



Johnny Holland Richardson

November 15, 1939 - October 21, 2019

Johnny Holland Richardson, age 79, of Russellville, passed from this life on Monday, October 21, 2019 after an extended illness.

He was preceded in death by his parents, H.H. & Jewel Richardson; sister, Cybil Hedden; and brothers, Bobby & Billy Richardson.

He is survived by his wife of 56 years, Clara Nell Hardin; daughter, Mabeth Nix; sons, Chris, Mark, and Jonathan Richardson; grandchildren, Leah Nix and Carlos Richardson; sister, Peggy Ashburner Jones (Leverne) and brother, Jackie (Bunny); sister-in-laws, Carline Richardson, Rita Thompson (Don) and Patsy Loftis; six nieces and seven nephews.

A native of Franklin County, Johnny graduated from Russellville High School in 1957. He taught school and coached basketball in Rienz, MS and at Tharptown, AL; he considered his many students and players as family. His life's work and greatest achievement, however, was as a preacher of the Gospel. Johnny preached his first sermon at Sparks Chapel Church of Christ in Franklin County in 1957 and continued to preach for the next 62 years. He preached for congregations in Tupelo, MS; Oxford, MS; Blytheville, AR; Florence, AL; and Booneville, MS before returning home in 1991 to preach at the Eastside Church of Christ in Russellville. In addition to preaching at Eastside, Johnny also served as Elder to the congregation for several years. After struggling with the loss of vision due to macular degeneration, he retired from preaching in 2011. Johnny was avid hunter and fisherman; he enjoyed sports, gardening, and woodworking. He liked to say he was a "people

person"; he loved spending time with his friends and family and wanted only the best for them: here, and more importantly, in the eternity that is to come. Visitation will be held on Tuesday, October 22, 2019 from 5:00 - 8:00 p.m. at Spry Memorial Chapel in Russellville. The funeral service will be held in the chapel on Wednesday, October 23, 2019 at 11:00 a.m. with Tadd Corder and Frank Richey officiating. The pallbearers will be George Hutto, Don Thompson, and from Johnny's nephews: Eric Hedden, Al Hedden, Bob Richardson, Rip Richardson, Dean Richardson, Tom Richardson, and Scott Richardson. Honorary pallbearers will be the Elders of Eastside Church of Christ: Steve Britnell, Bob Hamilton, Jerry Oliver, Scott Wiginton, and Wayne Williams. Burial will be at Franklin Memory Gardens.

The family wishes to express sincere appreciation to Dr. Randy Little, Stephanie, and the staff of the Heart Center and to Dr. Brian Richards, Traci and the staff of Medical Associates of the Shoals for the many years of excellent care they provided Johnny; thanks also to Sherry Davis and Alabama Hospice for providing comfort and compassion during his final days. Spry Memorial Chapel assisted the family.

Tribute Wall

JC

“ I JUST HEARD OF JOHNNY PASSING HE WAS A DEAR FRIEND AND LOVED HIM HE WAS A DOWN TO EARTH MAN WE FISHED TOGETHER WHEN HE PREACHED IN BLYTHEVILLE. HE WAS A GOOD PREACHER AND FRIEND. HE WILL BE MISSED.

JAMES COUNSELL - December 08, 2019 at 12:00 AM

EB

“ Though we were saddened by Johnny's passing, we rejoice in the hope. We are so sorry that we were unable to attend the visitation and funeral service. God bless you all

Ed and Patsy Bragwell - October 26, 2019 at 12:00 AM

PJ

“ Many years ago was an awesome time with Johnny and the gang at Rock Creek. We loved each other.
Rest Johnny your work on earth is over and your great reward is waiting.
You family and friends will greatly miss you.
To all a Sympathy and my love. God Bless!

Pauline Hooper James - October 24, 2019 at 12:00 AM

RB

“ You all are in my thoughts and prayers. Not only was Bro. Johnny our preacher for several years, he was a wonderful friend to our family. My heart hurts as my precious Mother passed away an hour before him, but I know they made their trip to Heaven together. Heaven is a little sweeter now and definitely has more laughter with those two. I?m so glad we got to see him a few weeks ago when he came to visit. Much love to you all. Continued prayers for peace and comfort.

Regina Webb Brown - October 23, 2019 at 12:00 AM

SC

“ Mabeth, I just want you to know that I love ya and pray for you and your family that u are comforted and have peace during this time. I know your daddy was a great christian and an awesome man in your life. I never met him but I have heard you talk about him and your mom enough to know they were all you needed them to be and more. My thoughts and prayers are with you because I know prayer really works.

Sarina Benton Cantrell - October 22, 2019 at 12:00 AM

RO

“ So sorry for your lost. Sandra and I are out of town or we would have been there. Take comfort in knowing Johnny was a soldier and follower of Jesus Christ and has now gone home. Praying for and love you and family.

Randy Oliver - October 22, 2019 at 12:00 AM

JJ

“ So sorry, praying for family

Jeanette James - October 22, 2019 at 12:00 AM

KP

“ *Mr. Richardson was one of my favorite teachers at Tharptown, he was fair to all of the students. Prayers for the family.*



Kenneth Pennington - October 22, 2019 at 12:00 AM

JA

“ *Nell, so sorry for your loss. Our prayers are with you and your family. Jim & Lesa Allen*

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