



Mrs. Loretta O. Richardson

July 19, 1926 - August 22, 2019

Loretta O. Richardson, daughter of the late Judson and Melissa Paige, was born Monday, July 19, 1926, in Bressler, PA.

Loretta graduated from the former Swatara Twp. High School, Class of 1944. She married James B. Richardson Jr. who preceded her in death. Their union was blessed with three sons.

After thirty-four years of federal government service, Loretta retired from the Mechanicsburg Naval Depot on August 26, 1985. As a member of Frontiers International, Inc., she embraced its civic commitments to the Afro-American Community. As a lifetime member of The First Baptist Church of Steelton, she faithfully attended Tuesday Noonday Prayer and encouraged others to do so. She served with the Deaconess Ministry, the Hospitality Ministry as President for many years as well as in numerous other capacities.

Loretta was a prayer warrior who loved her God and witnessing of His goodness. She was quick to share just the appropriate scripture for any life situation along with godly advice. Committed to her daily personal devotions, she studied the Word and read her Bible in its entirety at least three times or more. Some of her favorite scriptures were Isaiah 49:16, "Behold I have graven thee upon the palms of my hands: thy walls are continually before me," and Jeremiah 33:3, "Call unto me, and I will answer thee, and shew thee great and mighty things, which thou knowest not." Even during the latter part of her life during sickness, she would throw her hands up thanking and praising God. She was always an uplifter and encourager never speaking negatively of

anyone. Loretta lived her love, and she unselfishly gave her love in so many ways.

Deeply devoted to and so very proud of her family, she especially loved family gatherings. Just being around her tribe, as she called them, were precious moments. She loved being outside talking to neighbors or just admiring the beauty of nature. Her family craved her delicious Watergate, yellow and applesauce raisin cakes, baked mac and cheese and potato salad which were second-to-none. Also, she enjoyed working crossword puzzles, dancing, the live performances of Bible stories at the Sight & Sound Theater, Lancaster, PA, and having long telephone conversations with family and friends.

In the early morning hours of Thursday, August 22, 2019, at the blessed age of ninety-three, Loretta O. Richardson triumphantly transitioned from labor to reward joining in eternal life her parents, her husband and three brothers, Jessie (her twin), Alvin and Marcus Paige. She leaves to cherish irreplaceable memories and strive to emulate her spirit of faith, love and dedication: three sons, Keith J. Richardson (Maria) of Laurel, MD, Mark R. Richardson (Anne) and Craig D. Richardson of Harrisburg, PA; twelve grandchildren, twenty-three great-grandchildren, three great-great-grandchildren, nieces, nephews, cousins and friends.

Giving God all Glory, Honor and Praise, The Family of Mrs. Loretta O. Richardson

Cemetery Details

William Howard Day Cemetery

Lincoln and Carlisle Streets
Steelton, PA 17113

Previous Events

Flower Delivery

AUG 28. 8:00 AM - 8:30 AM (ET)

First Baptist Church of Steelton
1850 S. 19th Street
Harrisburg, PA 17104

Viewing

AUG 28. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

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Service

AUG 28. 11:00 AM (ET)

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Tribute Wall

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“ *To the Family of the late Loretta Richardson,
So sad to hear of Miss Loretta's passing. I remember last seeing
her when I transported both she and my mother, Ruth (a dear friend
& fellow classmate at Swatara Township High School Class of
1944) to the Class Reunion at the VFW on Derry Street. I know that
my mother is welcoming her into Heaven with open arms. My
thoughts and prayers are with your family.*

Kevin Roach - September 23, 2019 at 08:03 PM

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“ *Kevin Roach lit a candle in memory of Mrs.
Loretta O. Richardson*



Kevin Roach - September 23, 2019 at 07:58 PM

RC

“ *To the Richardson Family,*

*You have my deepest sympathy and condolences. Mrs. Richardson
has always held a special place in my heart. She was always so
warm, caring and loving. I'll never forget the time she treated my
daughter and my cousin's daughter to an afternoon at Chuck E
Cheese's. We had a wonderful time. Praying for your peace and
comfort during your time of mourning.*

Rosalind Carter

Rosalind Carter - August 28, 2019 at 09:45 AM

WJ

“ To The Family of Our Beloved Sister in Christ, Loretta Richardson,

We are so very sorry for your loss. We remember Sister Richardson for her deep love for and commitment to our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, and for her loyal and faithful support of the The First Baptist Church. For more than 30 years she was Dr. Iris Cooley's seatmate and helper and she lifted her lovely singing voice in worship. She greeted her church family with a warm smile. While we share your grief and loss, we remember that to be absent from the body is to be present with The Lord.

*Yours In Sorrow and Support,
Dr. W. Braxton Cooley, Sr. & Family*

William B. Cooley Jr - August 25, 2019 at 11:14 AM

DB

“ *Prayers of comfort and strength over the entire family! Craig I still remember the morning "mom check in" you made while I was a passenger in your cab. It was evidence of the power of love, the same power that will help you get through the next few months.*

Dee Barbour - August 25, 2019 at 07:22 AM