



SSgt (Ret) Robert Henry Richards

February 7, 1930 - September 16, 2016

SSgt (Ret.) Robert Henry Richards departed this earthly life for his heavenly home, Friday, September 16, 2016 at the WJB Dorn VA Medical Center after a lengthy illness. Born to the union of William, Sr., and Lillian Holman Richards on February 7, 1930, he was blessed to be reared in a loving home with several siblings.

After matriculating in the Orange County Public School system of North Carolina, he obtained an Associate's Degree in Business from Columbia Commercial College after which he served his nation honorably for over 20 years in the US Army.

It was during this time that Robert met and married the former Dorothy Lee Poteat; their 54-year union was blessed with 3 children. Robert also nurtured his faith over those years at Gunter's Chapel Baptist Church in Columbia, SC, where he served faithfully as a member of the Gospel Choir.

In addition to his parents, Robert was preceded in death by his siblings: sister Mary Louise, and 4 brothers: Walter, Jr., Clyde, Claude, and John Thomas.

Robert leaves to forever cherish his precious memories his loving wife Dorothy; 3 children: Robert Henry Richards, Jr., Angela (Michael) Richards-Kearney, and Jeffrey (Jovelyn) Richards; 3 grandchildren: Khalil J. Richards, Conner W.

Richards, and Jaylen P. Richards; 3 brothers: William Richards, Sterling Richards, and Clarence Richards; 2 sisters: Ollie Mae Macklin and Catherine Huitt; and a host of nephews, nieces, extended family and friends who will all miss him dearly.

Cemetery Details

Fort Jackson National Cemetery

Previous Events

Public Viewing

SEP **21**. 12:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Palmer Memorial Chapel - Columbia
1200 Fontaine Place
Columbia, SC 29223
(803) 786-6300
palmermemorialchapel@gmail.com
<https://www.palmermemorialchapel.com>

Family Visitation

SEP **21**. 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

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Celebration of Life

SEP **22**. 11:00 AM - 12:15 PM (ET)

Gunter's Chapel Baptist Church
1631 Windover Street
Columbia, SC 29204

Graveside service

SEP **22**. 1:00 PM - 1:30 PM (ET)

Fort Jackson National Cemetery

Tribute Wall



“ SSgt (Ret) Robert Henry Richards

October 04, 2023 at 11:33 AM



“ Prayers are with you & your family

Love,
Ann Harkless



Ann Harkless - September 22, 2016 at 09:21 AM



“ Love & prayers are with you & your family

Love,
Ann Harkless



Ann Harkless - September 22, 2016 at 09:18 AM



“ Christopher Way lit a candle in memory of
SSgt (Ret) Robert Henry Richards



Christopher Way - September 22, 2016 at 07:31 AM

BM

“ *Bonita Macklin lit a candle in memory of SSgt
(Ret) Robert Henry Richards*



Bonita Macklin - September 21, 2016 at 07:22 AM

PE

“ *Pat Enoch lit a candle in memory of SSgt
(Ret) Robert Henry Richards*



Pat Enoch - September 20, 2016 at 02:57 PM