



# Percy Ricks Sr.

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## **Percy Ricks Sr.**

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**P**ercy Ricks, Sr., 97, of Chattanooga, passed away Friday, January 12, 2024. Percy Lee Ricks, Sr. was born on November 5, 1926, in Leighton, Alabama, to George and Jossie Owens Ricks. He attended Leighton Training School in Leighton, AL. He served in the United States Navy in World War II. Percy moved to Chattanooga and met the love of his life, Louise “Penny” Lawson and they were married on October 2, 1948, and shared 68 years of marital bliss. From this union was born seven children. He was a loving husband, father, grandfather, great-grandfather, uncle, and friend. He was loved by everyone who knew him. Pop’s to his family and Mr. Percy to his friends and others. He had an undying love for people and brought a smile to the face of everyone he met. He was employed by Turnbull Cone Baking Company for over 50 years. He also worked at Wheland Foundry and Erlanger Health System. He accepted Christ at a young age and was a life long member of Westside Missionary Baptist Church. He is preceded in death by his father, George Ricks; mother, Jossie Owens Ricks; wife, Louise “Penny” Ricks; brother, John Bell Ricks; sisters, Georgia Mae Ricks Brown, Kathleen Ricks Bean, Ella Ricks King, and Melva Mullin Johnson; daughter, Margaret H. Burt; sons, Norman Ricks, Johnnie Lee Ricks, Sr., Anthony Lebron Ricks, and David Earl Ricks; grandsons, Marlon Ricks and Johnnie Lee Ricks, Jr. He leaves to cherish his memories are sons, Al-Kareem (Florence) Abdullah, George (Maria) Ricks, Sr.; daughter, Regina (Micheal) Ricks Edward; son-in-law, Howard Burt; granddaughters, Francine Ricks Todd, Yvette (Larry) Mason; grandson, Micheal Burt; grandchildren, (Norman) Pamela (Danny) Robinson, Najee, Norman, Jr., Timothy, Shankia, Darius (Dee), Nikki, Corey; (Johnnie) Jelani, Jamelia; (Abdulla) Percena, Penny, Terry, Jameel, Kareem, Lil Al, Michaela, Jamella, Kamillah, Samuel; (Anthony) Anthony Ford, Rickey, Alexander, Christopher; (George) George, Jr. (Danice), Brandon, Khary, Nikki (Noah) Gechelle; (Regina) Jamichael (Ava), Jamar; (Margaret) Micheal, Yvette, (Ryan, Myles); (Francine) Sonja (Michael, Amina, Jordyn,



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Taylor); extended family, Ronald, Micheal, Tonya and Angela Benning, Beverly Billingslea, Frankie Ricks and Larry Fuqua; special friends, Leighton Alabama; Edward King, Irene Bates, Edna Belle Mastin, Westside Missionary Baptist Church, Carl and Rosalind Herman, Jeanette Tyner, Bo Green, Carol Johnson, Anthony Mack, Ivan O'Neal, Eve Newby, Brenda Hicks, Clifford Pillows, Eric and Charles Greene, Reginald Ratliff, Robert Church, and Juliet Mark; special thanks, Austin "Fat" Myron, you were like a son to my dad. Thanks again for your help, Hospice of Chattanooga, Dr. Bessie Ingram Nunnally, and Dr. Cody Smith. Mr. Ricks will lie-in-state on Thursday, January 18, 2024, at 12:30 p.m. at Taylor Funeral Home. The family will be accepting friends from 4:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. Funeral service will be on Friday, January 19, 2024, at 12 noon at Westside Missionary Baptist Church with Pastor George W. Maize, V as the eulogist. Burial in Chattanooga National Cemetery. Directions to Live Stream: 1. Go to your Facebook Page 2. Type: [taylorfuneralhomeofchattanooga](#)  
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# Events

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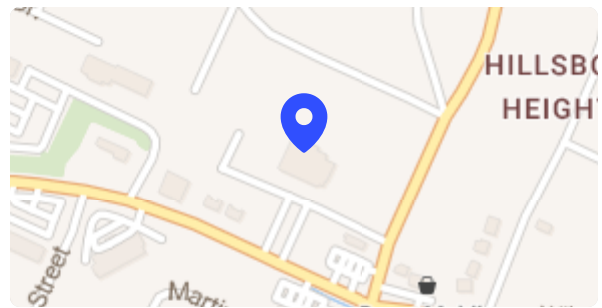
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## Lie-In-State

**Thursday**, January 18, 2024

12:30 PM - 5:00 PM ET

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3417 Wilcox Boulevard, Chattanooga TN 37411

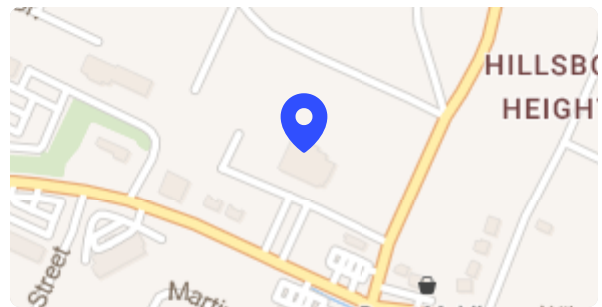


## Family Hour

**Thursday**, January 18, 2024

4:00 PM - 5:00 PM ET

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3417 Wilcox Boulevard, Chattanooga TN 37411

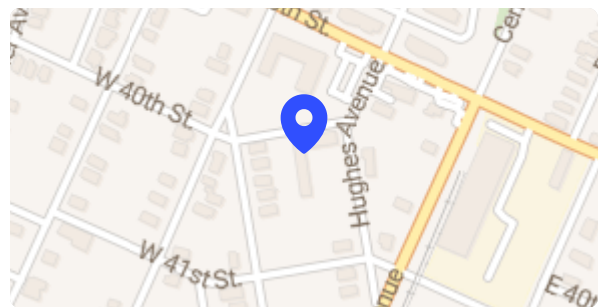


## Service

**Friday**, January 19, 2024

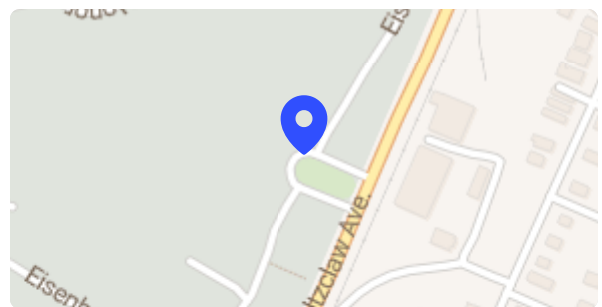
12:00 PM - 1:30 PM ET

**West Baptist Church**  
4001 Hughes Avenue , Chattanooga TN 37410



## Cemetery Details

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





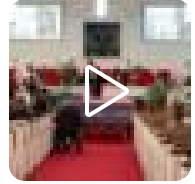
# Tribute Wall

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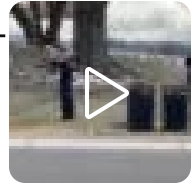
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January 24 at 5:07 PM



**Taylor Funeral Home Of Chattanooga, Inc.** shared an album called **CemeteryService-PercyRicksSr.**



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**Reginia Hamilton** lit a candle in honor of Percy.



January 20 at 7:24 PM



**Blackmon Family** lit a candle in honor of Percy.



January 18 at 1:59 PM



**Sledge Siblings, Chattanooga** lit a candle in honor of Percy.



January 18 at 1:52 PM



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**Edna Belle** lit a candle in honor of Percy.

Dear Percy, From Lyle Place, Leighton, Alabama, Chattanooga, Tennessee, Flint, Michigan, and Houston, Texas too. You knew when I was born, and (our love) for being friends seems like family are so dear and true. We will miss you so much, but we know your transitioning to your Heavenly Home was a beautiful experience for you. When you see (our family) tell them "We Are Coming Too" We will miss the telephone calls and your sweet laughter too. From, Irene 96, Edward 94, and Edna Belle 88 too. (LOVE) Composed by Edna Belle King Mastin Flint, Michigan



January 18 at 1:50 PM



**Priscilla Ford** lit a candle in honor of Percy.

To George "Lil Man", Maria and the Ricks Family, I am sending love, prayers and condolences to each of you in the passing of your father. I pray that God will comfort and strengthen you all now and in the days ahead. Love, Priscilla (Pat) Ford - RHS Class of 1968

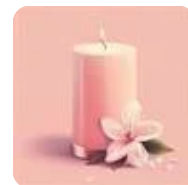


January 18 at 12:14 PM



**Percena Anderson** lit a candle in honor of Percy.

Thank you for being such an amazing Man to me. You were the embodiment of what it means to be a decent Human Being. I am proud to carry on your Legacy, as well as your name, in this World. May our family's patriarch rest in Peace. Love you Grandfather Percy. Percena.



January 18 at 11:45 AM



**Allen Jones** March 17 at 6:31 PM

Percena Anderson, I touch and agree, as my prayer of comfort, peace, direction/sound mind/emotions, in the Holy Ghost, as well as direction, guidance, wisdom and purpose, towards you and the Rick's family, immediately without delay, in Jesus Christ name Amen 🙏🙏🙏🙏🙏🙏  
🙏❤️ Sincerely and Best Regards, Allen Jones



**Your Grand-Daughter. Percena** sent a Full Of Love Bouquet to the Ricks family.



January 18 at 11:34 AM



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**Your Grand-Daughter. Percena** planted a Memorial Tree in honor of Percy.



January 18 at 11:34 AM



**Gayle Ricks** posted:

George & Maria, Sending lots of love and prayers as you grieve the loss of "Pops." He was really special & loved by so many. Gayle Ricks Columbia, SC

January 18 at 5:57 AM



**Regina Ricks** shared 2 photos to the **Tribute Wall** album.

To the Best Father in the world I love you dad and will miss you but you is with God and mom now RIP Mr. Percy and Mrs. Penny from your daughter Regina and Grandkids Jamar, JaMichael and Ava



January 17 at 6:07 PM



**Beverly Billingslea** lit a candle in honor of Percy.



January 17 at 4:47 PM

**BB** **Beverly Billingslea** January 17 at 4:49 PM

Will miss you Pops, but I know you in a better place, with the other family members, rest in peace, love you ❤️



**Cassanova Lee & Family** sent a Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum to the Ricks family.



January 17 at 3:55 PM



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LC

**Larry And Linda Calloway** lit a candle in honor of Percy.

January 17 at 2:47 PM



CB

**Comm.Greg And Pat Beck** sent a virtual gift in honor of Percy.

January 17 at 11:07 AM



DM

**Daphne Ball-Mcclurkin** lit a candle in honor of Percy.

My sincere condolences to George, Maria, and the entire family of Mr. Percy Ricks. I know from many stories heard while working with George that he was a good father, husband, friend, employee and will be truly missed. RIH

January 17 at 4:56 AM



DK

**Deborah Kelly** posted:

My deepest condolences to cousin George and Maria in the passing of Mr Percy.

January 17 at 4:37 AM

HF

**Howard "Duck" Akins, Family** lit a candle in honor of Percy.

CONDOLENCES out to the Rick's family...SORRY for the family's loss...I "know" that he will be missed by many. As i think about Mr Rick's (and Mrs Ricks) i've known for close to six decades. Mr. Rick's was a "true" family man, worked hard to support his family. Mr Rick's did something that many parents (To include mine ) wasn't able to do...be with family for NINETY SEVEN YEARS!!! Howard "Duck" Akins, Family....

January 17 at 4:34 AM





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**Ivonya L. Douglas, Bae Bae** lit a candle in honor of Percy.

Mr. Percy was my holly street dad, always looked out for us while we play outside, him and Mrs Penny would sit on the porch. That's when other parents had the right to tell us right from wrong,, I love you always in my heart Mrs penny too. You will be missed.



January 16 at 8:09 PM

IB

**Ivonya L. Douglas, Bae Bae** January 16 at 8:11 PM  
Baebae love y'all and I'm praying for y'all, my family 4 life

VF

**Vickie Fielder** lit a candle in honor of Percy.



January 16 at 5:00 PM

MT

**Marva Taylor** lit a candle in honor of Percy.



January 16 at 3:26 PM

EN

**Eve Newby** lit a candle in honor of Percy.

Sending our condolences to the Ricks Family .The Newby Family



January 15 at 9:20 PM

DG

**Diane Edwards Grimes** lit a candle in honor of Percy.



January 15 at 5:57 PM



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TA

**Tonya Austin** lit a candle in honor of Percy.  
Sending our deepest condolences to the Ricks family. Tonya Austin

January 15 at 1:35 PM



**RM Rodney McGee** January 16 at 6:18 AM  
How precious are the days. The McGee Family

KC

**Karen Carter** lit a candle in honor of Percy.

January 14 at 4:59 PM



MH

**Mike Hood** lit a candle in honor of Percy.  
Mike Hood & family ( Tom Hood's bunch ) lit a candle in memory of Percy Ricks Sr.

January 14 at 4:19 PM



DF

**Diane Ellison & Family** lit a candle in honor of Percy.

January 14 at 1:45 PM



CF

**Cookie Johnson & Family** lit a candle in honor of Percy.

January 14 at 12:09 PM



ES

**Eddie Starkey** lit a candle in honor of Percy.  
Prayers an Condolences to the Rick'sFamily..🙏🙏The Wadley&StarkeyFAMILIES..

January 14 at 9:46 AM





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**Frederick L. McClendon Jr** lit a candle in honor of Percy.

January 14 at 6:45 AM



**Vickie Fielder** lit a candle in honor of Percy.

January 13 at 6:11 PM



**Reginia Hamilton** lit a candle in honor of Percy.  
Condolences and prayers goes out to the family.

January 12 at 5:31 PM





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