

## RICHARD WEYLAND EVANS



On Tuesday, September 7, 2021 Richard Weyland Evans, escorted by the heavenly angels, slipped away peacefully at Hillcrest Rehabilitation Center. Raleigh, NC.

Richard was born July 25, 1948 in Raleigh, NC. He was preceded in death by his

parents, Percy and Sadie Ruth Evans and his brothers, Elvin Poole and Percy Evans, Sr.

Richard accepted Christ at an early age and joined Lincolnville A.M.E. Church, Raleigh, NC where he served faithfully as a Stewart Pro-Tem. He was a longtime member of the Lincolnville Male Chorus, Mass Choir and Senior Choir. Richard had a deep seeded faith in God and was forced to rely on that faith many times in life.

Richard was educated in the Wake County Public School System, Raleigh, NC and was a proud Berry O'Kelly Alumni. Richard served in the US Army and received the distinct honor of a Purple Heart Vietnam Service Medal with three bronze service stars in 1971. He served faithfully under former Sheriff John Baker as a Master Deputy with the Wake County Sheriff Department until his retirement.

Richard had a passion for gospel music. He was known worldwide for his melodious voice and served as soloist at many funerals. He sang with the Silver Stars of Raleigh, NC for 57 years. They traveled extensively throughout the country spreading the gospel in song.



Richard would raise the roof at many programs with his signature song "I'll Be Home When the Roll Is Called". He

would never pass up an opportunity to sing. One of his last conversations before going to the hospital was concerning getting new suits for their anniversary. Richard was a recording artist and released his solo CD titled "Jesus is Real". He has found his place in the "Heavenly Choir".

Richard was a great husband to his wife, Frances, aka Patsy. They were united in marriage May 28, 2016. They experienced countless adventures and enjoyed a great life.

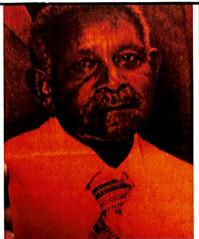
Richard was a great father, brother, brotherin-law and papa. He was a gentle giant with a sweet spirit, very mild mannered and loved to help people.



Richard was actively involved and a member of Kabala Temple No. 177.

Richard leaves to cherish his precious memory his loving wife. Frances of the home; daughter, Stephanie Minter of Raleigh, NC; sons, Demarcus Minter of Raleigh, NC, Brian Kirby of Bronx, NY, William Kirby of Fuguay, NC and Wade Jones, II (Shannon) of Willow Springs, NC; one brother, David Evans of Raleigh, NC; sisters-in-law, Thelma Dublin-Evans of Raleigh, NC, Molichia Ferguson (Felton) of Raeford, NC; brothers-in-law, Raymond Jenkins (Margaret) of Lynchburg, VA and Robert Jenkins, Bronx, NY; aunt, Margaret Evans of Raleigh, NC; 12 grandchildren; 2 great-grandchildren; longtime friend, George Kimble; and a host of nieces, nephews, other relatives and friends.









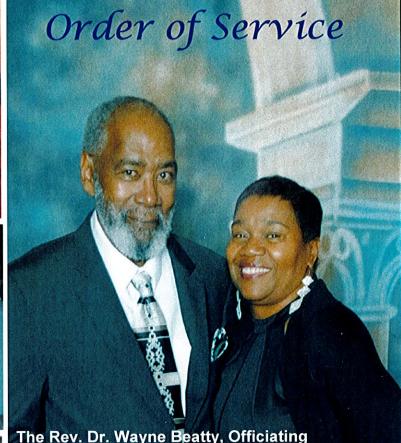












The Processional

The Musical Selection ...... Tammy Cotton "Sending Up My Timber"

The Prayer of Comfort...... Michael L. Dublin, Sr. Pastor, South Central Church of Christ

The Scripture Readings:

The Old Testament ......Sister Sharon Mitchell The New Testament...... Rev. Dr. Gwen Wise-Blackman The Gospel.....Isaiah Green

The Tributes (2 Minutes Please)

The Obituary (Read Silently)

The Musical Selection ......Silver Stars

The Eulogy ......Rev. Dr. Wayne Beatty

The Committal.....Rev. Dr. Wayne Beatty

**The Military Honors** 

The Recessional/Postlude