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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
Choral Introit
The Word of Grace
Greetings and Words of Comfort
Prayer
The Lord's Prayer (Malotte)
Old Testament Reading
Isaiah 40:28-31
Anthem
Psalm 23
New Testament Reading
I Corinthians 15:3-7, 12-23
Anthem
Gospel Reading
Reflections
Reading of Obituary
Hymn
I Will Trust in the Lord
Prayers of Thanksgiving and Commendation
Closing Hymn
Leave It There
Benediction
Recessional
Service of Committal

Mr. Tim Kennedy
Emma J. Horner Chorale
Reverend Patricia L. Brown
Mr. Alfonzo L. Tyson
Mr. David Givens
Senior Choir
Congregation
Reverend Thomas J. Blake
Metropolitan UM Church
Senior Choir
John 14: 1-6, 15-21
Reverend George F. Nicholas
Grace UM Church
Ms. Valerie DeBerry
SOZ #14
SOZ #23
Mr. Tim Kennedy
Acacia Park Cemetery