



## Joseph Lee Ritch

May 5, 1931 - March 15, 2006

God, in His infinite wisdom and power, has called from labor to reward our beloved JOSEPH LEE RITCH, fondly known as "Joe," with peace. Joseph was born in Fayetteville, North Carolina on May 5, 1931 to the late Elder Willie Lee and Lillie Mae Ritch. He was also preceded in death by his wife Clara and his brother James. Joe was educated in Fayetteville and Clarkton, North Carolina, and served in the Army from October 25, 1950 until October 16, 1956. He arrived in Baltimore in 1956 and worked at Bethlehem Steel for 37 years amassing many friends, especially in the 'Coke Ovens'. Aside from his passion for hunting and fishing, those who knew Joe might remember him as a vibrant, unselfish, and purposeful man who loved the Lord, his family, friends, neighbors, and especially, the Bethel Nation. He was the epitome of what one might call, a "foot soldier". Joe leaves behind: his son, Joseph, Jr.; granddaughter, Jozella; four great grandchildren; his brother, Charles (Catherine); Aunt Reatha, and a host of nieces, nephews, cousins, friends and neighbors. Joe was loved, and will certainly be missed.

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“ *Joseph Lee Ritch*

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“ *With our deepest sympathy to the family Rev. Frank M. Long & membership of Little Elam##imported-begin##Little Elam Baptist Church Family##imported-end##*

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“ *Words could never express all the sympathy felt for you in your great loss. May it help to know that many caring thoughts are with you during this difficult time. Brother Ritch will be truly missed by all of us here at Deborah Grand Chapter Order of Eastern Star. His melodious voice will be missed by the Ryals - Rich Choir. May God keep you in his blessings. He will see you thorough this difficult time. Worthy Cynthia P. Davis, Grand Matron Rt. W. Arnett Jones 33rd, Grand Patron##imported-begin##Cynthia P. Davis##imported-end##*

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“ I send my condolences to the family for your loss. Also, you can take comfort from the Bible. Acts 24:15 tells us that we have a "hope toward God...that there is going to be a resurrection". Thus, you will be able to see your loved one again. Also, living conditions will be much better (Revelation 21:4). May you be comforted.##imported-begin##Kendra A##imported-end##

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“ I extend my deepest sympathy to your family for your loss. Death is certainly something that is not easy to bear. It seems so unfair that our loved ones have to depart, and it was never a part of God's original purpose for people to die. Lovingly he has promised to end all sickness and death, and bring about a peaceful new world free of pain and sorrow. Our loved ones will live again according to his promise. Isaiah 25:8 May you find comfort in his word, and a sure hope for the future.##imported-begin##R Johnaon##imported-end##

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“ My deepest sympathy during your time of sorrow but know that the God of comfort is with you all during this time of tribulation. (2Corinthian 1:3-4) Due to the many unforeseen occurrences that brings tragedy to our lives Jehovah God promises one day soon Death will be no more (Rev 21:3-4) and his son Jesus Christ have been given the authority to bring all those in the memorial tombs back to life. John 5:28-29 Just think there will come a time not only will death be no more but Jehovah promises that no one will have to say I'm sick according to Isaiah 33:24. I feel the need to express these words of hope because so many of us today treasure the gift of life and we do all we can to maintain it to hold on to it. That is why it hurts so badly when our loved ones die. With so many of us desiring life today no matter how good or bad it is we still want life here on earth. No one looks forward to that time of death. That is why I am under obligation by the spirit and love of God to share that hope that is in our near future that the righteous shall inherit the earth and reside upon it forever according to Psalms 37: 29 along with the above stated promises on a paradise and peaceful earth. We all can hold true to this everlasting promise because Isaiah states all the words Jehovah have spoken WILL NOT RETURN WITHOUT RESULTS. What a wonderful prospect for our future especially enlight of the fact that Hebrews 6:18 States of God, it is IMPOSSIBLE for him to lie.##imported-begin##Carter##imported-end##

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“ To the family and friends: Please accept my sincere condolences for your loss. I too have lost loved ones in death. Even though we know that death is inevitable, it is still difficult to accept. Death was not something that God intended for us. The thought of death is always distasteful and it always will be because Jehovah God has created within us the keen desire to live forever. We never get used to it. We feel deep down in our hearts that this should not happen because, “Even time indefinite he (God) has put in their heart,” says Ecclesiastes 3:11. One of the wonderful parts of his plan is the hope of the resurrection of dead loved ones. (John 5:25, 28, 29). Please be assured that Jehovah God loves us and wants the best for us. Take comfort in the promise that he has given us at Rev. 21: 3-5 of a new earth where there will be no more death.##imported-begin##Senita Swann##imported-end##

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