

*Pallbearers*  
RICHMOND COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE HONOR GUARD  
*Honorary Pallbearers*  
RICHMOND COUNTY MARSHALL'S OFFICE

### *The Freight Train*

LET THE WORLD KNOW THAT THERE IS A FREIGHT TRAIN THAT RUNS ITS COURSE THROUGH THE NIGHT.

THIS TRAIN NEVER STOPS, IT NEVER SLEEPS, AND IT NEVER WANDERS OFF THE TRACKS.

THIS FREIGHT TRAIN IS POWERFUL, SLEEK, AND COMMANDS GREAT RESPECT WHEREVER IT TRAVELS.

THIS FREIGHT TRAIN ONLY PICKS UP THOSE THAT ARE TRUE . . . TRUE TO ITS PATH.

THIS FREIGHT TRAIN POWERS THROUGH CITY STREETS, SHAKING THE BUILDINGS AND RUMBLING THE GROUND.

ALL THAT ENCOUNTER THE FREIGHT TRAIN PAUSE IN WONDER AT ITS MAGNIFICENT PRESENCE.

LIKE FREIGHT TRAINS BEFORE HIM, HIS JOB WILL SOMEDAY BE DONE AND THE FREIGHT TRAIN WILL STOP.

YET, AT NIGHT, IF YOU LISTEN CAREFULLY, YOU CAN HEAR THE FREIGHT TRAIN COMING,

THE EARTH RUMBLING, THE TRACKS BUCKLING.,

KNOW THAT THIS FREIGHT TRAIN GOES BY A NAME AND THAT NAME SHALL BE REMEMBERED . . .

THAT NAME SHALL BE CELEBRATED . . .

THAT NAME IS RIDLEY.

- BUZZ GREEN

### *Acknowledgement*

WE, THE FAMILY OF CECIL DWAYNE RIDLEY, WISH TO THANK EACH OF YOU FOR THE MANY LOVING AND WONDERFUL ACTS OF KINDNESS RENDERED DURING THE PASSING OF OUR LOVED ONE. MAY GOD BLESS EACH OF YOU WITH HIS MERCY.

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*Cecil Dwayne*  
R I D L E Y



TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 26, 2019  
11:00 A.M.

WARREN BAPTIST CHURCH  
3203 WASHINGTON ROAD | AUGUSTA, GEORGIA

REVEREND DAVID H. MCKINLEY - PASTOR  
REVEREND JERROD BELTON LOWRY - OFFICIATING  
REVEREND DR. BOBBY G. HANKERSON, CHAPLAIN, RCSO - PRESIDING

# Obituary

SEPTEMBER 27, 1968 - NOVEMBER 19, 2019

CECIL DWAYNE RIDLEY WAS BORN ON SEPTEMBER 27, 1968, IN AUGUSTA, GEORGIA. HE WAS THE SON OF THE LATE RICHARD AND AGNES RIDLEY. HE ATTENDED BARTON CHAPEL ELEMENTARY, LANGFORD JUNIOR HIGH AND GRADUATED FROM GLENN HILLS HIGH SCHOOL IN JUNE OF 1988. HE WAS A MEMBER OF THE GLENN HILLS SPARTANS VARSITY FOOTBALL TEAM. IN 2004, HE EARNED HIS ASSOCIATE'S DEGREE IN BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION FROM AMERICAN INTERCONTINENTAL UNIVERSITY.

IN JUNE OF 1988, HE ENLISTED IN THE UNITED STATES ARMY. HIS FIRST DUTY STATION WAS KAISERSLAUTERN, GERMANY WHERE HE PROVIDED LOGISTICAL SUPPORT TO THE PATRIOT MISSILE BATTALION. HE ALSO SERVED A TOUR OF DUTY IN SOUTHWEST ASIA (OPERATION DESERT STORM). IN 1991, HE WAS STATIONED IN FORT HOOD, TEXAS WHERE HE SUPPORTED THE AVIATION UNIT BY SUPPLYING APACHE AND COBRA HELICOPTERS WITH MISSILES, AMMUNITION, AND EQUIPMENT.

IN 1996, HE ATTENDED MACON TECHNICAL COLLEGE IN MACON, GEORGIA. AFTER GRADUATING WITH HIS CERTIFICATION FROM THE GEORGIA PEACE OFFICER STANDARDS AND TRAINING COUNCIL, HE BEGAN WORKING FOR THE MACON POLICE DEPARTMENT. DURING HIS TIME THERE, HE PERFORMED INVESTIGATIONS AND WORKED AS AN UNDERCOVER NARCOTICS OFFICER. IN DECEMBER OF 1996, HE STARTED WITH THE RICHMOND COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE (RCSO). DURING HIS TIME WITH THE RCSO, HE WAS A MEMBER OF THE CRIME SUPPRESSION TEAM AND HOUSING UNITS. IN 2002, HE BECAME A MEMBER OF THE NARCOTICS TEAM, REACHING THE RANK OF SENIOR INVESTIGATOR.

IN 1989, AFTER RETURNING HOME FROM HIS FIRST TOUR OF DUTY IN GERMANY, CECIL MET SHARON ON NEW YEAR'S EVE. FROM THAT MOMENT A GREAT FRIENDSHIP EVOLVED INTO A LIFETIME OF LOVE. IN THE EYES OF GOD, FRIENDS, AND FAMILY, THEY WERE UNITED IN HOLY MATRIMONY ON OCTOBER 1, 2016.

CECIL WAS ALSO PRECEDED IN DEATH BY HIS SISTER, CYNTHIA RIDLEY AND AN UNCLE, JEROME RIDLEY.

CECIL DWAYNE RIDLEY LEAVES TO CHERISH HIS FOND MEMORIES: HIS WIFE, SHARON BELTON RIDLEY; A DEVOTED BROTHER, WILLIAM (TEDRA) RIDLEY OF AUGUSTA, GA; CHILDREN, JESSICA RIDLEY OF STAFFORD, VA, DOMONIQUE RIDLEY OF AUSTIN, TX, DAPHNE RAGSDALE OF GREENSBORO, NC, ALEXIS RIDLEY OF HOUSTON, TX, CIERRA RIDLEY OF MACON, GA AND CHRISTIAN RIDLEY OF AUGUSTA, GA; GRANDSON, JORDAN BENTON; AUNTS, CHRISTINE RIDLEY OF DETROIT, MI, LILLIE BELL OF NEW JERSEY AND JULIA ROBERSON OF AUGUSTA, GA; MOTHER-IN-LAW, ELLA LOUISE (ALBERT) WELCH; SISTER-IN-LAW, DIANE KOHN; BROTHER-IN-LAW, JEFFREY (TONYA) SAUNDERS; AND A HOST OF OTHER RELATIVES AND FRIENDS.

# Order of Service

PRELUDE AND PROCESSIONAL ..... MRS. GIGI DAVIS, PIANIST

OPENING SENTENCES ..... REVEREND DR. BOBBY G. HANKERSON

## PSALM 121

LEADER: I WILL LIFT MY EYES TO THE HILLS - FROM WHERE WILL MY HELP COME?

PEOPLE: MY HELP COMES FROM THE LORD, WHO MADE THE HEAVENS AND EARTH.

LEADER: HE WILL NOT LET YOUR FOOT BE MOVED; HE WHO KEEPS YOU WILL NOT SLUMBER.

HE WHO KEEPS ISRAEL WILL NEITHER SLUMBER NOR SLEEP.

PEOPLE: THE LORD IS YOUR KEEPER; THE LORD IS YOUR SHADE AT YOUR RIGHT HAND.

THE SUN SHALL NOT STRIKE YOU BY DAY, NOR THE MOON BY NIGHT.

LEADER: THE LORD WILL KEEP YOU FROM ALL EVIL; HE WILL KEEP YOUR LIFE.

PEOPLE: THE LORD WILL KEEP YOUR GOING OUT AND YOUR COMING IN FROM THIS TIME ON AND FOREVERMORE.

ALL: LET US WORSHIP THE LORD.

HYMN ..... "TO GOD BE THE GLORY"

INVOCATION AND LORD'S PRAYER ..... REVEREND DR. MELVIN LOWRY

SPECIAL MUSIC ..... MR. JOHN HOBBS

SCRIPTURES ..... ELDER MELVA LOWRY

OLD TESTAMENT ..... PSALM 23

NEW TESTAMENT ..... ROMANS 8:31-39

OBITUARY ..... READ SILENTLY

## SOFT MUSIC

## REMARKS

FAMILY ..... MR. MAXIE SIMPKINS

FRIEND ..... MR. CHARLES WILLIAMS

CO-WORKER ..... INVESTIGATOR ADAM "BUZZ" GREEN

SPECIAL MUSIC ..... MR. JOHN HOBBS

WORDS OF COMFORT ..... REVEREND JERROD BELTON LOWRY

RECESSIONAL ..... MRS. GIGI DAVIS