



McKinley Speedy Ricks Sr.

January 27, 1944 - June 1, 2016

On Wednesday afternoon, June 1, 2016, God sent His angels to touch our beloved McKinley Speedy Ricks, Sr., known as "Lil Bro", to beckon him home. Speedy was born on January 27, 1944 in Sedley, Virginia to the late Sadie Mae Ricks and Gurnie Ricks. Later, he went to live with his aunts, the late Delila Wennwright and Frances Riddick.

McKinley was educated in the Norfolk Public School System attending Booker T. Washington High School and Norfolk State University. He enlisted into the U.S. Navy Reserve and received an Outstanding Career Service Award by the Secretary of the Navy. McKinley was employed as a Foreman at Norfolk Naval Shipyard, Portsmouth and retired with 40 years of service.

McKinley was a member of New First Baptist Church (Taylorsville), where he loved his church family and a faithful early morning service worshiper. He was a dedicated member of the Camelot Civic League. McKinley developed a love for playing chess; sitting for hours with local friends and challengers.

McKinley was preceded in death by his only daughter, Elanda Ricks; four brothers, Floyd Ricks, Ed Lee Ricks, Leroy Ricks, and Marvin Ricks; three sisters, Thelma Hilliard, Gladys Faltz, and Bernice Smith; and a brother-in-law, Clifton Mills.

Left to honor and preserve the legacy of McKinley are his loving wife, Shirley Mills Ricks; one son, McKinley Speedy Ricks, Jr. (Mia); and two granddaughters, Amaya and Avery.

McKinley is survived by three brothers, George Ricks (Mae) of Courtland, VA, Elton Ricks (Beverly) of Roanoke Rapids, NC, and Clarence Ricks (Cathy) of Hampton, VA; one sister, Clara Turner (Clarence) of Smithfield, VA; one sister-in-law, Naomi Harris of Chesapeake, V A; one brother-in-law, Wilbert Mills (Audrey) of Chesapeake, VA; one goddaughter, Teresa Perkins (Anthony) of Stafford, VA and a host of nieces, nephews, cousins, and friends.

Cemetery Details

Greenlawn Memorial Gardens

3920 Airline Blvd
Chesapeake, VA

Previous Events

Service

JUN 6. 11:00 AM (ET)

New First Baptist Church (Taylorsville)
2720 Turnpike Road
Portsmouth, VA

Tribute Wall



“ *J.T. Fisher Funeral Services created a Tribute Video in memory of McKinley Speedy Ricks Sr.*



J. T. Fisher Funeral Services - June 03, 2016 at 02:44 PM



“ *Speedy, I am sorry you are gone and I'll miss seeing you sitting in your garage across the street. I always thought you were a good man. God needed you with him, Jesus, the angels, and all the saved in your heavenly home. I am sending condolences to Shirley and the rest of your family.*
Charlene Sullins and sweet cats

charlene sullins - June 07, 2016 at 02:14 PM



“ *Our prayers are with you. Love and blessings.*

michael harris - June 05, 2016 at 02:16 PM

RC

“ Shirley, it must be extremely difficult to weather this storm. I am so sorry to hear about the loss of your husband. Through it all GOD is more than ABLE to supply every need we will ever have. I will continue to pray Gods Grace and sufficientcy to you and your family. God Bless all of you.

Ruth and Eddie Crosson

Ruth Crosson - June 05, 2016 at 10:31 AM

NG

“ Norfolk Southern Facilities Group purchased the Sweet Tranquility Basket for the family of McKinley Speedy Ricks Sr..



Norfolk Southern Facilities Group - June 04, 2016 at 07:40 AM

KD

“ I am so sorry for your loss. I worked with Mr. Ricks at Norfolk Naval Shipyard. He always had a smile and a kind word when we talked. The world has lost a gentleman, and heaven has gained an angel.
Kathy Delbridge

Kathy Delbridge - June 04, 2016 at 06:43 AM

VB

“ I remember Speedy...We joined the U S Naval Reserve together. We also attended Norfolk State together and participated in the ROTC. Speedy was an excellent serviceman, earning much deserved recognition in Boot Camp. He was a standout kind of guy. May God keep the family wrapped up in His loving arms during this time of bereavement. RIP brother Speedy.
Victor Billups

Victor Billups - June 03, 2016 at 07:15 PM

VR

“ Uncle Lil Bro was a dear and sweet person that loved his family and he will truly be missed and I will always love you.

Violet Ricks - June 03, 2016 at 10:51 AM



“ 22 files added to the album Life Tributes



J. T. Fisher Funeral Services - June 03, 2016 at 10:28 AM