

Celebration of Life
for
Richard A. Stewart, Jr.

Sunrise

October 1, 1936

"Dickie"

Sunset

May 28, 2016



Memories

I'd like the memory of me to be a happy one. I'd like to leave an afterglow of smiles when life is done. I'd like to leave an echo whispering softly down the ways, of happy times and laughing times and bright and sunny days. I'd like the tears of those who grieve to dry before the sun. Of happy memories that I leave when life is done.

Life Celebration

Saturday, June 4, 2016 ~ 10:00 A.M.

Viewing: 8:00 A.M. ~ 10:00 A.M.

Mt. Zion C.M.E. Church

701 Felton Avenue

Sharon Hill, PA 19079

Pastor Alfred S. Parker, Officiating



Life Reflection of Richard A. Stewart, Jr.

Richard A. Stewart, Jr. was born in Philadelphia, PA on October 1, 1936 to Richard Alexander Stewart, Sr. and Clementine Bond Stewart. He departed this life on May 28, 2016 at the Sterling Nursing Home in Media, PA.

Richard "Dickie" joined Mt. Zion CME Church at an early age and received his education in the Darby Township School District.

Richard "Dickie" was married to Cynthia Stewart for over 38 years.

Richard was employed by Haslett Miller as an auto mechanic. He was later self-employed with his father as a certified electrician for a number of years. He was then employed by IBEW, Local 380 until his retirement due to illness.

He began his career as a Volunteer Fireman at age 15 and became an integral part of the Darby Township Volunteer Fire Company #4. He was the first black and youngest Fire Chief in the Delaware Valley. Richard's total years of service with the Darby Township Fire Company was 60 years.

Richard had several hobbies which included fishing, watching sports, listening to R. Kelly and trips to the casino. He was an international traveler and especially loved Hawaii. He also enjoyed being around family and friends.

He leaves to cherish many memories; wife, Cynthia Stewart; daughters: Linda Stewart, Janice Brown (Keith), Cheryl Young (Chris); sister: Carol Stewart Wiley (Alex); step-son: Steven Sharpe (Dawn); six grandchildren, five great-grandchildren, two brothers-in-law, three sisters-in-law and a host of nieces, nephews, cousins, other relatives and friends. Most of all his fellow firemen and women at the Volunteer Fire Company #4.

Lovingly & Sorrowfully Submitted, The Family



Fireman's Prayer



*When I am called to duty, God whenever flames may rage,
Give me the strength to save some life, Whatever be its age.*

*Help me to embrace a little child, Before it's too late,
Or some older person from the horror of that fate.*

*Enable me to be alert; And hear the weakest shout,
And quickly and efficiently to put the fire out.*

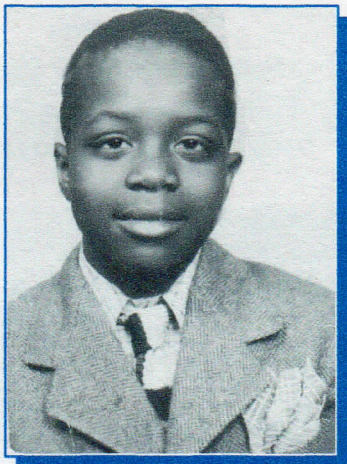
*I want to fill my calling and give the best in me,
To guard my neighbor, And protect his property.*

And if according to Your will, I have to lose my life,

Please bless with Your protecting hand, My children and my wife

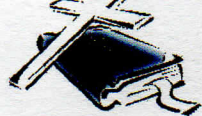
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RICHARD
A
STEWART
JR



*His Life a beautiful memory
His absence, a silent grief,
His soul lives in God's beautiful garden
In the sunshine of perfect peace*





Order of Service

Musical Prelude

Processional ~ Clergy & Family

Final Viewing / Closing of the Bier, Claude J. Edney F.H. Staff

Hymn of Comfort ~ "Blessed Assurance"

Prayer of Comfort ~ Sr. Elder Albert W. Christy, Sr.

Epiphany Ministries Christian Fellowship

Chaplain, Darby Township Fire Company #4

Ministry of the Written Word

Old Testament : Psalm 23

New Testament: John 14:1-5

Ministry of Song ~ Reverend Cynthia Bryant

Acknowledgement of Cards & Resolutions –

*Tributes & Remarks ~ Milton Lee Taliaferro, Former Commissioner
Chief Robinson , Darby Township Fire Company #4*

Reading of the Life Reflection (Obituary)

*Words of Comfort ~ Reverend Beverly Hudson, Associate Minister
First African Baptist Church*

Selection of Faith ~ Joseph Barton, Soloist

Message of Faith (Eulogy) ~ Pastor Alfred S. Parker

Benediction / Recessional

INTERMENT

Mt. Lawn Cemetery

84th Street & Hook Rd

Sharon Hill, Pennsylvania 19079

REPAST

*Following the Interment, Family & Friends will be received at:
Mt. Zion CME Church for Refreshments and Fellowship*



To My Brother

*There is so much I wish to say
I think about your everyday
I miss your laugh
I miss your smile
Neither lost nor forgotten...
I imagine them often.*

*I found myself looking for you...
Until I realized what was true...
I will never again see your wave and smile...
We won't sit in the backyard and visit for a while...
No, "Where are you going or I'll see you tomorrow" ...
All of these things I cherish so clearly...*

*You're in God's hands now as he planned
Watching us from above...
An angel in heaven who will always be loved*

*Love ya, Your Sister
Bunchie*



*Dear Dad,
I love you and will miss you.*

*I won't be able to dance with you again or "Step in the
Name of Love." I am your first born on your birthday.*

*This will be a sad day for me this year, instead of a
happy one. But I will still always cherish the memories
we shared all through the years.*

*I love you, adore you and I'll miss you.
"I will never dance with my father again."*

Love, Linda



Pall Bearers

Mack Carter ~ Harun Wilson
Charles Roberts ~ Steven Sharpe
Darby Township Fire Company #4



The Final Journey

Come and follow me, my love, and we'll walk together hand in hand. As the hourglass of time, measures the swiftly flowing sand. I still see you standing here, so beautiful, young and bold. We vowed that when our youth was spent, together we'd grow old. To honor and to cherish, we pledged love from the heart. Keeping only to each other, we vowed right at the start. Now 38 years have flown my love too swiftly they've rolled by. I've treasured every moment, I'm not ready to say goodbye.. But when our journey is over, and the Lord says we must part. I'll carry the memory of our love very deep within my heart.

In Loving Memory, Cynthia



A Note Of Thanks & Appreciation

The family extends our sincere gratitude and appreciation for all thoughtful and sympathetic gestures rendered since the passing of one whom we all loved so dearly. May God bless each of you and keep you in His care.



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