



Mr. Richard Newall Woodward

January 10, 1945 - December 30, 2016

WOODWARD, Mr. Richard Newall - Age 71, passed away Friday, December 30, 2016 at Heritage Village in Waterville, Ohio. Family hour 10:00 AM Monday, January 9, 2017 from the Chapel of Lawrence E. Moon Funeral Home, 906 W. Flint Park Blvd., with funeral service commencing at 11:00 AM, Pastor Kenneth L. Stewart, officiating. Interment Great Lakes National Cemetery, G-4200 Belford Rd., Holly, MI. Friends and pallbearers will assemble at the funeral home 10:00 AM Monday. Mr. Woodward will lie in state in the Chapel of Lawrence E. Moon Funeral Home, and may be viewed from 10:00 AM - 6:00 PM Sunday.

Mr. Richard Newall Woodward was born January 10, 1945 in Flint, Michigan, the son of Cleo and Samuel Woodward. Richard was a resident of Heritage Village in Waterville, Ohio; he resided there for almost two years. He earned a B.S. in Engineering from University of Michigan. Before he became ill he tutored at-risk-children in Algebra. Richard worked for A.C. Spark Plug, a division of General Motors in the Engineering Department. Anyone who ever met Richard knew instantly, and said, that he was a genius and “extremely smart”; he was well versed on a variety of subjects. Richard kept up with the news and worldly events. Richard had a subscription for the New York Times newspaper and enjoyed reading a variety of materials, such as notable African American autobiographies, and learning about different cultures. Richard never met a stranger, if anyone would listen to him talk, they would

find out a lot of different things that they did not know. Richard's favorite hobby was playing basketball. He enjoyed watching professional basketball and his favorite team was the Pistons, and his Alma Mater U of M. Richard was in the United States Army, where he served in the Vietnam War and was Honorably Discharged. Richard also loved that he lived to see a Black man elected as President. He really admired President Barack Obama and his lovely family.

Mr. Richard Newall Woodward leaves to cherish his memory: daughters, Anisa (Erobo) Ubogu and Deandria Roberts; grandchildren, Kome and Rezi Ubogu, all of Hoover, AL; 2 sisters, Regina (Woodward) Baker and Althea Davis, both of Flint; brother, Alfred (Tonya) Woodward of Lansing, MI; 6 nieces, Ebony, Cherish, Tonya, Nicole, Charysma and Cay'Dence; 9 nephews, Criszaveon, Kevelin, Jr., Ju'Rome, Dondric, Kenny, Cashis, Cassidy, Ja'Cyhan and Ja'Cyhare; 6 cousins, Harold (Kay), Billy (Mary), Diane, Craig, Dennis and Michael; a host of other relatives and friends including, Angela's mother, Cora, and Jermaine's mother, Rose.

Mr. Woodward was preceded in death by his daughter, Angela Woodward; son, Germaine Mitchell; parents, Cleo and Samuel Woodward; grandparents, Albert and Ruby (Thomas) Woodward; aunts, Bertha Woodward, Mattie Little, Virginia Earley and Mary Lou Woodward; uncle, Charlie Frank; nephew, Kevelin Baker, Sr. and cousin, Sharlene Woodward.

The family would like to express special thanks to Queenie; whom Richard loved, and she loved him, Ms. Vee, Yerretta and staff at Heritage Village for taking great care of Richard, his Ride or Die, favorite nieces, Ebony and Cherish; who was with their uncle until the end, Mt. Calvary Missionary Baptist Church family and the staff of Lawrence E. Moon Funeral Home.

Cemetery Details

Great Lakes National Cemetery

G-4200 Belford Rd.
Holly, MI 48442

Previous Events

Public Viewing

JAN 8. 10:00 AM - 6:00 PM (ET)

Lawrence E. Moon Funeral Home, Inc., Flint
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Family hour

JAN 9. 10:00 AM (ET)

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Service

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Tribute Wall



“ *Mr. Richard Newall Woodward*

October 09, 2023 at 07:02 AM

DM

“Dearest Family Members: I have so many memories to share, but I will just share a few. First I offer condolences to all for our loss, as we will really miss Richard (who also liked to be called Ishmael). He and I shared a loving friendship for about 50 years, having met when I was about 15 years old. Richard delivered our paper on Holbrook Street where I lived with my older sister as my legal guardian. He was hard working and very polite. Later I got to know Richard better at Northern High School and found him to be quite intelligent and fun to be around. He would stop by to see me on his paper route and bring me a bag of potato chips which I shared with my niece and nephew whom I was often babysitting. Richard would sing Temptations songs and help me with my homework. He indeed was my first real boyfriend and later became my husband. I liked the fact that we could talk about many subjects and challenge one another intellectually. We both had aspirations of attending college and having a professional career. Unfortunately, Vietnam tried to rob him/us of this dream, but it did not stop our strong bond of respect and friendship. I am happy that I got to know Richard's Mom and sisters and brother. The Woodward's were always nice to me and helped out with our daughter Angela when she was a baby and growing. Later on I moved to Ann Arbor to attend University of Michigan. Richard also came to Ann Arbor, after his term in the army ended, to finish his BS Degree, which had been on hold when he was drafted to serve in Vietnam. To make a long story short, although we were divorced by then, we remained in touch. I made up my mind to be forgiving of any perceived shortcomings and focus on the good in others. That is why Richard and I continued to have a strong bond throughout our friendship. He knew he could trust me to be there for him when he became ill, or in other circumstances. Both daughters Angela and Anisa were also there for him as they grew into adults. Angela attended UM and was an honor student interested in the arts. She wrote beautiful poetry. Anisa became a Family Physician and is now practicing in Alabama. I finished a PhD from Univ. of Mich. and had a long successful career and traveled to many places in the world. We are all grateful and thankful that Richard was a

*positive influence in our lives. I'm sure he has also left his positive "footprint" of influence on others as well. Let us continue to pray for his soul's ascension to be with God in our heavenly paradise.
Lovingly, Dr. Cora Ssengoba-Karatz*

Dr. Cora M.Ssengoba-Karatz - January 08, 2017 at 08:59 PM

RW

“ *Rudolph Wheaton lit a candle in memory of Mr. Richard Newall Woodward*



Rudolph Wheaton - January 08, 2017 at 04:24 PM

RW

“ *Lit a candle for Richard. Richard and I started kindergarten together. He was great student and friend and equally a person of Great integrity and honor. Rest in peace Richard.*

Rudolph Wheaton - January 08, 2017 at 04:17 PM

MP

“ *To the Woodward Family: I was saddened to learn of the passing of Richard. The whole family, especially Regina has my Condolences. Your Friend and Play Cousin, Mary Parks-Deason. 1/8/17*

Mary Parks-Deason - January 08, 2017 at 03:59 PM

RC

“ To a High school friend, a squad member in the US Army, and a comrade-in-arms. You were always kindly thought of, and will be missed.

*Blessings,
Ray Cochran*

Ray Cochran - January 08, 2017 at 03:31 PM

CP

“ *Brilliant mind, great athlete, jazz lover, survivor and fellow veteran. Rest in peace my friend.*

Cecil Payne - January 06, 2017 at 11:48 PM

RW

Richard and I started kindergarten together. He was a great student, and ewyally a person of honor and integrity.

Rudolph Wheaton - January 08, 2017 at 04:30 PM

RW

And equally

Rudolph Wheaton - January 08, 2017 at 04:31 PM

MS

“ *Mae Vern Spence lit a candle in memory of Mr. Richard Newall Woodward*



Mae Vern Spence - January 06, 2017 at 11:31 PM

FG

“ Fredrick&Rosetta Haywood(Atl Ga) lit a candle in memory of Mr. Richard Newall Woodward



Fredrick&Rosetta Haywood(Atl Ga) - January 06, 2017 at 07:35 PM

RM

“ I have known Richard for a long time. He was man who I admired for his great mind and love of knowledge. My heart goes out to the family in this time of sorrow. Rest in peace, you hold a special place in my heart.



Rose Mitchell - January 06, 2017 at 10:01 AM

RJ

“ Rozella Jones lit a candle in memory of Mr. Richard Newall Woodward



Rozella Jones - January 06, 2017 at 09:01 AM

RB

“ Regina Baker lit a candle in memory of Mr. Richard Newall Woodward



Regina Baker - January 05, 2017 at 07:58 AM

RB

Truly missed and loved. We will miss going out to dinner at Red Lobster with you, your favorite restaurant. I always enjoyed conversing with you. Take your rest now and tell momma, daddy, my beloved son Kevelin, plus the rest of the family I send my love.

Regina Baker - January 05, 2017 at 08:04 AM

TR

“ *Tureia Roberts lit a candle in memory of Mr. Richard Newall Woodward*



Tureia Roberts - January 02, 2017 at 07:50 PM

LF

“ *I am truly sorry that I did not get to know Richard as a man. He danced to his own tune and he was gifted. Cecil, Irvin and I had people pushing us hard at all times. Richard came and went as he pleased but still excelled. I always wondered what he would do with all of that talent. I was glad to have known him as a friend and outstanding classmate. Leroy Fykes*

Leroy Fykes - January 02, 2017 at 05:09 PM

NN

“ *1 file added to the album Memories of Richard Newall Woodward*



Nikki Davis (Richard's Niece) - January 02, 2017 at 05:00 PM

NN

“ To my favorite uncle, I love you with all my heart. I learned a lot from you growing up in this crazy world. You were the most brilliant man on the planet in my eyes. I want to thank-you for being my protector and teacher. I remember those walks to Civic Park Library to check out books every day if not every other day. This molded me into the intelligent lady I am today. Learning is fundamental. If we (nieces and nephews) did not know or we did not understand something you made sure we did the necessary work to find out the facts. I love you for that. It instilled in me a skill set many do not possess. Back then Google was not around to gather a wealth of information quickly (LOL). I had to use the skills you taught me by going to the Library to find a lot of books on any particular subject. Those task were never easy, and you would never let me leave without a few books to take home and read. All along Uncle Richard you were making me self-sufficient. I could not thank-you enough in life, and I can not thank-you enough in death. Thank-you Xs Infinity! I am glad I got the chance to have an intellectual scholar and brave soldier in my life!!! Fly High Uncle Richard...May you Rest In Peace



Sadly With Love Your Niece,
Nikki Davis

Nikki Davis (Richard's Niece) - January 02, 2017 at 04:45 PM

NN

“ Nikki Davis (Richard's Niece) sent a virtual gift in memory of Mr. Richard Newall Woodward



Nikki Davis (Richard's Niece) - January 02, 2017 at 04:17 PM

NN

♥ *At ease Soldier...No more pain...No more tears!!!
Rest peacefully Uncle Richard* ♥

Nikki Davis (Richard's Niece) - January 02, 2017 at 04:48 PM

IW

“ *One of the smartest in the Northern class of'63'. Blessed to have called him friend. Irvin Williams*

irvin williams - January 01, 2017 at 08:58 AM

NN

Thank-you Irvin Williams ♥

Nikki Davis (Richard's Niece) - January 02, 2017 at 04:49 PM