



Elder Jerome Ricks

March 25, 1953 - June 21, 2023

McDonough - Elder Jerome Ricks, 70 passed away June 21, 2023 at Piedmont Henry Hospital. Elder Jerome Ricks affectionately called “Boo” by his wife , and “Jewelry” by his cousins was born on March 25, 1953, in Savannah GA to the late Elder Benjamin Ricks Sr. and Evangelist Leola Aretha Sellers Ricks. In 1954 Benjamin and Leola left the south and decided to take their youngest child Jerome, who was 2 years old, to New York for a better life.

Elder Ricks attended P.S.44, JHS 258, JHS 57 as well as Fort Hamilton H.S. There he played his favorite sport Football as an Offensive Lineman. He went to Medgar Evers College to continue his education. The Family roots began at 554 Gates Ave in Brooklyn in a tough area of Bedford Stuyvesant. He became the big brother to many of the guys on the block. He taught them football, boxing, and swimming. He was an advent swimmer.

A & W Moving Company became a staple in the neighborhood. He would help move clients under the leadership of Otis Hampton Sr. who became a father figure to so many in the community.

Jerome always loved to work. It started out as an entrepreneur of Ricks Candy store his father gave him at an early age. Jerome worked also in Chinatown for 20 years as a delivery truck driver. God’s Child ambulette Company as a driver/dispatcher. In 2009 Jerome got called to work for NYC Transit Authority as a laborer, unfortunately he took a medical leave in 2014. Elder Jerome loved to discuss the word of God. A few weeks ago, he and

Elder Harold Bryant sat for 3 hours discussing and sharing Gods word. His discussions would continue with his siblings. Rose, Elder William, District Missionary Barbara, and anyone else that would listen. Elder Ricks was a member of Mt. Sinai Cathedral under the late Bishop Clarence L. Sexton Sr. as well as Bishop Clarence Sexton Jr. There he was groomed to learn and walk with God! In 1997 he had a burning desire to tell the unsaved about Jesus Christ being his Lord and Savior. He joined Bethel Emanuel Temple under the leadership of Bishop Curtis Bernard Sexton to further his quest for Christ. He held several positions : Superintendent of the Sunday School , President of the Prison Ministry and Advisor over the Elder's Council. He loved his Bishop and the Saints of God! He had a favorite saying he would use for our children: "Learn to listen and Listen to Learn" when he wanted to get his point across.

Elder Jerome transitioned from this life on June 21, 2023, at 3:50 am due to medical complications. Second Corinthians 5:8 (KJV) We are confident I say, and willing rather to be absent from the body, and to be present with the Lord. He leaves to mourn his passing and cherish his memories: His Beloved Wife Evangelist Stephanie Ricks of 29 Years. Sons: Jerome Johnson Ricks (Olivia), Courtney Ricks (Nicole) Jamar Carter Ricks (Deceased) Virgil Carter (Stephanie) Dashawn Carter (Katherine) Trevon Ricks Daughters: Tiwana Johnson Ricks, Toyaisha White (Phillip) Tiffany Wells , Treniece Ricks, Tanya Wiggins, Tanay Ricks Siblings: Rose Kimble (Alvin), Elder William Ricks (Marcia) District Missionary Barbera Ricks Thompson, Eighteen Grandchildren 3 Great grands , Brother in laws , sisters in law, Mother in law (Sharon Roberts), and a host of cousins, nieces, nephews, and friends.

Cemetery Details

Stevens Grove Cemetery

Pembroke, GA

Previous Events

Public Viewing

JUL 8. 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM (ET)

First Athens Christ Holiness Church
215 Athens Church Road
Pembroke, GA 31321

Funeral Service

JUL 8. 12:00 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall

KC

“ Donald and Karen Copeland will miss our cousin Jerome. He would call us often and say "What's up cuz, what are y'all still doing in NY, the family is waiting for y'all here in Savannah, GA, you know that's our root, family is so important!" Jerome would preach and then tell Donald to give a word! Lol, this would go on for a while until me or Cousin Stephanie would say ok tell Karen I said hi or vise versa lol. We're definitely going to miss our telephone calls! We're praying for our family! Love y'all dearly!

Karen Copeland - July 08, 2023 at 12:05 PM

SS

“ Cousins forever. Our families have precious memories of our grandparents, aunts, uncles and cousins. When New York family came down South, we had fun. We are glad we had Christian parents who reared us in the fear and honor of God. Rest in peace cousin, you will be missed from Zoom and family events. Thoughts and prayers to Stephanie and family.



Sharon Stewart - July 05, 2023 at 04:06 PM

JJ

My cousin who I called my baby when I lived with them in New York on Gates Ave. wow many years ago.

A fond memory I would like to share. I invited Elder Jerome and Evangelist Stephanie to join in on our Sunday school conference call. The lesson was from Revelations 21st chapter. I was teaching and was excited about looking forward to going to heaven. I asked for comments questions remarks? I hear "sister teacher I have a question." I didn't know Elder Ricks was on the line. He asked, "will there be aliens from other planets in heaven too? 🤔 I said I need to do research and get back with you. After the class ended he called me directly. I said I don't know the answer to your question so I will have to wait until I get there. Well he left first 😞 so he will find out!!! I love you cousin. My prayers are with you and the family ❤️❤️❤️

Janice Jones - July 07, 2023 at 09:22 PM

SB

Cousin you will be missed, but to be absent from the body is to present with the Lord. I will continue to pray for our family

Sherry Bryant - July 07, 2023 at 09:44 PM