



Mr. Richard Edwards

May 21, 2015

Richard Edwards was born in Alexandria, Virginia to the late Arthur and Alberta (Kyer) Edwards. He was the thirteenth child of the family – “the last button on the coat,” as his father used to say.

As a child, he loved dogs. One of his dogs was named Prince. He and his dog would run across the busy streets to visit his big sister, Vivian. She would be afraid for both of them as they made their way to her house. Richard loved to go to the candy store with what little money he had to stock up on his favorite candy.

Richard attended Sunday School at Third Baptist Church and eventually became a member of the church. He attended Alexandria City Public Schools where he was a member of the band. He played saxophone and also tried his hand at the piano. He loved basketball and played many games at Parker Gray School and the USO. He served our country in the United States Army during the Viet Nam war era.

Singing was a very important part of Richard’s life. He had a beautiful bass voice. He was one of the founding members of the Embraceables, a local rhythm and blues (R&B) quartet, along with his brother Joseph and other schoolmates.

His early employment was at Arlington Hall Station, Arlington, VA and Manhattan Laundry, Alexandria VA. Richard’s later employment was with Arthur W. Bracey Electric where he provided services as a painter and licensed electrician. He also worked for Joseph C. Edwards Inc., his brother’s

company, as a licensed electrician.

He loved his family and was very close to his sisters and brothers. He was particularly close to Joseph because they were close in age. He cared for his young nieces and nephews, and generously provided monetary support for their activities. When his sister, Vivian, became incapacitated, Richard lovingly cared for her, providing meals and any assistance necessary. Richard was a good cook and prepared meals for the family. Some of his specialties were fried chicken, potato salad, greens, and desserts. His nieces and nephews loved his cakes and extra sugary Kool Aid!

Richard loved family gatherings. He would be at the card table cracking jokes or catching up with family members during these occasions. He had a great smile and a hearty laugh.

To mourn his loss, Richard leaves two brothers, Maurice R. Edwards and Joseph C. Edwards; one sister-in-law, Beatrice Edwards; sixty plus nieces, nephews, great nieces and great nephews; and a host of cousins, relatives, family, and friends.

Cemetery Details

Quantico National Cemetery

Triangle, VA

Previous Events

Viewing

JUN 1. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

Mt Jezreel Baptist Church
317 N. Payne Street
Alexandria, VA 22314

funeral service

JUN 1. 11:00 AM (ET)

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Tribute Wall

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“ *My thoughts and prayers are with Richard's Family today as he is laid to rest.*

Kathleen Knockstead

Kathleen Knockstead - June 01, 2015 at 11:54 AM

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“ *I knew Richard through His Nephew Jeff.
I know he suffered for years and was always helped by his Brother ,
Jeff's Dad.*

I offer my sympathy and prayers to His Family.

May he rest in peace.

Kathleen Knockstead

Kathleen Knockstead - May 31, 2015 at 09:13 PM