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Reverend Marilyn Louise Robinson



August 27, 1951 - November 27, 2010

Remembered In Love

In Memory of Gerald Keith Richardson

Gerald K. Richardson died Friday December 18, 2009, in Buffalo General Hospital after a lengthy and courageous battle with cancer.

Born January 16, 1943 in Auburn, New York, Jerry was the son of Gertrude A. Richardson (Jones) and the late Walter Burton Richardson. Jerry attended Auburn public schools and graduated cum laude from Howard University. He continued his education and received a Masters Degree from Syracuse University. He did additional graduate studies at Syracuse University towards a PhD in human services and at Christ the King Seminary in Buffalo. While living in Syracuse, Jerry was a social worker in the Syracuse Public School System, the Alcohol and Substance Abuse program manager for the Onondaga County Department of Mental Health as well as serving on the board of directors of many community agencies. Moving to Buffalo in 1984, he was first a program manager for the Western Regional Office of the New York State Office of Alcoholism and Substance Abuse Services and then its Director prior to his retirement.

Jerry was extremely active in the United Methodist Church. He served as the United Methodist Western New York Conference Lay Leader for nine years. He chaired the Conference Board of Ordained Ministry in addition to serving on the General Board of Church and Society and the General Board of Higher Education and Ministry. In addition, Jerry was a past chairperson of the Board of Directors of Gateway-Longview Youth and Family Services. Jerry traveled extensively throughout the United States and Latin America as part of his national church responsibilities. At the local church level, Jerry served as chair of the Church Council, chair of Staff Parish Relations Committee and sang with the Senior Choir. In his free time he was the president of and sang with the Royal Serenaders Male Chorus. Jerry was an avid reader and well versed in United Methodist theology.

In addition to his mother, Jerry is survived by his wife Deborah, daughters Megan (Erick) Bowden and Monique (Brian) Goodwin, granddaughter Olivia Bowden, grandson Brady Goodwin, sister Cynthia Richardson, brothers Frederick (Joy) Richardson, Gordon (Annie) Richardson, Howard (Cynthia) Richardson, brothers-in-law, Willie Shepard and Michael (Holly) Leigh, sisters-in-law, Waltrene Richardson, Jeanine Richardson and mother-in-law, Virginia Leigh. He was the brother of the late Walter Burton Jr., Melvin and Jeffrey Richardson and Sandra Shepard.

The Service of Death and Resurrection
for Gerald Keith Richardson
December 26, 2009

Prelude		Mr. Tim Kennedy
Choral Introit		Emma J. Horner Chorale
The Word of Grace		Reverend Patricia L. Brown
Greetings and Words of Comfort		
Prayer		
The Lord's Prayer (Malotte)		Mr. Alfonzo L. Tyson
Old Testament Reading	Isaiah 40:28-31	Mr. David Givens
Anthem		Senior Choir
Psalm 23		Congregation
New Testament Reading	I Corinthians 15:3-7, 12-23	Reverend Thomas J. Blake
Anthem		Metropolitan UM Church
Gospel Reading		Senior Choir
Gospel		John 14: 1-6, 15-21
Reading of Obituary		Reverend George F. Nicholas
Hymn	I Will Trust in the Lord	Grace UM Church
Reflections		Ms. Valerie DeBerry
Prayers of Thanksgiving and Commendation		
Closing Hymn	Leave It There	SOZ #14
Benediction		
Recessional		SOZ #23
Service of Committal		Mr. Tim Kennedy
		Acacia Park Cemetery