



## Richard Edwards Jr.

April 22, 1931 - April 25, 2017

Richard Edwards Jr. was called home to be with the Lord on Tuesday April 25th, 2017. He was born October 14, 1931 to the late Richard Edwards Sr. and Essie Mae Cotton in Macon Mississippi. He was preceded in death by one sister and three brothers, Jennie Lee Lowe (Dave), James Murray Edwards (Shirley), Hollie Edwards (Mickey), and Joseph Louis Edwards (Muriel).

He leaves wife Alice, one son Richard T. (Tracy), and three grandchildren, Morganne, Jordann, and Aaron Edwards. He leaves behind three sisters in law, Mary King, Lucy Edwards, and Frances Thornton. He also leaves behind a host of nieces, nephews, cousins, and friends. Richard, Chee, as he was known to his family, and Doc, as he was known to his friends, grew up in Kent, Ohio. He graduated from Theodore Roosevelt High School, and attended Kent State University. It was during his time at Kent State that he met and later married Alice Joan Thornton. Richard and Alice moved to Cleveland, and later moved to Shaker Heights, Ohio, where they lived until they moved to West Point VA, in February of 2017.

Richard was a United States Army veteran. He served three years in the Army during which time he received a Purple Heart for an injury he sustained in the Korean war. He later went on to work at Case Western Reserve University, and after that worked for the United States Postal service in Cleveland, Ohio.

Richard was a member of the American Postal Workers union (APWU), where he served as a steward for the union. Richard would later retire from the United States Postal service. In his spare time Richard was an avid bowler, at times competing in several bowling leagues, and would travel to various bowling tournaments throughout the country. He also enjoyed playing cards, and reading. Richard enjoyed sports and was a big fan of the Cleveland sports teams and the Ohio State University sports teams.

A funeral service will be held 11 a.m. Monday, May 1st in Mt. Nebo Baptist Church, 13th and Kirby Street, West Point, VA 23181. The family will receive friends one hour prior to the service at the church. Interment will follow in Sunny Slope Cemetery.

# Cemetery Details

## **Sunny Slope Cemetery**

King William Avenue  
West Point, VA 23181

# Tribute Wall

EF

“ *Eric And Jeannie Franklin lit a candle in memory of Richard Edwards Jr.*



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**Eric and Jeannie Franklin** - April 30, 2017 at 10:00 PM

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*We are praying for you and your family Richard during this difficult time. We pray that your fond memories of your father will comfort you and your family at this time.*

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**Eric and Jeannie Franklin** - April 30, 2017 at 10:01 PM

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“ *Starlet Beamon lit a candle in memory of Richard Edwards Jr.*



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**Starlet beamon** - April 30, 2017 at 02:34 PM



“ *My brother in law was a great, wonderful man in my life! I treasure every moment spent with him! His caring and giving of himself will always be remembered in my memories! May God continue to bless my sister-in-law, and my nephew Richard Thornton. I've walked in their shoes, and I know the pain. Prayers and love are with you!*  
*Muriel Edwards*

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**Muriel Edwards** - April 29, 2017 at 08:38 PM

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*MAY GOD BLESS YOU AT THIS TIME. WE ARE PRAYING FOR YOU  
BE BLESSED.  
KURTISS BLOUNT AND FAMILY*

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**Kurtiss Blount** - April 29, 2017 at 09:22 PM



“ *Blue & White Sympathy Floor Basket was  
purchased for the family of Richard Edwards Jr..*



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April 29, 2017 at 01:46 PM