



Mr. James Hubert Richardson

July 29, 1919 - December 30, 2013

James “Beans” Richardson was born in New Orleans, LA on July 29, 1919 to the union of Rodney V. Richardson Sr., and Inez (Seals) Richardson. At the age of five, James and his family moved to Chattanooga, Tennessee.

In their early teens, James and his older brother Rodney V. Richardson Jr., learned to play bass violin and they began working with different jazz groups until 1944, when James joined the army and served in the 368th infantry. He served in New Guinea, Southern Philippines and Northern Solomons. He received the WWII Victory Ribbon, Good Conduct Medal, American Theater Ribbon, American Defense Service Ribbon, AP Theater Ribbon, 3 bronze service stars, Philippine Liberation ribbon and one bronze star.

James came to Detroit in January, 1946, and began playing with Philip Hill's band at the Bluebird Inn on Tireman. In 1948, James took over the house band at the Bluebird and some of his band members were Tommy Flanagan, Yusef Lateef, Abe Woodzey, Sonny Stitt, Tate Houston and Billie Mitchell. Many musician passing through Detroit would stop in and jam with them, Charlie Parker, Elvin and Thad Jones, Cannonball Adderley, and Miles Davis to name a few. In the early 1960's he toured with a very young Aretha Franklin and did an album with her featuring Barry Harris, Hindel Butts, Kenny Burrell and James on bass.

In 1971, while working with the Benny Carew Trio, in Grand Rapids, Michigan he was introduced by a friend to Susan Farhat, they began dating and in March of 1973 they were married. A year and one month later in April of 1974, they were blessed with a son, James Paul Richardson.

Previous Events

Family Hour

Sunday, Jan. **5**. 2:30 PM - 3:00 PM (ET)

O. H. Pye, III Funeral Home
17600 Plymouth Road
Detroit, MI 48227
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Memorial Service

Sunday, Jan. **5**. 3:00 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Mr. James Hubert Richardson*

January 21, 2023 at 09:34 PM



“ *My uncle was a gentle, peaceful man. I don't ever recall one description of him as otherwise. I pray that the seeds of peace which he sowed throughout his entire life continue to produce a bountiful and manifold harvest in the life of his wife, in that of his son and wife, in that of his granddaughter, and in the lives of the generations to follow. The Lord be your strength, your courage, your peace, your hope, your delight in your sorrow and your focus for understanding and direction in your difficult moments now, and in all your efforts. Auntie Susie, James and Tiffany, D'Monique, and D'Anna may God, through Christ, be your fortress and your strength and give you many hours of joy in sharing your memories with each other, with us, and many others.*

Love,

Niece and Cousin Lisa Richardson-Causey

lisa richardson - January 06, 2014 at 10:38 AM



“ *Whenever Beans was on the gig. I knew that we would have a great time. He was a great conversationalist, funny and suggested great tunes. My sympathy to the family.*

"Beans" Enjoy that great big band of musicians waiting for you.

Naima Shamborguer

Naima Shamborguer - January 03, 2014 at 10:05 AM



“ Love's Journey was purchased for the family of Mr. James Hubert Richardson.



January 02, 2014 at 04:44 PM



“ I have been a Bass Player in Detroit for 60 years and Beans has always been my hero. I leave you the 7 photos of him as my tribute to him and send you my best wishes.
Dan Pliskow

Dan Pliskow - January 02, 2014 at 01:34 PM



“ I really enjoyed playing music and talking with "Beans". He was a great musician and comedian. Whenever I knew he was on the gig, I would take it because I knew that I would have a great time. I still remember some of his jokes and he is probably telling one as he makes his way to the final performance. Rest in peace, our sympathy goes out to all family and friends! Pamela Wise and Wendell Harrison

Pamela Wise - January 02, 2014 at 11:48 AM



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