



## Mr. Leslie James Richard Sr.

December 31, 1945 - March 21, 2024

Leslie James Richard, Sr was born on Dec. 31, 1945, in Magnolia, MS to the late Rev. Robert Sr. and Auntia Richards. The family moved to Detroit, MI in 1948. Leslie accepted Christ at an early age and became a member of St. Mary M.B. Church where his father, Rev. Robert Richards, was the founding Pastor. At the time of his passing, Leslie was a member of Faithful Mount Triumph under the leadership of Pastor Henry Timmons.

Leslie attended the Detroit Public School system and while in high school he met the love of his life Cynthia "CynD" Goodwin. Leslie left high school and enlisted in the Army where he earned his G.E.D. After his discharge from the Army Leslie reunited with his first love CynD and they were married on July 18, 1965. Into this union two children, Leslie Jr and Sylvia, were born.

Wanting to show his bride the world, Leslie re-enlisted in the Army and the family spent many of their Army years exploring Europe. They returned to the States and Leslie retired from the Army in Las Cruces, NM after serving more than 26 years as a Military Policeman. Leslie joined the security staff, rising in rank, at the NASA White Sands Test Facility where he was employed for more than 20 years before retiring. Leslie and CynD was married for 50 years before she preceded him in death.

Leslie departed this life on March 21, 2024. He was preceded in death by his father, mother and wife. Four sisters: Annette, Kathleen, Claudette and Geraldine; four brothers: Charles, Elgin, Arthur and Robert Jr.

He leaves to cherish his memory: 2 children Leslie Jr., and Sylvia (Lamonte),

2 sisters: Janice Richards-Fuller of Atlanta, GA and Beatrice McQuiter of Detroit, MI, 7 grandchildren, 2 great-grandchildren, and a host of nieces, nephews, cousins and friends. Special mention: Uncle Clifton "Tip" McGowan, 3 nieces and traveling buddies: Stelena, Karen and Joi (Kevin).

# Previous Events

## Visitation

Friday, Apr. **5**. 3:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

O. H. Pye, III Funeral Home  
17600 Plymouth Road  
Detroit, MI 48227  
(313) 838-9770  
info@pyefuneralhome.com

## Family Hour

Saturday, Apr. **6**. 9:30 AM - 10:00 AM (ET)

O. H. Pye, III Funeral Home  
17600 Plymouth Road  
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## Celebration of Life

Saturday, Apr. **6**. 10:00 AM (ET)

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# Tribute Wall



“ *Mekesha Allen lit a candle in memory of Leslie Richard* ”



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**Mekesha Allen** - April 05, 2024 at 09:20 PM