



Richard Hite Sr.

October 16, 1939 - August 16, 2017

DETECTIVE RICHARD ALLEN JOHNSON HITE, SR. was born on October 16, 1939 in Chicago, IL, and he went home to be with the Lord on Wednesday, August 16, 2017.

The eldest of four children born to Robert and Gladys Hite, "Frumps," an affectionate nickname given to him by his mother, was educated in the Gary, Indiana school system where he excelled as a scholar athlete in both football, and track and field. In 1958, he married his high school sweetheart, the late Bernice Person and from this union three children were born.

Richard was a man of committed determination and joined the U.S. Navy wherein, he served his country for 10 years. Upon his honorable discharge, he joined the Baltimore Police Department and later married Christine Byndum of Gary, Indiana.

Detective Hite, as previously stated, determined during his 33 years of service was able to obtain his AA degree while working in a variety of assignments in the Baltimore Police Department, including Patrol, Vice, Property Crimes, States Attorney's Office and the Personnel Division. He loved his work and quietly advocated for and mentored many future leaders within the police department. He was an avid reader, staying up-to-date with current events, and a lover of western novels, the Bible and was a historian of contemporary

jazz.

A Man of Style, Richard was known for his distinctive taste in suits, hats, and other clothing, which he ordered from countless international clothing catalogs. Always searching for that unique look! He was nicknamed the "Tipper" by his friend and fellow Detective, Dave Parris for the way he walked. In other words, he had swagger before 'Swag was called Swag'!

As a man of faith, Richard attended Wayland Baptist Church until health issues prevented him. He loved scripture and cherished his favorite passage, the 23rd Psalm. Richard had very high standards, which he did not mind voicing. However, no matter how hard he was on you, you could not stay away for long. He was a devoted father and grandfather, who held the family name in the upmost of respect and instilled this sentiment in his children and grandchildren. He had special appreciation for social gatherings and took great pride and joy in orchestrating the annual Family Easter Brunch, where he relished in sharing family history, his views on religion, current events, and his most favorite topic, "Football...Football...Football...!"

His legacy lives on through all who knew him and in particular his loving family: son, Richard Jr.; loving daughters, Beatrice Fields (Edgar) and Karen Spence; sisters, Lynn DeLong and Fletcher Chapman (Marion); brother, John (Bettye); grandchildren, Resha, Sabrina, Edgar, Joylene, and Shirnice, and devoted grandson, Steven; loving great-grandchildren; special friends, Ethel Bowen, Fred Whiting, Jimmy Robinson, Thurmond Eldridge, Jerry Stokes, Larry Jones, Leonard Hamm, Dave Parris, Bertina Silver and a host of other friends too numerous to name; and a host of nieces, nephews, cousins and other family members.

Amongst other things, he will be fondly remembered for his expansive knowledge, warm smile, and sense of humor, and will be truly missed.

Cemetery Details

Garrison Forest Veterans

11501 Garrison Forest Road
Owings Mills, MD

Previous Events

Public Viewing

AUG 23. 8:30 AM - 8:00 PM (ET)

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

Family Hour

AUG 23. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

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Wake

AUG **24**. 10:30 AM - 11:30 AM (ET)

Wayland Baptist Church
3200 Garrison Boulevard
Baltimore, MD

Service

AUG **24**. 11:30 AM (ET)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Richard Hite Sr.*

October 13, 2022 at 08:33 AM



“ *To Richard hite jr sorry hear about dad hope you are ok Michael tempera sorry about your loss I know you dad was proud of you*

michael tempera - August 24, 2017 at 06:14 PM



“ *My deepest sympathy to Richard Hite and family for their loss. When family and friends have shared this time and you feel your alone, remember that God is with you now and always.*

Natalie Nowell - August 23, 2017 at 09:05 PM



“ *I would like to offer my deepest sympathy to the family of Retired Lt. Colonel Richard Hite Jr. and family on the loss of his father Retired Detective Richard Hite, Sr. I'm so very grateful to have had the opportunity to know Detective Hite! I will forever remember the words of wisdom that he provided in passing whenever I was in his presence. His calm demeanor and dignified manner served as a model for all to emulate. His distinguished features, particularly that salt and peppered full beard, was his trade mark for me ! May his transition into his glorified body be a peaceful one. Earth has lost a father, grandfather, a friend to many and much more ! Heaven has gained an angel ! May The power of the almighty God comfort the Hite family as they mourn the of Detective Hite. Although you have left this place you will never be forgotten ! Rest in eternal Peace Sir !*

Edward C. Jackson, Col. BPD Retired - August 23, 2017 at 08:23 PM

FP

“ *from St.John Universal Temple J.Fields Pastor purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Richard Hite Sr..*



from St.John Universal Temple J.Fields Pastor - August 23, 2017 at 02:12 PM

TF

“ *Richard was a compassionate yet firm man, who would provide one of the stern oars for the boat as "it" navigated it's way through stormy waters. We ALL should be as fortunate to achieve and reach where i am sure he has gone to.*

*Rest in peace.
Tyrone S. Francis Sr.*

Tyrone S. Francis - August 23, 2017 at 11:32 AM

TC

“ *To the family of Ret. Sgt. Richard A.J. Hite, Sr., May God Comfort You. May you find Assurance in His word... Strength in His Presence... Comfort in His Mercy... & Peace in His Love.In deepest sympathy, Ret. Sgt. Teresa E. Cunningham*❤️

Teresa Cunningham - August 23, 2017 at 07:48 AM

AS

“ *From Ainsley, my cousin was very supportive and a positive influence in my life; he will be greatly missed, God Bless.*

Ainsley Starghill - August 22, 2017 at 07:09 PM

QL

“ *Smile*

*Today's a new day, but there is no sunshine
Nothing but clouds, and it's dark in my heart
And it feels like a cold night
Today's a new day, where are my blue skies
Where is the love and the joy that you promised me
Tell me it's alright*

*I almost gave up, but a power that I can't explain
Fell from heaven like a shower*

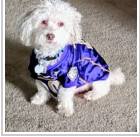
*I smile, even though I hurt see I smile
I know God is working so I smile
Even though I've been here for a while
I smile, smile
It's so hard to look up when you been down
Sure would hate to see you give up now
You look so much better when you smile, so smile*

Kirk Franklin

Uncle Frumps we will love you forever.

*Aaron, Priestly, Quincy, Airelle, Breonna & Preston
Your Great nieces and nephews*

Quincy De Long - August 22, 2017 at 01:58 PM



“ Cynthia Wilson lit a candle in memory of Richard Hite Sr.



Cynthia Wilson - August 22, 2017 at 11:20 AM

LB

“ To the family of Richard Hite Sr. May God continue to give you peace in your time of need. Just know that your loved one is in the presence of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Garry and Lisa Brown, (Pete)

Lisa Brown - August 22, 2017 at 10:21 AM



“ Strength & Solace Spray was purchased for the family of Richard Hite Sr..



August 21, 2017 at 05:00 PM

AT

“ With heart felt sympathy Albert & Betty Thomas .

Albert Thomas - August 21, 2017 at 03:56 PM

MJ

“ *Mr. & Mrs. Lorenzo Lewis, Jr. purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Richard Hite Sr..*



Mr. & Mrs. Lorenzo Lewis, Jr. - August 21, 2017 at 03:55 PM

HG

“ *I worked and worked with Richard for 25 years....Good man and will be missed-----SO SORRY FOR YOUR LOSS--RET OFFICER HOWARD GOLD*

howard gold - August 21, 2017 at 03:13 PM



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Richard Hite Sr..*



August 21, 2017 at 02:19 PM

 Cathy Calhoun

“ *Richard was a good man and I know that he's in heaven now! God bless his family and comfort them during this time!*



Cathy Calhoun - August 21, 2017 at 01:15 PM

DB

My heart goes out to you Rick Hite Jr. I am praying for you and your family. God will not put more on you that you can bear! Stay strong and I pray that God will ease your sorrow.

Debra Bluitt

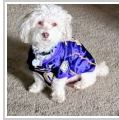
Debra Bluitt - August 21, 2017 at 07:51 PM

MB

Ilcorinthians 5:6-8 says to be absent from the body is to be present with the lord.I know Rick is with the Lord smiling and talking. I will miss Rick calling here at work reporting a death of a police officer. we had great conversation and that will be truly missed.To the family stay strong in the Lord for he will carry you through. Earth has no sorrow that heaven cannot heal.

*Margaret Briggs
Employee Benefit
Dept of Human Resources.*

Margaret Briggs - August 22, 2017 at 08:27 AM



Praying that God gives you and your family peace as you prepare to celebrate the life of Mr. Richard.

Cynthia Wilson - August 22, 2017 at 11:21 AM

DP

“ *Dorothia Parker-Johnson lit a candle in memory of Richard Hite Sr.*



Dorothia Parker-Johnson - August 21, 2017 at 12:17 PM



“ *Sapphire Skies Bouquet was purchased for the family of Richard Hite Sr..*



August 21, 2017 at 09:38 AM



“ *To be absent from the body is to be present with Christ. God bless you my big brother, Rick, as well as your family. We have broke bread and spoke of dad quite a few times. I am sorry for your loss but, remember it is only temporary. you shall see him again! GOD bless! Brian Dixon and family*

Brian Dixon - August 20, 2017 at 10:41 PM

CL

“ *I Needed The Quiet*

*I needed the quiet so He drew me aside,
Into the shadows where we could confide.
Away from the bustle where all the day long
I hurried and worried when active and strong.*

*I needed the quiet though at first I rebelled,
But gently, so gently, my cross He upheld,
And whispered so sweetly of spiritual things.
Though weakened in body, my spirit took wings
To heights never dreamed of when active and gay.
He loved me so greatly He drew me away.*

*I needed the quiet. No prison my bed,
But a beautiful valley of blessings instead-
A place to grow richer in Jesus to hide.
I needed the quiet so He drew me aside.*

Alice Hansche Mortenson

Respectfully submitted,

Carmen, Clarence, Jr. & Carla De Long

Carmen De Long - August 20, 2017 at 04:07 PM

JJ

“ *Jimmie, Gloria. Joslyn & Jeremy purchased the Strength & Solace Spray for the family of Richard Hite Sr..*



Jimmie, Gloria. Joslyn & Jeremy - August 20, 2017 at 03:27 PM

RM

“ Regina Martin lit a candle in memory of
Richard Hite Sr.



Regina Martin - August 20, 2017 at 08:30 AM

RM

The Loss Of A Loved One by Kenya. H

*The loss of a loved one is so hard to face, you just want to hide, go
somewhere and escape!*

But death is something we all must go through.

I know it's hard when it's someone you loved and knew.

*Just know now, he is in a better place, no more hurt or pain shall he
face.*

*It seems unfair, and yes, this is true, but he is in Heaven now watching
over me and you!*

God has called him home to rest!!

And he's being well taken care of Because God knows best!

*Rick, we are sending so much love, peace and serenity to you and
your family as you prepare for your father's Home Going Celebration.
Words can not express our deepest sympathy.*

*Mr. Hite always thought Neenee and Tuffy were twins...lol...I am just so
sorry he never got a chance to meet their spouses and share his take
on life but I believe we all will meet again!*

*We will continue to pray for you and your family,
Rene'e, Danita, Jay, Nicole, Dwight and grands*

Regina Martin - August 20, 2017 at 09:11 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 - August 18, 2017 at 03:57 PM

DS

One of the great guys in BPD. He was my recruiter and mde me feel equal as a woman going to a male oriented academy in 1981. I saw him once after I retied in 2010 and he said," I know I am getting old if you retired. I retired with 29 years.

Donna Stauffer - August 22, 2017 at 12:14 AM