



Al-Kareem Abdullah

April 14, 1948 - January 30, 2026

"I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith." -
2 Timothy 4:7

Al-Kareem Abdullah, also known as Percy Lee Ricks Jr., was born on April 14, 1948, in Chattanooga, Tennessee, to Percy Lee Ricks Sr. and Louise "Penny" Lawson.

Al-Kareem answered the call to serve his country by enlisting in the United States Army, where he served honorably as a combat medic during the Vietnam War and in Cambodia. His service was recognized with three Bronze Star Medals for heroism in ground combat, the Army Commendation Medal for meritorious achievement while participating in aerial flight, the Combat Medic Badge, the National Defense Service Medal, and the United Nations Service Medal. He was also named October Veteran of the Month by the United Veterans Organization at Chattanooga State Technical Community College. A proud veteran, he wore his Vietnam hats throughout his life.

Following military service, Al-Kareem completed his education, graduating from Riverside High School, earning an associate degree from McKenzie College, and later completing associate and master's degrees from the North Carolina College of Theology. He was employed by the Tennessee correctional system and later by FedEx before retiring.

Al-Kareem later settled in Harrisburg, Pennsylvania, where he met and married his beloved wife, Florence Abdullah. Together, they founded Grace and Mercy Church and Ministries. He served as Chief Elder, President of the Trustee Board, Director of the Men of Honor Men's Ministry, and mentor to the Young Lions Mentoring Ministry. He enjoyed maintaining an active lifestyle and valued discipline and health.

On Friday, January 30, 2026, while at his home in Middletown, Pennsylvania, surrounded by his loving family, he peacefully entered into eternal rest at seventy-seven years of age. He was preceded in death by his son, Marlon Ricks; his parents, Percy and Penny Ricks; his sister, Margaret H. Burts; and his brothers, Norman Ricks, Johnnie Lee Ricks, Anthony Lebron Ricks, and David Earl Ricks.

He leaves to honor and cherish his memory his wife, Florence Abdullah; his children, Francine (Christopher) Burts, Percena (Malik) Anderson, Terry (Kristin) Martin, Penny (David) Smith, Al-Kareem Abdullah II, Al-Kareem Rafiel Abdullah, Jamila Abdullah, Jameel Abdullah (Rosa), Michaela Burrell, and Kamillah Abdullah; his brother, George (Maria) Ricks; his sister, Regina (Michael) Edwards; seventeen grandchildren; and a host of nephews, nieces, godchildren, extended family members, church family, and friends.

FAMILY AND FRIENDS ARE ENCOURAGED TO CLICK ON THE SHARE A MEMORY TAB TO POST VIDEOS, SHARE MEMORIES, CONDOLENCES, REFLECTIONS OR SIMPLY LEAVE YOUR NAME.

Flower delivery, 8:30 a.m., Tuesday, February 10, at WFD.

Previous Events

Viewing

FEB **10**. 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall



“ Wallace Funeral Directors created a Tribute Video in memory of Al-Kareem Abdullah



Wallace Funeral Directors - February 23 at 08:53 AM



“ Rest in peace, Percy. You used to call me “Old 60” and always said I moved like an old man — and honestly, I still do. Pastor Florence Abdullah, I send my deepest condolences and love to you. We had good times praising the Lord together. Percy was always outspoken, kept it real and honest, and was a true soldier for Jesus Christ. What a life well lived. To be absent from the body is to be present with the Lord. Take your rest, Al. Take your rest. Remember, what you do for Christ will last forever.

Darius Mosley - February 21 at 11:22 PM

CW

“ Prayers to my Auntie and cousins. I remember the first time I met Uncle. All I could do was look at his long fingers nail. I was a bit afraid and Uncle and I would laugh about that moment over the years. He will truly be missed. Spread your wings Uncle you've earned them.



Christine Wooding - February 11 at 12:19 PM

AC

“ Sending prayers, condolences & hugs to the family from me & my family... xoxo

Anna Cobb - February 11 at 12:08 PM

RR

“ Love You Big Brother And Will Miss You
Rest Easy
From Your Sister Regina Ricks Edwards



Regina Ricks - February 10 at 10:50 PM

ME

“ Michael & Regina Ricks Edwards

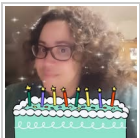


Michael Edwards - February 10 at 08:25 PM

EP

“ To my beloved Sister, Bishop Florence Abdullah, and our family, we are keeping our family in much prayer as we mourn the loss of our precious brother-in-law, love Ron and Emma Pettis

Emma Pettis - February 10 at 10:38 AM



“ We will miss you greatly!!! Wonderful man of God, and excellent leader ,1 sweet day We will meet again in Our Father's House , 🏠
GOBLESSINGS

Sacha Whitaker - February 10 at 09:28 AM

CF

“ Corey Redding and family purchased the Pretty P
lease for the family of Al-Kareem Abdullah.



Corey Redding and family - February 09 at 10:54 PM

CF

“ Corey Redding and family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Al-Kareem
Abdullah.

Corey Redding and family - February 09 at 10:54 PM

MM

“ Mr/Mrs Murdock purchased the Simply Elegant S
pathiphyllum for the family of Al-Kareem
Abdullah.



Mr/Mrs Murdock - February 09 at 02:10 PM

MM

“ Mr/Mrs Murdock planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Al-Kareem
Abdullah.

Mr/Mrs Murdock - February 09 at 02:10 PM

GJ

“ George Ricks Jr lit a candle in memory of Al-Kareem Abdullah



George Ricks Jr - February 08 at 06:59 PM

GR

“ George Jr And Danice Ricks lit a candle in memory of Al-Kareem Abdullah



George Jr and Danice Ricks - February 08 at 06:56 PM

RT

“ I will always remember his love and dedication. He is absent from us but present with Him! Prayers and condolences to Bishop Florence and the entire family. I love you! Take care of yourself



Roberta Lynn Thomas - February 08 at 04:49 PM



“ Enchanted Cottage was purchased for the family of Al-Kareem Abdullah.



February 08 at 04:11 PM

MB

“ *Pastor Abdullah My deepest condolences to you and your family*

Mario Baylor - February 08 at 02:18 PM

MF

“ *I am so sorry Pastor Florence Abdullah over the loss of your husband Percy. He was a dedicated man of God and loved Jesus with all of his heart, mind, soul and infinitely. I remember running into you and Percy so many times when I took my husband to the hospital. My husband Jerry and your husband Percy passed away days apart. My husband loved and served Jesus too. He and your husband Percy are now together in heavenly places with Jesus. They are no longer suffering, but now have eternal peace. My thoughts, prayers and condolences are with you and your family. If you need anything, I am here for you as a friend, Christian and fellow widow. I love you.*



Maria Frisby - February 08 at 02:06 PM

NP

My condolences to the family praying for peace, comfort and healing. I met Al through the pastoralship journey of my wife Mary. I always enjoyed our brief conversations. He always greeted me with such great enthusiasm and kindness. He will be surely missed.

Norman J Patterson - February 09 at 11:08 AM

DR

“ *PASTOR FLORENCE ABDULLAH, YOU HAVE MY DEEPEST SYMPATHY*

DELORES ROY



Delores Roy - February 08 at 11:35 AM

MR

“ *Maria Ricks lit a candle in memory of Al-Kareem Abdullah*



Maria Ricks - February 08 at 07:45 AM

GR

“ *George Ricks lit a candle in memory of Al-Kareem Abdullah*



George Ricks - February 08 at 07:43 AM

GR

“ *George And Maria Rickd lit a candle in memory of Al-Kareem Abdullah*



George and Maria Rickd - February 08 at 07:41 AM

KS

“ *Florence,*

Praying that God will continue to Bless you and your Family.

God Bless,

Karen Simpson

Karen Simpson - February 07 at 10:34 PM

FW

“ Florence Winstead lit a candle in memory of Al-Kareem Abdullah



Florence Winstead - February 07 at 09:27 PM

FW

*Flo, Terry, Penny and Family
It's with heavy hearts that we offer you our sincere condolences during your bereavement for Percy. A dear and devoted man of God, family and friends.
We will forever hold his memory in our hearts. RIP Friend
The Winstead Family
Harry, Flo, Tika, Bre*

Florence Winstead - February 07 at 09:33 PM

CC

“ Sending sincere prayers and condolences to the Family. God bless you 🙏. Cindy Cox and Family

Cindy Cox - February 07 at 06:07 PM