

Homegoing Service
for
Leon C. Richards, Sr.
June 10, 1921 – July 20, 2010



Saturday, July 24, 2010

11:00 A.M.

New Testament Church

403 Rapidan Street
Portsmouth, VA 23701-3321
(757) 487-1070

Dr. Jerome L. Williams, Officiating

His Journey's Just Begun

By Ellen Brenneman



Don't think of him as gone away--
his journey's just begun
life holds so many facets
this earth is only one.

Just think of him as resting
from the sorrows and the tears
in a place of warmth and comfort
where there are no days and years.

Think how he must be wishing
that we could know today
how nothing but our sadness
can really pass away.

And think of him as living
in the hearts of those he touched...
for nothing loved is ever lost--
and he was loved so much.

The Family

ORDER OF SERVICE

Prelude

Processional Clergy and Family

Invocation Dr. Jerome L. Williams

Congregational Hymn

Old Testament Scripture Rev. Sammie L. Logan, Pastor
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Prayer of Comfort Rev. Sean K. Wynn, Pastor
Faith Fellowship Community Baptist Church

Solo *What A Friend We Have In Jesus* Vernice Harrison

Expressions (2 minutes) Family and Friends

Acknowledgements

Silent Reading of Obituary (soft music)

Solo *I Won't Complain* Keyontay Evans

Eulogy Dr. Jerome L. Williams

Recessional

INTERMENT

Greenlawn Memorial Gardens
Portsmouth, Virginia

**The Family will receive friends at the New Testament Church – Fellowship Hall
immediately following interment.**

THE OBITUARY

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Leon attended Portsmouth Public Schools. After graduation, he spent 4 years in the U.S. Army. He was employed at the Norfolk Naval Shipyard for 35 years until he retired. After retirement, Leon drove the church bus for a number of years and then worked as a security officer for the Algonquin House until failing health prevented him from doing so.

Leon was a member of New Testament Church.

Those left to cherish his memory are his wife, Mary R. Richards of the home; two sons, Leon Richards, Jr. of Fort Washington, Maryland and Monte Richards (Angela) of Fort Washington, Maryland; 3 stepdaughters, Mary Roberts (David) of Chesapeake, Virginia, Cheryl Kelly of Norfolk, Virginia, Madeline Evans (Lorenzo) of Chesapeake, Virginia; 2 stepsons, George Wyatt of Portsmouth, Virginia, Stephen Wyatt (Donnita) of Portsmouth, Virginia, one nephew, Dwight L. Fisher (Etta) of Suffolk, Virginia; one granddaughter, 4 grandsons, 4 great grandchildren, 12 step-grandchildren, 17 step-great grandchildren; 5 sisters-in-law, 5 brothers-in-law; a host of cousins, relatives and friends.

The family wants to give particular recognition and thanks to his nephew, Dwight Fisher, his step-son, Stephen Wyatt, his step-daughters Madeline Evans and Mary Roberts. Thanks for the special attention and care you gave Leon during his time of need.



PALLBEARERS

Family and Friends

FLORAL BEARERS

Friends of the Family

FROM THE FAMILY

Perhaps you sang a touching song,
Or came and just sat quietly in a chair;
Perhaps you sent lovely flowers,
If so, we saw them there.
Perhaps you sent or spoke a comforting word,
Or helped us to pray.
Perhaps you were not there at all,
Just thought of us that day.
Perhaps you prepared some tasty food,
Or maybe furnished a card;
Perhaps you rendered a service unseen,
Right here or from afar.
Whatever you did to console our hearts,
We thank you sincerely -- whatever the part.

THE FAMILY



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