



David Earl Ricks

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David Earl “Red” Ricks, 62, formerly of Chattanooga, passed away Wednesday, June 16, 2021, at Hiroshima University Hospital in Japan. He was the 6th child of Louise and Percy Ricks and was born in Chattanooga, Tennessee on November 24, 1958. He was a 1976 graduate of Riverside High School and continued his education at UTC, receiving his Bachelor’s and Master’s degree in Business from Maryland State University. David worked for the Federal Government 28 years; and a 13-year veteran of the United States Army where he actively served from 1979–1992. He selected to serve on the Joint Chiefs of Staff Security Team at the Pentagon, where only the best is selected to serve. He was honorably discharged as 95b20 Military Policeman; ranked SGT E5 – Zama Japan station where he separated. David’s decorations include 3 army service ribbon/overseas service ribbon, 2 noncommissioned officer professional development ribbons, humanitarian service medal, 4 army achievement medals, army commendation medal, joint service identification badge, and national defense service medal expert badge with 45 Cal pistol and m16 AR rifle.

David was employed from 1993-1998 as a Business Manager with Hob Nob Inn Japan; Operations Manager for Camp Zama Community Club 1998–2003; Business Manager, Kure MWR, and Recreation Center Kure Japan 2003-2021. David led Kure’s MWR to win the 2006-2007 James Carroll award for management excellence; the President’s Volunteer Service Award in 2009, Army Achievement Medal for Civilian Service and Army Length of Service Award for 40 years of honorable federal service. He was of the Baptist faith and loved by family and friends.

David was preceded in death by his mother, Louise “Penny” Ricks; brothers, Norman Ricks, Johnnie L. Ricks Sr., and Anthony L. Ricks; sister, Margaret H. Burt; and nephew, Marlon R. Ricks. He leaves to cherish his memory his father, Percy Lee Ricks Sr.; brothers, Al-Kareem (Florence) Abdullah, and George (Maria) Ricks Sr.;



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sister, Regina (Michael) Edwards; niece, Francine Todd; brothers-in-law, Howard Burt, Eric Greene, Charles Greene, and Michael Edwards; special sister-in-law, Maria F. Ricks; brother's children; (Norman) Pamela (Danny) Robinson, Najee, Norman Jr. Timothy, Shanika, Anika, Darius (Dee), Nikki, Corey; (Johnnie) Johnnie Jr., Jelani, Jamelia; (Abdulla) Gale, Percena, Penny, Terry, Jameel, Kareem, Lil Al, Michaela, Jamella, Kamillah, Samuel; (Anthony) Anthony Ford, Rickey, Alexander, Christopher; (George) George Jr. (Danice), Brandon, Khary, and Nikki (Noah); sister's children, (Regina) Jamichael (Ava), Jamar; (Margaret) Michael, Yvette (Larry), and (Ryan, Myles); extended family: Ronald, Michael, Tonya and Angela Benning; Beverly Billingslea, Frankie Ricks, Larry Fuqua, Carl Saddle; special friends, class of 1976 Riverside High School, Tim Langford, Robert Phillips, MWR co-workers, military persons stationed at Kure Japan; Monica Jones, Sadie Talley, Yolanda Hawthorne, special thanks, Rick S. Bosch; director, Howard P. Kuroda of Family and Morale, Welfare and Recreation usage Japan, Johan Justice, Interpreter for David; all who planned and participated in David's Ceremony held June 29, 2021 in Kure Japan and Reverend Andrew Bullard and Enoushall Kilgore. Reverend Andrew Bullard will serve as the eulogist.

Directions on Live Stream: 1. Go to your Facebook Page 2. Type: [taylorfuneralhomeofchattanooga](#) 3. Click 'Like' 4. Scroll down to view the service.

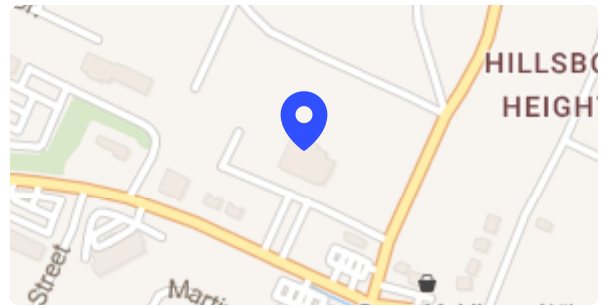


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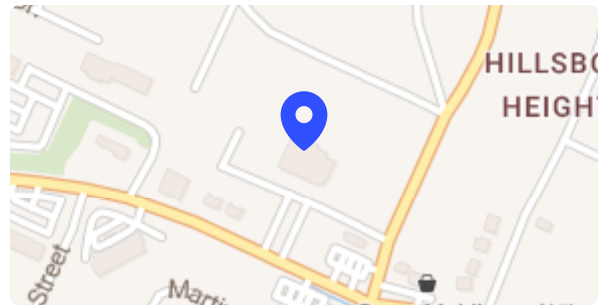
Lie-In-State

- Thursday**, July 1, 2021
- 12:50 PM - 5:00 PM ET
- Taylor Funeral Home of Chattanooga, Inc**
3417 Wilcox Boulevard, Chattanooga TN 37411



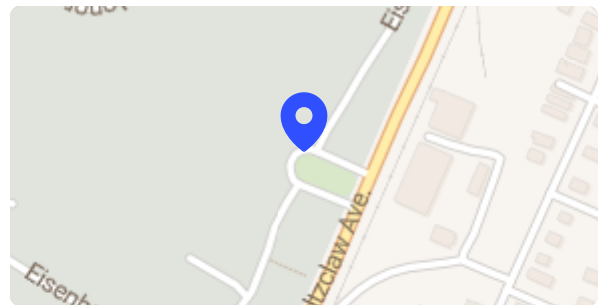
Service

- Friday**, July 2, 2021
- 12:00 PM ET
- Taylor Funeral Home of Chattanooga, Inc**
3417 Wilcox Boulevard, Chattanooga TN 37411



Cemetery Details

- Chattanooga National Cemetery**
1200 Bailey Ave, Chattanooga TN 37404





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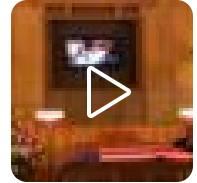
Anonymous sent an Arrive in Style to the Ricks family.



July 4 at 1:05 PM



Taylor Funeral Home Of Chattanooga, Inc. shared an album called **FuneralService-DavidRicks.**



July 2 at 3:17 PM

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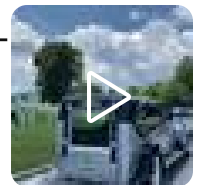
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TB Theresa Boston July 3 at 7:34 AM
Praying for you all . We Love You DAVID Red Ricks

MM Ms Wanda Mathews July 2 at 7:14 PM
I am so sorry deeply for your family loss my love Regina and family love I cant believe this here



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July 2 at 3:17 PM



Diane E Grimes posted:

PRAYING FOR THE RICKS FAMILY DURING THIS DIFFICULT TIME. EARTH HAS NO SORROW THAT HEAVEN CAN'T HEAL. TO MY SISTER REGINA, THE LORD IS CLOSE TO THE BROKENHEARTED AND SAVES THOSE WHO ARE CRUSHED IN SPIRIT.DIANE AND ALBERT GRIMES, TERESA EDWARDS MOBLEY

July 1 at 8:18 PM



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PM

Pauletta Mckivens posted:

Maria, Little man and the entire Ricks family we are so sorry for your loss. Sending healing prayers and comforting hugs. Please accept our condolences. Love, Pauletta and Maurice

July 1 at 6:03 PM

DD

Denise Drake lit a candle in honor of David.



July 1 at 5:55 PM

MB

Michael Benning posted:

It's taken me a while to try and come up with the right words to say. There are no right words. We, each of us always offer our condolences as I do at this time your family,. What makes this difficult for me includes the sense and knowledge you and I are family. As we get older our sense of family and what it truly means changes greatly and becomes ever more precious. Our losses become ever more personal. I wish you everlasting peace. I'll miss you....Your Cousin in Life and in Christ Michael

July 1 at 9:28 AM

MT

Marva Brown Taylor lit a candle in honor of David.



July 1 at 2:02 AM

DR

Donnella Russell lit a candle in honor of David.



June 30 at 7:35 PM

JR

Janis Bell Robinson lit a candle in honor of David.



June 30 at 7:12 PM



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JR

Janis Bell Robinson posted:

When I saw this I thought about David was so nice. And always had something nice to say. I can remember him walking the halls at Riverside High. I will miss my classmates. REST EASY David ❤️

June 30 at 7:08 PM

LR

Lera Richmond lit a candle in honor of David.



June 30 at 6:31 PM

KS

Kathy Kelly-Sligh posted:

Sending Condolences to the Family of David Ricks my Classmate From the Class of 1976. We know not the Day or Time that the Lord will call us Home. You will be Missed

June 30 at 3:10 PM

PP

Pete Piñon posted:

May Dave Rest In Peace. He was a great family friend to the Pinon family while we lived in Sagamihara & Cama Zama, Japan in the mid 1990s.. He was a very positive influence on my then teenage children (3 of them), and subsequently came to El Paso, Tx . to be part of a groomsman in my son's wedding . We all considered him part of our family.... RIP, David. Pete Piñon.

June 30 at 2:02 PM

ET

Elizabeth Townsend lit a candle in honor of David.

Sending my condolences and love to the family 🙏🙏



June 30 at 10:37 AM

WP

Wilma E. Poole sent a virtual gift in honor of David.



June 30 at 2:45 AM



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June 30 at 2:45 AM



Jamar And Jamichael sent a virtual gift in honor of David.

Love you Uncle David From Jamar and JaMichael

June 29 at 8:07 PM



Gayle Ricks posted:

Praying for the Ricks family during this difficult time. Red was such a kind person. I'm always floored by how much he looks like Johnny. Sending comforting & loving thoughts to you. Gayle Oglesby RicksColumbia, SC

June 25 at 6:19 AM



Marva Brown Taylor lit a candle in honor of David.

June 24 at 6:46 PM



Angela Mckibben (Annie) sent a virtual gift in honor of David.

June 22 at 9:36 AM



George Ricks Sr June 29 at 12:44 PM

We love you David Earl Ricks (Red), we will miss our daily phone calls, talks about family and our trip to Japan. "Love you Brother" George and Maria Ricks



Angela Mckibben (Annie) June 22 at 9:38 AM

Rest in paradise, cousin David (Red) Ricks.



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Robert Phillips posted:

David Earl Ricks was a loving and kind person I had the pleasure of knowing for 18 years. He will be missed by all the people who lives he's touched. Robert Phillips

June 22 at 6:10 AM



Loretta Westfield Nunn lit a candle in honor of David.

Praying for healing in Jesus Christ David was loving person.

June 21 at 10:48 PM



Regina Ricks Love You Baby Brother ❤️ sent a virtual gift in honor of David.

June 21 at 7:47 PM





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