



## Richard Royster

August 2, 1962 - August 7, 2007

ROYSTER, Mr. Richard D. - Age 44, passed away Tuesday, August 7, 2007 at his residence. Family hour 11AM Saturday, August 11, 2007 at Foss Avenue Baptist Church, 1159 E. Foss Ave., with funeral service commencing immediately at 12Noon. Rev. Derrick Aldridge officiating, Dr. Roosevelt Austin, Pastoral Administrator. Interment Flint Memorial Park Cemetery, G-9506 N. Dort Hwy. Friends and pallbearers will assemble at the church 11AM Saturday. Mr. Royster will lie in state in the Chapel of Lawrence E. Moon Funeral Home, 906 W. Flint Park Blvd., and may be viewed from 12Noon-8PM Friday. (family will receive visitors from 4PM-7PM). Mr. Richard "Rich" Royster was born August 28, 1962 in Flint, Michigan to the union of Peter and Thelma (Callaway) Royster. Richard joined Foss Avenue Baptist Church at an early age. He later became a very proud member of 2nd Chance Church, where he faithfully served as the Media Ministry Coordinator. Richard was educated in Flint Public School System and graduated from Northwestern High School "Class of 1980." He continued his education at Eastern Michigan University and graduated from Spring Arbor University. Richard was employed at New Path's Incorporated as a Residential Advisor. He leaves to cherish his memories: 3 sisters, Ivy Blount, Linda (Herbert) Winfrey of Flint and Michelle Royster of Bowie, MD; brother, Larry (Gloria) Royster of Flint; 3 nieces, Danielle Royster of Kalamazoo, MI, Felicia Blount of Indianapolis, IN and Nakisha (Reggie) Wade of Houston, TX; 3 nephews, Greg (LaTonya) Blount of Louisville, KY, Jahmal and Lawrence Royster both of Flint; 2 great-nephews,

Marsan Blount and Ryan Wade; great-niece, Morrai Blount; a host of loving aunts, uncles, cousins, godchildren, neighbors and friends including special friend, Jerri Winfrey-Carter, his Church family and friendly dog "Chico".

Richard was preceded in death by his parents, Peter and Thelma Royster; sister, Sharon (Royster) Turner. In lieu of flowers, the family request donations are made to the Richard Royster Scholarship Fund, P.O. Box 310071 Flint, MI 48531.

# Tribute Wall



“ *Richard Royster*

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October 09, 2023 at 07:02 AM



“ *To the Blount and Royster family, may God ease your hearts during this most unexpected loss. I only had the opportunity to me Richie once, but I remember his smile. May God bless each of you as you remember the good times.*

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**Paige Commodore** - August 07, 2007 at 12:00 AM



“ *To the Royster family; you have our deepest condolences. Richie will be missed. He had taken on a major and consistent task of assisting my parents and we loved and appreciated him for the love he showed them.*

*May your hearts be filled with the memories of the joy he brought to our lives. May God send the comforter to you all at this time of sorrow.*

*Love Sylvia and Chico*

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**Chico & Sylvia Swinton** - August 07, 2007 at 12:00 AM

LD

“ To my family it is with the heaviest of hearts that this message is being sent. God in all of his glory has chosen one of his best to call home. In knowing this I celebrate the life and love of our dear Richard (Richie/Rich) as I have often called him. He will truly be missed. Our thoughts and prayers are with each of you.

*Much Love*

*Lew & Anne Dent*

*Darlene Callaway*

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**Llewellyn & Annette Dent** - August 07, 2007 at 12:00 AM

CS

“ *"Rich", We can't beleive you're really gone. we will cherish all the sweet memories we shared. You were like a big brother to the both of us and such an awesome godfather to our children. You were sweet, funny, considerate, encouraging and just overall a great person. Sometimes God places people in our lives for a season. You made this season such a great one for us and it has truly been a pleasure knowing you. You will be sadly missed but never forgotten.*

*We Love You "Rich" and we know that you are in perfect hands. To the Royster, Winfrey and Blount Families: You are in our prayers as well as our hearts!*

*Love Carla, Dequindre, Daysha, Dre'lyn and Cailyn Stewart.*

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**Carla & Dequindre Stewart** - August 07, 2007 at 12:00 AM

SJ

“ *Sorry to hear of your loss, We will continue to keep your family in our prayers.*

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**Sonya Jackson** - August 07, 2007 at 12:00 AM

MF

“ Royer Family,

*Ivy, Linda, Larry, Michelle our hearts are very heavy during this time of sorrow. God has taken another one of his blessed children to come and stand beside him. He knows this is not a mistake. We may not understand as to why, but this is no mistake. Hold on, and hold out a deliverance is on it's way. Keep seeking GOD first, he will bring you through these tough times. I love you all and pray that you will be healed from this great lost. Maxine & Family*

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**Maxine Holmes & Family** - August 07, 2007 at 12:00 AM

AF

“ Know that you are in my prayers. God is your strength today and forevermore.

*Love you.*

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**Addie M. Farr** - August 07, 2007 at 12:00 AM

JC

“ Ivy, Linda, Larry, Michelle and the rest of the Royster family; You all are in my thoughts and prayers,during this time. Richie was one of my best friends, not just my cousin. He was my link to home and family and I already miss him terribly.

*Much Love, Jan*

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**Jan Callaway** - August 07, 2007 at 12:00 AM

NR

“ To the entire Royster Family, I am so very sorry to hear of Richie's sudden passing. Please know that I will continue to pray for each and every one of you. Keep your faith in the Lord and trust that He will see you through. Take care and God Bless!

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**Netta Rucker** - August 07, 2007 at 12:00 AM

LG

“ Richard was a very nice person when I knew him in high school. He was always friendly, he spoke to me often and joked around at the games and practices after school. I have not seen him since he graduated but that does not matter. I still remember the warm, sincere, and funny person that he was. I wish his family much peace and sincerity in knowing that he is in a better place...!

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**LTanya Green** - August 07, 2007 at 12:00 AM

WC

“ Royster's,  
You are all in my prayers as our family mourn our loss. But, I will also take this opportunity to celebrate Richie's life as well. He was a Godsend to Nette and my parents, these past couple of years and my family and I will always be grateful to him for showing so much love. God is always blessing all of us and will continue to do so, during this time.

*Much Love to You, Wendy and oshai*

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**Wendy Callaway** - August 07, 2007 at 12:00 AM

TJ

“ "If God brings you to it, He'll bring you through it." My deepest heart felt sympathy to the Royster Family. Be encouraged.

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**Tonya R. Johnson** - August 07, 2007 at 12:00 AM

SE

“ Please accept my sincere condolences for the loss of your loved one. I had the pleasure of meeting "Uncle Richie" this past weekend. I was truly saddened to hear of his sudden passing. I pray that God will wrap his loving arms around each of you who are grieving, and that you will lean on Him as well as each other for support at this time.

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**Shawanda Elledge** - August 07, 2007 at 12:00 AM

KD

“ Michelle, you and your family have my deepest sympathy during this most difficult time. Those we love remain a part of us and are always in our hearts. May cherished memories of Richie bring you moments of comfort and may lasting peace surround your grieving hearts.

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**Kendra Driggins** - August 07, 2007 at 12:00 AM

TC

“ Richard,

*I'm so glad I had the chance to spend time with you. You were truly a wonderful man and one of the most selfless people I have ever known. You did what you could to help those in need. Although our time together was short-lived, I have memories that will last for years to come.*

*Love,  
Tanika*

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**Tanika Clarke** - August 07, 2007 at 12:00 AM

NF

“ To my family, I know that often times we are faced with circumstances that make us wonder if God is real. However, we must remember that in those circumstances and the fact that they become testimonies of triumph is because He is Real and just and can never fail. It is through the life that Richie lived and the very fact that he was allowed be with us if only for a short time is the testament of God's love. We have to lean on each other for support but most importantly look to the hills from whence cometh our help. Don't worry, we'll see Richie again. Weeping endureth for a night...

*I love you all. See you soon.*

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**Nakia & DeAndre Reeves and Family** - August 07, 2007 at 12:00 AM

MH

“ Richard & I had a GREAT relationship In-The-Lord! Over the last five years we have really bonded. This is our lost & heavens gain. My heart is in pain just writing this. Rich had a servants heart! We all need to take a little of who Richard was and continue the serving spirit! Rich.....I love you brotha!! ( The is something Rich & I had no problem saying to each other )

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**Mark Harper** - August 07, 2007 at 12:00 AM

KC

“ There was an old black and white movie called, "The Tall Man". Richard reminds me of that movie. He was a gentleman and loved his family dearly. He shared that love with others. He was kind, respectful, and considerate.  
I will miss his smile and how he would "wave" at me whenever I saw him drive past my house. He was quiet, but always made his presence known. He was genuine and I am blessed to have known him.

*Kathryn M. Clarke*

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**Kathryn Clarke** - August 07, 2007 at 12:00 AM

MM

“ richard and i go way back since grade school & foss ave church. we had great respect for one another. Even though we were the same age I called him uncle Richie. Im going to truely miss him, his laughter and his joking we also were in the motor city bass club together. my prayers are with you and GOd bless you family.

*moe*

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**myron (moe) mitchell** - August 07, 2007 at 12:00 AM

PF

“ Rich,  
We keep pinching ourselves, because it does not seem to be real!  
Just tonight, I expected to see you over in the corner falling asleep  
(smile), everytime the door opened, I waited for you to walk  
in....Well, God had another door for you to walk into. We now have  
to ask for the spirit of acceptance.  
To The Royster Family: Richard was a "Special Angel" the God sent  
to us on loan, his job was complete. There was never a time that  
Rich did not reflect upon the family time that he spent with you and  
how much he enjoyed spending time with Lawrence and  
Marson....they brought out the kid in him. God Bless you all, our  
prayers are continuously with you! Patrick, Crystal, Paige & Caitlyn.

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**Patrick Robinson Family** - August 07, 2007 at 12:00 AM

JF

“ Richard will always be as close as a memory and the God who can  
comfort all will always be as close as a prayer.

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**JOYCE FLOWERS** - August 07, 2007 at 12:00 AM

BH

“ Richard is a wonderful man.He spread God's love wherever he  
went.He will be missed more than you know.I deeply love and  
respect him with all my heart. He will be in my prayers and in my  
heart every day. I am blessed to have had him in my life.I am so  
sorry for your and my loss.I will keep you in my prayers.Love and  
prayers, Ann-Marie

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**Betty Henry** - August 07, 2007 at 12:00 AM

VH

“ We send our condolences and we will keep you in our prayers.

Love,  
The Headings Family

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Vidal & DaLnia Headings - August 07, 2007 at 12:00 AM

TI

“ Royster Family,  
God works in was that we don't always understand. However we do have to hold on and out because everthing happens for a reason. Richie was a Big help to my mother Arnette and my grandparents. He came to my wedding reception and did a specatular job with the wedding slide show and everything. My family and I will keep you in our prayers during this this and always.

Be Blessed

Tyrone, Jalen & Temeisha Bush II

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Tyrone, Jalen & Temeisha Bush II - August 07, 2007 at 12:00 AM

EW

“ Family you are in our prayers. Please accept our condolences in your brothers home going. Bless GOD that your brother had a relationship with GOD. This earth was never meant to be our home. JESUS has prepared a special place just for Richard. Rejoice knowing one day you will meet him at the other shore. Yes difficult, so we pray for your strength and GOD'S Peace is upon you. Lean on GOD HIS Divine Wisdom and Strength to sustain you. It's times such as this that we don't understand! Yet we understand that GOD has a divine purpose and HIS WILL is done! We must trust HIM and lean not on our own understanding. Trust and depend on GOD when everyone has gone home, in the late hours, lean on GOD. Earth has no sorrow that Heaven cannot heal. We love you! Again we are praying for you!

**GOD BLESS!!!**

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**Edward & Shirley Winfrey** - August 07, 2007 at 12:00 AM

CW

“ Hi Family,  
I just want you to know that you're in our hearts. We pray that GOD eases your sorrow and replaces it with sweet sweet memories.  
We love you all, stay strong.  
~Molly & Chris

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**Chris & Damali (Callaway) Withers** - August 07, 2007 at 12:00 AM

YB

“ I don't know the right words to say. But, I know that God is our Rock and Provider and He loves us and understands our pain. Richard is a kind and humble spirit. He is a quiet gentleman who loves people. I know he really loved his family and was very proud of them. I am heart-broken by this loss. But, Heaven is rejoicing to receive one of it's own. My sympathy and best wishes are with the entire Royster & Callaway family.

Love always,

Pat

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**YOLANDA R. BROWN** - August 07, 2007 at 12:00 AM

LJ

“ RICHARD AND I HAVE BEEN FRIEND SINCE WE MET IN CHURCH YEARS AGO. WE SHARED A LOT OF LAUGHS, SPORTS CONVERSATIONS AND PRAYERS TOGETHER. RICHARD IS ONE PERSON THAT ONCE U MEET HIM, YOU WILL NEVER FORGET HIM.

LOVE U FRIEND.

LEO ADAMS, JR.

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**LEO ADAMS, JR.** - August 07, 2007 at 12:00 AM

KR

“ Richard was a great guy, he will be missed by many. My heart goes out to the Royster family and his loved ones. May God Bless and Keep You in His Care.....

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**Karen Ross** - August 07, 2007 at 12:00 AM

JW

“ Look to the hills from which cometh your help. I remember Rich as a guy who never seemed to let anything get him down. Always had a good sense of humor. We were teammates on the football team at N.W. Please know that our heartfelt prayers are with your family.

God Bless,  
Jerome & Family

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**Jerome White** - August 07, 2007 at 12:00 AM

BH

“ Its is my prayer that GOD keeps you and sustains you through this difficult time.

GOD BLESS  
Jean

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**Betty Henry** - August 07, 2007 at 12:00 AM

TJ

“ To the Royster Family, Sunset on Earth is Sunrise in Heaven. Richie and I became good friends while attendind EMU (1981-82). He showed me around campus, and looked out for me. He was like a big brother to me. I'll always remember his kind heartedness. My thoughts and prayers are with you during this difficult time.

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**Tonya Jackson** - August 07, 2007 at 12:00 AM

JF

“ We would just like to keep the family in our prayers.

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**Jeff Callaway & The Family** - August 07, 2007 at 12:00 AM

RW

“ *Family:  
Know that you are always in my prayers; and I love each and every one of you.*

*Though Richard has touched all of us; he will be dearly missed. We know ours is not to question WHY ... but at times like these we are tempted to. Richard has completed his journey (and quite well I might add). He was a gentle, quiet, picture-snapping giant who taught all of us to embrace life. Every time I see a camera I think of my cousin, Richie. May God continue to bless and smile on you.*

*Ruby Lee Wells*

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**Ruby L. Wells** - August 07, 2007 at 12:00 AM

MB

“ *Dear family,*

*It is at times like this that we remember that tomorrow is not promise to us. So let us live life with everything we have. I am sure if Richie could talk to us now he would say, "Eternity is real, make your decision on where you will spend it. Life is temporal so live for eternity." Truly we morn the loss of Richie. Let us also remember his wonderful personality and smile. May God comfort us all. To the Roysters we all love you*

*Love, Mario and Tye Bennett*

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**Mario Bennett** - August 07, 2007 at 12:00 AM

TC

“ I Knew Richad on a personal friendship level we were close and shared many of times talking together , even though I moved away I still remember him as a good friend someone I adored someone i could trust in but now that he is gone i guess i will just have to talk to him on another level then speaking in person i will dial his number up in heaven , but I want him to know that i thought about him often and wondered what he was doing with his life , Richard i will miss you and i will think of you often, i want to say to Richard's family god will keep you in his arms and hold you through your time of grief and sorrow .

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**Tina& Leandrea' Crenshaw** - August 07, 2007 at 12:00 AM

LH

“ As you celebrate the life of you loved one, I know that your hearts are filled with sorrow. However, God said He would never leave nor forsake His children. As you bid farwell to Richard, may memories of the life he lived give you strength and encourage you to continue to run the race by faith. May GOD bless and keep you all.

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**Loretta Dent Holley** - August 07, 2007 at 12:00 AM

AR

“ I feel very blessed to have known Rich for the past 5 yrs. I know that I met Rich for a reason. He showed me the true meaning of a friend. He will be greatly missed. But always in my heart.

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**Alicia Rowlson** - August 07, 2007 at 12:00 AM

AM

“ My condolences to the Royster family. I am so sorry for your loss. My family is praying for you.  
Adena

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**Adena Magloire** - August 07, 2007 at 12:00 AM

TB

“ To the Royster Family, Another solider has gone on to heaven. When I think of Richard I can do nothing but smile. He was a very nice and respectable person, who smiled all the time. I last saw Richard at our 25th high school reunion and I took plenty of pictures of him with the guys. I will surely miss seeing his face at our next class reunion. I'll see you on the other side Richard. God loved you more.

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**Tracy Batson** - August 07, 2007 at 12:00 AM

ZB

“ I the thing that I remember the most during the tragic lost of my daughter last year is.

*Earth has no sorrows that Heaven can't heal. I'm Praying for you all and you pray for me.*

*Love Zonsaray*

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**Zonsa Ray Bougard** - August 07, 2007 at 12:00 AM

KS

“ My prayers are with the family. We can deal with everything with God's help.

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**Keith Spears** - August 07, 2007 at 12:00 AM