



Melvin Jude Richardson

September 8, 1950 - December 22, 2018

MELVIN JUDE RICHARDSON, son of the late Melvin A. and Arnette Richardson, was born on September 8, 1950, in Baltimore, MD. He departed this life on December 22, 2018 after a lengthy illness.

He received his education at Forest Park High School in Baltimore, He was drafted into the Army in 1970 and attended technical school for transmitter and receiver repair. He was then stationed in California at Fort Ord for one year.

In 1972, Melvin was honorably discharged from the Army and returned to Baltimore and joined the Baltimore City Police Department.

In 1973, he became a correctional officer at the Baltimore City Jail. He rose throughout his career to become Sergeant in 1978, Lieutenant in 1980 and Captain in Chief in 1987 at the women's detention center. He was soon promoted to acting deputy commissioner of the women's detention center. Melvin held many positions until he obtained the position of Security Chief in the Division of Pretrial Detention.

Melvin married Karen on June 14, 1975 and welcomed their first born, Jeremy in September of 1979 and then their daughter, Jessica in October of 1983.

Melvin belonged to numerous clubs and organizations. He was involved in the Fallsway Youth Club which he loved. He and other correctional officers would take inmates and local children camping, on trips and various activities. He was a devoted Catholic who was an active member of the Legion of Mary and the Knights of Columbus until his health made it difficult to attend meetings.

Melvin made numerous friends wherever he went. He was truly a devoted friend until the day he died. He always made time to call, check in and entertain special friends, Melvin Sheetz, Aaron Morris, and Sal Derr on a weekly basis.

Melvin leaves to mourn: his wife of 43 years, Karen Richardson; sister, Michelle Kelly; son, Jeremy Richardson two daughters, Jessica Walker and La'Keishia Johnson; goddaughter, Melina Derr; daughter-in-law, Dana Richardson; two sons-in-law, Anthony Walker and Michael Johnson; thirteen grandchildren, Donovan, Alexandra, Nina, Egypt, Morgan, Logan, Thalia, Carter, Marley, Brooke, Marco, Ashley and Amima; three sister-in-law, Jaqueline Johnson, Sheila Jones, and Tracey Jones; and a host of cousins, one close and considered a brother, James Richardson; and a host of nephews, nieces, and other relatives and adopted relatives.

Previous Events

viewing

JAN 2. 8:30 AM - 8:00 PM (ET)

March Funeral Homes - West Baltimore
4300 Wabash Avenue
Baltimore, MD 21215
(410) 542-2400
info@marchfh.com

Wake

JAN 3. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (ET)

All Saints Catholic Church
4408 Liberty Heights Ave
Baltimore, MD 21215

Service

JAN 3. 12:00 PM (ET)

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4408 Liberty Heights Ave
Baltimore, MD 21215

Interment

JAN 18. 10:45 AM (ET)

Garrison Forest Veterans
11501 Garrison Forest Road
Owings Mills, MD

Tribute Wall



“ *Melvin Jude Richardson*

October 13, 2022 at 08:33 AM



“ *On behalf of the people of Holy Family Catholic Church of Randallstown, I want to express condolences to the family and friends of Melvin Richardson. I remember greeting him and his wife after many Sunday Holy Masses. May his soul, and the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace.*

*Father Raymond Harris
Pastor*

Father Raymond Harris - January 03, 2019 at 07:28 PM



“ *Even as we mourn we can remember all the good times and celebrate a life well lived Mel will be in our daily prayers with our deepest sympathy so sorry for your loss*



Charles & Janice Frederick - December 29, 2018 at 08:54 AM

“ A Reason, a Season, a Lifetime Poem - Author Unknown

People come into your life for a reason, a season, or a lifetime.

When someone is in your life for a REASON, it is usually to meet a need you have expressed or just felt. They have come to assist you through a hard time, to provide you with guidance and support, to aid you physically, emotionally or spiritually. Then, suddenly, the person disappears from your life. Your need has been met; their work is done.

Some people come into your life for a SEASON, because your turn has come to share or grow or give back. They bring you an experience of peace or make you laugh. They give you great joy. Believe it; it is real. But only for a season.

Lifetime relationships teach you lifetime lessons—things you must build upon to have a solid emotional foundation. Your job is to accept the lesson, love the person and put what you have learned to use in all your other relationships.

Think about the people in your life over the years. Whether they were there for a reason, a season or a lifetime, accept them and treasure them for however long they were meant to be part of your life.

And when they are gone, be thankful for the gifts you received from them when they were here—for a reason, a season or a lifetime.

Be blessed,

Ralph and Deserie Burley

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“ Mel was a valued member of Knights of Columbus Council 3960. Until his health problems became severe he chaired one of our charitable endeavors for several years. Even after his health deteriorated he lifted us with his positive attitude and cheerful demeanor. After an absence of over a year, he attended our business meeting and dinner on December 11. It was a joyful occasion as we gave him an enthusiastic welcome and a standing ovation. It was a gift that we were able to gather one more time with this wonderful man. May he rest peacefully in the arms of our welcoming Lord. May the Holy Spirit comfort those of his loved ones in this time of loss and sorrow. Mel will be greatly missed, but the memory of his goodness and charitable heart will inspire us in the months and year ahead. Eternal rest grant unto him and let perpetual light shine upon him. May his soul and the souls of all the faithful departed rest in peace, AMEN.

Stephen Roscher - December 28, 2018 at 09:58 AM



“ Gone but never forgotten. You have been a guiding light for most of my life. I have been able to talk to you about many things and you never judged me or my situations. LORD, please comfort my family during this time. Karen, Jeremy and Jessica, you all know, we are a telephone call away. Lots of love, hugs and kisses.
Chris Marshall Baker and family

Chris Marshall-Baker - December 28, 2018 at 08:34 AM



“ 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 - December 27, 2018 at 06:06 PM