please send donations to either charity of choice, Fishing with Legends at www.fishingwithlegends.com. (PayPal address is fishingwithlegends@gmail.com) or the Wounded Warrior Project via Facebook or their website at www.woundedwarriorproject.org.

To sign the online guest book, visit www.memorychapellaurel.com.

Cemetery Details

Bethlehem Baptist Church Cemetery

838 Reid Road
Laurel, MS 39443

Previous Events

Visitation

FEB **19**. 5:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

Memory Chapel Funeral Home
3100 Audubon Drive
P. O. Box 674
Laurel, MS 39440
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<https://www.memorychapel laurel.com/>

Service

FEB **20**. 2:00 PM (CT)

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Tribute Wall

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“ Sorry for the loss of a dear cousin, our generation is down to 4 now, i though of him often love to all. *Ida Pearl Richards, Judah (daughter of Uncle Wootson E. Richards)*

Ida Pearl Richards, Judah - February 20, 2022 at 11:03 AM



“ Large Basket Garden was purchased for the family of Horace Green Richards.



February 18, 2022 at 04:51 PM

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“ So sorry for the loss of your dad. Our prayers and thoughts will be with your family in the days ahead.

Angela and David Rudolph

Angela Rudolph - February 18, 2022 at 02:49 PM



“ Treasured Lilies Spray was purchased for the family of Horace Green Richards.



February 17, 2022 at 07:31 PM