



Lillian Odessa Richburg

August 29, 1947 - May 4, 2020

Lillian Odessa Smith Richburg
A Life Well-Lived

Lillian Odessa Smith Richburg was born on August 29, 1947 to the late Sewall Smith and the late Margaret Hagans Smith in Baltimore, Maryland. Lillian received her formal education in Baltimore City Public Schools and earned both a Bachelor's and Master's Degree in Education at Morgan State University in Baltimore, Maryland.

Lillian accepted Christ as her Lord and Savior at an early age at the Church of God and later worshipped at St. John A.M.E. Church until 1984. Relocating to Richmond, Virginia, Lillian became a faithful member of St. Paul's Baptist Church where she participated in a small group for Bible study and a host of other church activities.

Lillian was united in holy matrimony to the love of her life, Joseph Richburg, Jr. on October 8, 1966 in Baltimore, Maryland. Lillian and Joseph were blessed with two daughters, Margaret and Dana. Lillian absolutely adored Joseph and felt an enormous emptiness when he passed. She loved spending quality time with her family. Affectionately known as "Benon" by her grandchildren, nothing brought her more pleasure than being with her boys.

Lillian began her decades-long career in education with Baltimore City Public Schools in 1969 and later transferred and retired from Richmond Public Schools after 33 years of service. She was known as a teacher who would seek out and conquer challenging situations as she taught and inspired hundreds of students throughout her career. Later in life, she truly cherished her partnership with the "Golden Girls" club for retired teachers.

With a true zest for life that will be sorely missed. Lillian was a fierce competitor and greatly enjoyed winning in any game. She loved roller coasters and other thrill rides. She also had an incredible sense of humor and LOVED to laugh with family and friends. A great cook, Lillian demonstrated her commitment and love to her family in her preparation of delicious dishes, most notably potato salad and peach cobbler.

Lillian was a strong, wise woman who always sought to live a life that was pleasing to the LORD. Guided by her favorite scripture, I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me N Philippians 4:13, Lillian remained dedicated to reading her Bible and reflecting on scripture until the end. She also worked tirelessly to instill a strong spiritual foundation within her children and grandchildren.

Cemetery Details

Washington Memorial Park

6217 Memorial Dr.
Sandston, VA 23150

Previous Events

Walk through Visitation

MAY 11. 1:30 PM - 3:30 PM (ET)

March Funeral Home -Laburnum Chapel
2110 E. Laburnum Ave.
Richmond, VA 23222

Grave Side Service

MAY 12. 1:00 PM (ET)

Washington Memorial Park
6217 Memorial Dr.
Sandston, VA 23150

Tribute Wall



“ *To View the Webcast of the Funeral for Lillian Odessa Richburg, Please Click the Link below.*



March Funeral Homes - May 11, 2020 at 09:31 AM



“ *Lillian Odessa Richburg*

October 13, 2022 at 08:33 AM



“ *Dear Dana, Daryl, and family,
We just want to let you know that our hearts and prayers go out for you as you say farewell to your dear mother. We are so sorry for your loss. Praying for her and your peace, and that God's comfort be with you now and in the days to come. With deepest sympathy,
Jaime Franklin and Family*

Jaime Franklin - May 13, 2020 at 06:02 AM

CW

“ I was Mrs. Richburg for a short time but we became friends we click with each other right away. What a kind and sweet lady. To the family she is in complete peace and rest may God give you comfort during this time. Crystal Wilson.



Crystal Wilson - May 12, 2020 at 02:25 PM

CW

I was her caregiver.

Crystal Wilson - May 12, 2020 at 02:27 PM



“ Your mom was such a wonderful neighbor and friend. I will miss her beautiful smile.

Delories Henderson - May 12, 2020 at 11:15 AM

MR

“ Lillian was a kind and sweet Lady. She will be missed.

Love to the family ❤️
Cousin Mattie & Family



Mattie Richburg - May 11, 2020 at 05:17 PM

YM

We will always remember Lillian's beautiful smile, her sense of humor, adoration for Lil Joe and love for her family. Your Mother was a jewel. We grieve with you but rejoice that she now rests from all earthly trials. We love you!
Yvonne and James Means Family

Yvonne Means - May 12, 2020 at 02:02 PM

TT

“ To the Richburg Family from Tammi...our family give our deepest sympathy. Your Mom & Dad should be ever so proud to how you all stood by them as their health declined. Just like your parents kindness...The Thomas Family could not ask for better friends...we are here if & when you need us.

Tammi Thomas - May 11, 2020 at 01:51 PM

 Mazie Rochelle

“ Sending prayers, much love, hugs and kisses family.... Shelley

Mazie Rochelle - May 11, 2020 at 01:47 PM

TH

“ Deepest Sympathy to the Richburg family.

Thelma - May 11, 2020 at 01:16 PM

CT

“ *"Hebrews 12:1 ...let us run with perseverance the race marked out for us."*

The testimony for Christ that your loved one has left behind will continue to reach out as a blessing to many other lives, just like it has been to ours.

Praying God's comfort and encouragement be yours today.

In Honor of Lillian O. Richburg

5 Bibles will be distributed by members of The Gideons International to help transform lives through the Word of God.

Donated by Cliff and Camille Tomlin

Camille Tomlin - May 11, 2020 at 01:15 PM

LS

“ *To The Family of Lillian Richburg
Fond memories of a brave and joyful soul.
May each of you find peace in knowing that your loved-one is at
rest.*

*Lovingly,
Louise E. Smith
"A Golden Girl"*

Louise E. Smith - May 11, 2020 at 01:15 PM

DW

“ *Please accept my warmest condolences and
know how deeply I am for your loss.
Dionne Ward*



Dionne Ward - May 11, 2020 at 11:50 AM

LF

“ *"Strength and honor are her clothing...and in her tongue is the law
of kindness." (Prov. 31:25,26). What a precious lady and a precious
woman of God. She and her husband were faithful participants of
our annual Christian Couple's Retreat (until his passing). She had
such a refreshing spirit and always offered words of
encouragement. She will be missed. But we thank God for her life
and precious memories.*

*By God's Grace
Pastor Glenn and Mrs. Laurietta Faulkner*

Laurietta Faulkner - May 11, 2020 at 10:09 AM

DC

Both Lilian and Joseph were so caring, and always looked out for my daughter, Tyesha while she was growing up after we moved to Virginia. I'll be forever grateful to them for their kindness. Please accept our condolences for your loss.

Delquency Capers - May 12, 2020 at 10:23 AM



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Lillian Odessa Richburg.*



May 11, 2020 at 09:02 AM



“ *Enchanted Cottage was purchased for the family of Lillian Odessa Richburg.*



May 10, 2020 at 11:17 AM

AS

“ *Mrs. Richburg was my co-worker at Woodville. She was a pleasant and jovial person. The family has my deepest sympathy.*
Audrey D. Shannon

Audrey D. Shannon - May 08, 2020 at 09:33 PM

DT

“ *Dena Taylor purchased the Pink Tribute Spray for the family of Lillian Odessa Richburg.*



Dena Taylor - May 08, 2020 at 01:48 PM

LJ

“ *Love, Cecelia, Bobby and Jennifer Jones purchased the Emerald Garden Basket for the family of Lillian Odessa Richburg.*



Love, Cecelia, Bobby and Jennifer Jones - May 07, 2020 at 04:36 PM



“ *We the March Family and Staff wish to extend our deepest and heartfelt sympathy in the passing of your loved one. Our prayers go out to you and your family in your time of loss. We know and understand that you have received many expressions of love and we will continue to lift you up in prayer. May the memories you cherish of brighter and happier days help to ease your sorrow and comfort you always.*

March Funeral Homes - May 07, 2020 at 02:21 PM