



Richard L. Lavender Sr.

November 12, 2016

Richard L. Lavender Sr. Sunrise August 26, 1938 – Sunset November 12, 2016. Richard (R.L.) Lavender was born to James and Susie Mae Lavender in Aliceville Alabama. He is the 3rd of seven children. Richard graduated from Pickens County Training School in 1957, he left Aliceville in his early 20's and moved to New York, where he began to work for Rockland Psychiatric Center. During this time he was drafted into the U.S. Army where he served for six years with an Honorable Discharge in 1968.

While living in New York Richard would meet his future wife, Myrtice who he married in 1969. They had 3 children – Jacqueline (Jackie), Richard Jr. (Ricky) and Debra (Deb) before moving to the suburbs of New Jersey to raise their kids.

Moving to Teaneck in 1972 where they made their life together, Richard & Myrtice joined St. Paul's Lutheran Church and became active members of the congregation. Later, Richards' passion for brotherhood and community lead him to join the Masons, where he was an active member of St. James Lodge #98.

Richard retired from Rockland Psychiatric Center after 35 years of service, during his retirement Richard was able to spend more time with his grandchildren and later great-grandchildren. He was also able to travel with his wife and enjoy more of his family near and far.

Richard is survived by his wife Myrtice, his three children, Jacqueline, Richard and Debra. Siblings, Doris L. Clanzy (Rufus) and Herbert Lavender, one

sister-in-law Mollie (Mikki) Johnson, one brother-in-law Clarence (Pete) Anderson. His seven grandchildren, Keith, Jasmine, Janessa, Ashley, Myrtice, Isaiah and Jeremiah. His five great-grandchildren, Keith Jr., Keon, Ke'arah, Sincere and Maddisyn as well as many nieces, nephews, cousins and friends to cherish his memory.

These are but a few of the events of Richard's life, the rest of which are forever recorded in the Lamb's Book of Life.

Friends and family are invited for visitation this Friday from 4-8PM at Volk Leber Funeral Home, 789 Teaneck Road, Teaneck, NJ. A funeral service will be held on Saturday at 10:30AM at St. Paul's Lutheran Church, 61 Church Street, Teaneck. ALL TO MEET AT CHURCH. Interment will be held on Tuesday, November 22nd at 11AM at New Cemetery, Aliceville, AL. In lieu of flowers, please make a donation in Richard's name to Center for Food Action, 192 W. Demarest Avenue, #4, Englewood, NJ 07631.

Cemetery Details

New Cemetery

196 Valley View Road
Aliceville, AL 35442

Previous Events

Visitation

NOV 18. 4:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Teaneck
789 Teaneck Road
Teaneck, NJ 07666
(201) 836-0202
info@volkleber.com
<https://www.volkleber.com>

Service

NOV 19. 10:30 AM - 11:30 AM (ET)

St. Paul's Lutheran Church
61 Church Street
Teaneck, NJ 07666

Tribute Wall



“ *Volk Leber Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Richard L. Lavender Sr.*



Volk Leber Funeral Home - November 15, 2016 at 09:28 AM



Rest in Peace Uncle Richard

Monique Shaw - November 19, 2016 at 12:47 PM



May the Lord continue to bless you in heaven..

Monique Shaw - November 19, 2016 at 12:48 PM



Richard was good friend to Pearce family and dedicated saint Paula Lutheran church congregation member and instrumental in the changes improvements of church on church council and board member with my mother roswitha plain Pearce God bless his good heart in heavenly

Kevin Olaf Pearce - June 05, 2017 at 12:39 PM



“ *Richard L. Lavender Sr.*

October 08, 2023 at 09:59 PM



“ *Richard L. Lavender Sr.*

October 08, 2023 at 06:27 PM



“ *Richard L. Lavender Sr.*

August 30, 2022 at 02:48 PM



“ *My deepest condolences to the whole family. He will always be alive in your hearts.*

Manny Scarangella - November 22, 2016 at 01:12 PM



“ *Oh give thanks to the Lord, for He is good. His love endures forever. Psalm 136:1. May God bless and keep you. I was blessed to have known him.*

Essie W. Simmons

Essie Wilder Simmons - November 18, 2016 at 02:09 PM



“ *Alan Dickerson purchased the Your Light Shines for the family of Richard L. Lavender Sr..*



Alan Dickerson - November 16, 2016 at 12:15 PM

CM

“ Richard was a very special man - always a kind word for everyone - always smiling. He never complained. He and Walter were good Masonic brothers and enjoyed talking about the Masons together. Bill and Richard were "brothers" - so much alike that they could have been brothers. I will miss seeing him in church.

Carole Moore - November 15, 2016 at 10:05 PM

BD

“ Betty Davis lit a candle in memory of Richard L. Lavender Sr.



Betty Davis - November 15, 2016 at 07:04 PM

BD

“ Will always remember and appreciate working with Richard at Rockland and having a great friend, my blessings and sympathy to the family.

Betty Davis

Betty Davis - November 15, 2016 at 07:03 PM

DC

“ My love and sympathy are with you at this time. He was a man who was always ready to help even when he was not really well himself. I will miss him a lot.

Dottie costello - November 15, 2016 at 04:18 PM



“ *A true gentleman, a loving husband, a devoted baseball fan, a friend in times of need and a blessing to all he knew.*

Wayne Olsen - November 15, 2016 at 03:30 PM



“ *83 files added to the album Life Tributes*



Volk Leber Funeral Home - November 15, 2016 at 08:33 AM



“ *AliceHarris lit a candle in memory of Richard L. Lavender Sr.*



AliceHarris - November 14, 2016 at 11:56 AM



“ *Mr Laverder was always a person you could talk to and a very dear friend. RIP Richard.
The Harris family*

AliceHarris - November 14, 2016 at 11:55 AM