



Percy James Richardson

November 4, 1935 - February 3, 2022

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Reflections of a Celebrated Life

Percy James Richardson

I have fought a good fight, I have finished my course, I have kept the faith. Henceforth there is laid up for me a crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous judge, shall give me at that day: and not to me only, but unto all of them also that love his appearing.

II Timothy 4:7-8

Percy James Richardson (Bubba) was born on November 4, 1935, in Luling, Texas, in the Ebbon Community. He was welcomed into the family by his parents Willie James Richardson, Jewel Moore Richardson, and his sister Bobbie. After his parents' marriage was dissolved in divorce, his mother married Beecher McKinley Ratcliff. It was during this union that Percy discovered a love for scratch baking and mastered the best pie crust and homemade cobblers.

Beecher McKinley and his mother Jewel were instrumental in setting the foundation for him becoming a mature Christian, husband, and father. Percy professed a belief in Christ at an early age at the Ebbon Community Baptist

Church. His foundation of a spiritual walk began with his baptism in the San Marcos River and where he later united with Antioch Baptist Church in Luling. Percy received his early education from Ebbon Community School and later graduated from Rosenwald High School on May 26, 1954. While attending Rosenwald he began a courtship with Johnnie Vnell Mooney, whom he lovingly addressed as "Nell". Their courtship led to them uniting in holy matrimony on April 7, 1956, on the front porch of her family homestead, in Luling, Tx. This union lasted 65 years as Nell reflects on him being such a good and loving husband and the best lifelong companion, for he was not only a husband but a best friend.

After graduating from High School Percy entered the United States Army. While stationed in Mineral Wells, Tx., he was injured in an automobile accident that left him hospitalized at the Fort Sam Houston Burn Unit in San Antonio, Tx. for two years. In August of 1958 he received an Honorable Medical Discharge from the United States Army. He never allowed his injuries to be a hindrance, but an encouragement to press forward. Percy knew that God had other plans for his life.

Percy had a desire to live in Denver, Colorado. In 1959 the Richardson family, which had grown to include his wife and two sons Rickey and Everett arrived in Denver. After settling in Denver, the family joined Union Baptist Church. While living in Denver, Percy and Nell was blessed with two more sons, Michael, and Ronald and his "Favorite (and only) Daughter" Cheryl Nell. Percy and Nell knew the importance of family involvement in church ministry and activities.

He was first employed with Denver's VA Hospital, but Percy never really felt fulfilled and soon started his career with the United States Postal Service in which he worked in various positions. He began as a Mail Handler and later expanded his career as a Tractor Trailer Driver. Still not satisfied he knew the value of an education. He decided to further his education by attending Community College of Denver and received an Associate Degree in General

Education in 1974.

He was a union representative with the APWU (American Postal Workers Union) and traveled to represent them as President and District Representative. His career with the United States Postal Service expanded thirty-three years until he retired in Austin, Tx. as Union President and Labor Representative in 1992.

After retiring he continued the desire to work and began a second career working for Round Rock ISD. His career did not end there but continued as he worked as County Election Judge during voting.

While living in Colorado, Percy ensured that his family traveled, and experienced life in Colorado with camping trips, mountain weekend getaways and travels around the US. He provided a foundation for his sons as their Boy Scout Leader and led their Hike Out Group for hiking trips.

The family lived in Denver for 26 years, before returning home to their Texas roots and to be closer to family as their parents began to age. Upon relocating to Austin, God led Percy and Nell to unite with Mt. Zion Missionary Baptist Church under the leadership of Pastor G.V. Clark. They became active in ministry, Mission Groups, Sunday School, Ushers/Nurses/Welcome Committee. The church saw the need for a Silver Soldiers Group where Percy served as Co-Chair until December 2021. He took pride in his ability to create personal greeting cards for birthdays and other occasions and coordinating trips for the groups. He ensured every senior member would receive a birthday card, which resulted in him sending out over a hundred cards each year. He held the office of Vice President for the Eden Park-Mt. Zion's housing project, by coordinating repairs, and ensured the property was maintained. Percy demonstrated respect for his fellowman by showing concern and being charitable to others. He was especially fond of his work with the many organizations he was active in and as he volunteered with various organization and ministries. His volunteering expanded to the ESGR (Employee Support of Guard and Reserve) as an Ombudsman for 15 years.

Ebbon Cemetery Club his family's home cemetery, in which he served as Vice President and on the Finance Committee, Rosenwald Ex-Student Association in which he served as Treasure until December 2021.

Percy and Nell, as he fondly called her worked together as a team through their Christian life and day to day joys of making homemade ice cream, hog head cheese, fruit cake, cooking his specialty peach and blackberry cobblers and many other delicacies. They enjoyed entering the State Fair of Tx. in the Canning, Hobby and Collection Divisions. Their entries won them numerous ribbons, amongst several blue ribbons.

Percy was a fun loving, man who enjoyed life and those he encircled. In his free time, he enjoyed traveling and especially road trips. His favorite trip to Ashville, North Carolina with a tour through the South, was one that lasted two weeks. He enjoyed staying in touch with family and conversing with them on family history. He made his rounds and called family and friends like a robo caller, calling and touching basis with each one of them on a regularly. Each year the first Sunday in July, regardless of how hot, he made sure he was at his family's cemetery and church in Ebbon for Homecoming and church service.

On September 23, 2016, Percy was among 35 veterans selected for the Austin Honor Flight which recognizes American Veterans for their sacrifices and achievements. The veterans shed tears of joy and appreciation when they received their Mail Call Letters, labeled "Trip of a lifetime". Upon his return, he was met with even more surprises and fanfare to include family and friends, ROTC groups, bag piper's concourse was full of posters and flags. This might have been his earthly trip of a lifetime, but the flight he departed on February 3, 2022, was not met with bagpipers, but heavenly angles and God's embrace, is the true "Trip of a Lifetime".

Percy desired to attend church on Sunday November 7, 2021. He pushed his way through to the doors of the church to worship and praise God. It was the last time he attended church in person, but that did not stop his praise or his lifting of his arms as he became closer to the end of his journey. He praised

God and found strength in listening to his gospel music.

Percy mentored many by his quiet, calm demeanor and unselfish acts of kindness and generosity to all he met. His obedience to Christian discipleship has been rewarded by God with a marriage that lasted 65 years. He established lifetime friendships, we will all miss his smile his jovial and comical personality, military stories, and that golden heart. His love for his family is an infinity, as our love for him.

In God's embrace Percy has joined his parents Jewell Moore Ratcliff, Beecher McKinley Ratcliff and Willie James Richardson, Sister Bobbie Lee Hubert (Husband Irving Hubert), Grandparents Malinda Williams and Tom Moore, Father and Mother in Love Isaac and Amelia Mooney, Brothers and Sisters in Love Wilmer Isaac Mooney, Verna Rae Taylor and husband Freddie B. Taylor, Sr., Carlos Nobles, George Mooney, and Louis Edward Mooney, Sr. Nephews George Gerald Mooney and Isaac Mooney, Lifetime friends Ralph and Alma Walker and many more family and friends.

Percy James Richardson transitioned this life to the embrace of the Lord on February 3, 2022, as he quietly slept away with his wife at his bedside. The vow was kept "Till death do us part". Loving memories will forever be etched in hearts of his beloved family; his devoted and loving wife of 65 years Johnie VNell, Five Children Rickey of San Antonio, Tx., Everett Glen of Austin, Tx., Michael of Houston, Tx., Favorite Daughter Cheryl of Dallas, Tx., Ronald of Pflugerville, Tx. Grandchildren – Tia Richardson of Atlanta, Ga., Sheldon Richardson, Gabrielle Richardson Amelia Richardson of Richmond, Tx., Christian Nelson of San Antonio, TX., Great Grandchildren Titilola Lania Omodara, Josiah Amir Miller, Sebastian James Richardson, Ayden J. Garcia-Nelson, and Jeremiah James Nelson. Sisters in Love Evelyn Mooney Nobles, Verlene Mooney, Yvonne Mooney. Many devoted nephews, nieces, numerous cousins, and friends.

Cemetery Details

Ft. Sam Houston National

San Antonio, TX

Previous Events

PUBLIC VIEWING FOLLOWING CDC GUIDELINES

FEB 18. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

Mt. Zion Baptist Church
2938 E 13th Street
Austin, TX 78702

Celebration Service

FEB 19. 1:00 PM (CT)

Mt. Zion Baptist Church
2938 E 13th Street
Austin, TX 78702

Tribute Wall



“ *Percy James Richardson*

October 06, 2023 at 07:08 AM



“ *To the Richardson family,
We the Garcia Family, James Edward Garcia, Jerlene Garcia
MCCLain, and Geneva Garcia Davis continue in prayer for you
Johnnie V Neil and your entire family. We send our condolences.*

Geneva Garcia Davis - March 28, 2022 at 06:53 PM



“ *Sis. Richardson and family,*

*My sincere condolences to you all in the passing of your loved one.
Percy was an amazing person. He was always in good spirits and
smiling whenever I saw him at church. I pray that God will give you
His peace, comfort, and strength during this difficult time.*

Joey Perry

Joey Perry - February 23, 2022 at 12:18 AM



*Thanks you.
His Oldest, Rickey*

Rickey James Richardson - February 28, 2022 at 09:21 AM



“ *Janis Wilder lit a candle in memory of Percy James Richardson*



Janis Wilder - February 19, 2022 at 08:58 AM



“ *We're so sorry for your loss. We'll always remember Percy's friendliness, kindness, and gentleness. I appreciated his volunteering many times for Gatlinburg neighborhood projects like distributing the newsletters. May God grant your family peace in this difficult time. Our prayers are with you, Johnie. -- Clay & Norma*

Clay & Norma - February 18, 2022 at 10:22 AM



“ *Our sincere condolences to the Richardson family for their loss of Percy. Please know that we are thinking of you during this painful time.*

Charles and Joan Chambers

Charles Chambers - February 17, 2022 at 05:52 PM



“ *Summer's Light Bouquet was purchased for the family of Percy James Richardson.*



February 17, 2022 at 11:43 AM

SC

“ Dear Sis. Richardson and family, On behalf of my late parents Deacon & Deaconess Eddie & Minnie Coates, Sr. and my brother Daniel, please accept my condolences. What a loving full live Bro. Richardson lived. I respectfully remember you all from our time at Union Baptist Church. I also remember my parents referring to you and your family as good people with good kids. I hope your loving memories will give you peace as you miss your dear husband and father.

Sincerely, Sandra Coates

Sandra Coates - February 17, 2022 at 12:18 AM

AH

“ Avesia Holland purchased the Emerald Garden Basket for the family of Percy James Richardson.



Avesia Holland - February 16, 2022 at 08:17 PM

MH

“ Marcia Houston lit a candle in memory of Percy James Richardson



Marcia Houston - February 14, 2022 at 04:38 PM

RM

“ *Johnie Richardson and Family.
Though our hearts grieves for you, We trust our Father in Heaven
to watch over you and to comfort you at this time.
He will not fail thee, nor forsake thee. Deuteronomy 31:6
WITH SYMPATHY AND LOVE
Robert and Chris Mosley*

Robert & Chris Mosley - February 13, 2022 at 11:09 PM

CK

“ *Charles Kleen lit a candle in memory of Percy
James Richardson*



Charles Kleen - February 10, 2022 at 01:28 PM

CK

Dearest condolences to Percy's family.

Charles Kleen - February 10, 2022 at 01:30 PM

MM

“ *Marva Marshall lit a candle in memory of
Percy James Richardson*



Marva Marshall - February 08, 2022 at 11:19 AM

MR

“ *My sincere condolences to the family.
Melvia Randle*

Melvia Randle - February 06, 2022 at 08:20 PM

RH

“ *My condolences to Mrs. Richardson and family.*

Mr. Richardson welcomed me to the Texas ESGR several years ago and provided me with a wealth of information. Without fail, his wisdom allowed me to assist our Reserve Component members who reached out to ESGR for assistance.

I will forever cherish the memories I have of him and pray that God will grant you peace as you travel this journey.

Raette Smith Hearne

Raette Hearne - February 04, 2022 at 02:21 PM

JD

“ *First of all, Celia and I want to offer our condolences to the Richardson family. I met Percy at the Chapter 4 Lone Star Disabled American Veterans organization in Austin. He and I served as Commanders of the Chapter. Percy and I remained good friends during our active time in the Chapter and afterward. Percy would call me and I him often until his final days. I will miss my Comrade very much. May he rest in peace.*

John P. DeLaCruz - February 04, 2022 at 01:32 PM

MK

A very loving pair is what I will remember of this family. Very warm. I will miss him. Your cuzMelKeys

Mel Keys - February 09, 2022 at 09:54 PM

CH

“ *Charlene lit a candle in memory of Percy
James Richardson*



Charlene - February 04, 2022 at 09:40 AM

AG

“ *The best Co chair ever...the twelve years we served were truly a
blessing to the SILVER SOLDIERS....*
Grady

ALBERTA B. GRADY - February 03, 2022 at 07:00 PM