



## Mr. Richard Polk

March 11, 1939 - April 30, 2021

Richard Polk, nicknamed Dickie to his close friends and Richard Dean by his son in law, was born March 11, 1939 in Chicago, Illinois to his parents Catherine Polk and David Blair. Richard was the third and youngest child. He had two older sisters who have both preceded him in death: Rosie Mae (Warren) and Patricia Calvin (Don).

Richard attended Dunbar Vocational High School and Washburne Trade School where he became a licensed Painter. Richard started his own painting company for many years called Richard Rejuvenator. He also worked for the Chicago Park District for 15 years where he retired.

Richard met and married Rita on June 21, 1969. They were married for over 51 years until his death. They had two daughters: Dana and Melanie.

Richard was known for his loving personality; he had a knack for being supportive and helpful and having a listening ear. He was a man of wise words, dedicated loyal servant of Jehovah, spiritual head, husband, father, grandfather, uncle and loyal friend. Richard never said an unkind word about anyone. He always tried to see the best in people. One of the greatest highlights of his life was when his grandson DJ was born, they would play Thomas the Train, and Angry Birds for hours. Richard was a great cook, he loved food, he made the best gumbo and barbeque. He also loved watching

Westerns, nature and animal shows. We would find him watching the Food Network Channel all day long. He was a Bears fan and was especially fond of the 1985 Bears.

Richard began to study the Bible with Jehovah's Witnesses and symbolized his dedication. Richard served Jehovah faithfully up to the time of his death. Richard loved Jehovah, he went to jail for 18 months during the Vietnam war for conscientious objections and was proud to mention it in comments he made during the meetings. We would say, 'he's always going to find a way to mention it somehow'. Richard served many years as an Elder to the Stoney Island congregation, he loved the friends so much. He dedicated his life to Jehovah and loved preaching to everyone he met. At the facility where he was residing, they often told us that Mr. Polk continued to preach about Jehovah while in hospice. Richard believed and had faith in Jehovah's promises that there will be a resurrection of the dead. (John 5:28 and 29)

Richard fell asleep in death on Friday, April 30, 2021, from a long-term illness. He leaves to cherish his memories his wife Rita; daughters Dana and Melanie (Durrand); grandson Durrand Jr.; two very special nieces Lori Brown and Vaughanzella Howard. A host of nieces, nephews, and extended spiritual children, sons, daughters, and close dear friends Samuel Holcomb, Welton Harris, Rosemond Streety, Leonard Bennit, and William Spight and so many countless others, too many to mention by name. But we want to let you know Brother Polk Loved us ALL!!! We can't wait to see him again in the Paradise!!!

# Previous Events

## Service

MAY 16. 4:00 PM (CT)

Online via Zoom

# Tribute Wall



“ *Mr. Richard Polk*

October 04, 2023 at 06:11 PM



“ *The Mayhorns family send their condolences*

**Kevin mayhorn** - May 20, 2021 at 06:13 PM



“ *Michelle Harris*

*I remember coming over he made them biscuits for us that was amazing. Many nights as we will spend the night over each other's houses with Dana. Truly will be missed 🥺*

**Michelle Harris** - May 17, 2021 at 12:04 AM



“ *My dear sisters Rita, Dana, Melanie my prayers are with all of the special family my heart is with you and my love and prayers. Remember life in the New world is so close and soon. So we pray COME LORD JESUS COME QUICK! MY LOVE 💕 TO ALL OF YOU. RITA I will call you soon ➡️ SOON*

**Christie Varner** - May 16, 2021 at 06:00 PM



“ *The Polks home was another home for me growing up. Bro Polk was a pillar at Stoney with the softest and biggest heart. Keeping Sis Polk, Dana, Melanie and all of us who loved him in prayer ❤️*



**Carla T A** - May 16, 2021 at 01:01 AM

LA

“ *Laura sent a virtual gift in memory of Mr. Richard Polk*



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**Laura** - May 10, 2021 at 02:12 AM



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Mr. Richard Polk.*



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May 08, 2021 at 08:07 AM

BA

“ *"Those we love remain with us for love itself lives on, and cherished memories never fade because a loved one's gone. Those we love can never be more than a thought apart, for as long as there is memory, they will live on in our hearts. " Thank for being there as a brother. Bro. & Sis. Atiemoh.*

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**Bro. & Sis. Atiemoh** - May 07, 2021 at 11:39 PM

EW

*Wonderful, loving, caring, humble brother.  
Elijah/Gloria Williams*

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**Elijah/Gloria Williams** - May 13, 2021 at 09:38 AM

LA

“ To the family of Bro. Polk: heartfelt thoughts go out to you in this time of sorrow.

*We are thinking of you in this moment of pain.*

*Wishing you the strength to face the days ahead and wonderful memories to cherish.*

*Laura Love  
Rena Love  
Annie Trice*

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**Laura** - May 07, 2021 at 03:04 AM

TB

“ Maurice and Tasha Bonds (Stony Island), we will never forget his kind words, his laugh, his love and open arms, and his bbq's he invited us too; Brother Polk and Sister Polks help with my kids when they were little. I will never forget his laugh. I loved his laugh. We are praying for Sister Polk, Melanie and Dana. Our hearts are with y'all ❤️❤️❤️🙏🙏🙏🙏❤️❤️❤️

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**Tasha Bonds** - May 06, 2021 at 07:06 PM

BJ

*My husband, Aaron Jenkins, and Richard Polk were school mates. They will be reunited as best friends in paradise.*

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**Barbara Jenkins** - May 09, 2021 at 12:31 AM

RH

“ *Roystene & Welton Harris sent a virtual gift in memory of Mr. Richard Polk*



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**Roystene & Welton Harris** - May 06, 2021 at 06:06 PM