



Percy Ricks Sr.

November 5, 1926 - January 12, 2024

Percy Ricks, Sr., 97, of Chattanooga, passed away Friday, January 12, 2024. Percy Lee Ricks, Sr. was born on November 5, 1926, in Leighton, Alabama, to George and Jossie Owens Ricks. He attended Leighton Training School in Leighton, AL. He served in the United States Navy in World War II. Percy moved to Chattanooga and met the love of his life, Louise “Penny” Lawson and they were married on October 2, 1948, and shared 68 years of marital bliss. From this union was born seven children. He was a loving husband, father, grandfather, great-grandfather, uncle, and friend. He was loved by everyone who knew him. Pop’s to his family and Mr. Percy to his friends and others. He had an undying love for people and brought a smile to the face of everyone he met. He was employed by Turnbull Cone Baking Company for over 50 years. He also worked at Wheland Foundry and Erlanger Health System. He accepted Christ at a young age and was a life long member of Westside Missionary Baptist Church. He is preceded in death by his father, George Ricks; mother, Jossie Owens Ricks; wife, Louise “Penny” Ricks; brother, John Bell Ricks; sisters, Georgia Mae Ricks Brown, Kathleen Ricks Bean, Ella Ricks King, and Melva Mullin Johnson; daughter, Margaret H. Burt; sons, Norman Ricks, Johnnie Lee Ricks, Sr., Anthony Lebron Ricks, and David Earl Ricks; grandsons, Marlon Ricks and Johnnie Lee Ricks, Jr. He leaves to cherish his memories are sons, Al-Kareem (Florence) Abdullah, George (Maria) Ricks, Sr.; daughter, Regina (Micheal) Ricks Edward; son-in-law, Howard Burt; granddaughters, Francine Ricks Todd, Yvette (Larry)

Mason; grandson, Micheal Burt; grandchildren, (Norman) Pamela (Danny) Robinson, Najee, Norman, Jr., Timothy, Shankia, Darius (Dee), Nikki, Corey; (Johnnie) Jelani, Jamelia; (Abdulla) Percena, Penny, Terry, Jameel, Kareem, Lil Al, Michaela, Jamella, Kamillah, Samuel; (Anthony) Anthony Ford, Rickey, Alexandera, Christopher; (George) George, Jr. (Danice), Brandon, Khary, Nikki (Noah) Gechelle; (Regina) Jamichael (Ava), Jamar; (Margaret) Micheal, Yvette, (Ryan, Myles); (Francine) Sonja (Michael, Amina, Jordyn, Taylor); extended family, Ronald, Micheal, Tonya and Angela Benning, Beverly Billingslea, Frankie Ricks and Larry Fuqua; special friends, Leighton Alabama; Edward King, Irene Bates, Edna Belle Mastin, Westside Missionary Baptist Church, Carl and Rosalind Herman, Jeanette Tyner, Bo Green, Carol Johnson, Anthony Mack, Ivan O'Neal, Eve Newby, Brenda Hicks, Clifford Pillows, Eric and Charles Greene, Reginald Ratliff, Robert Church, and Juliet Mark; special thanks, Austin "Fat" Myron, you were like a son to my dad. Thanks again for your help, Hospice of Chattanooga, Dr. Bessie Ingram Nunnally, and Dr. Cody Smith. Mr. Ricks will lie-in-state on Thursday, January 18, 2024, at 12:30 p.m. at Taylor Funeral Home. The family will be accepting friends from 4:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. Funeral service will be on Friday, January 19, 2024, at 12 noon at Westside Missionary Baptist Church with Pastor George W. Maize, V as the eulogist. Burial in Chattanooga National Cemetery. Directions to Live Stream: 1. Go to your Facebook Page 2. Type: [taylorfuneralhomeofchattanooga](#)
3. Click 'Like' or Thumbs Up

Cemetery Details

Chattanooga National Cemetery

1200 Bailey Ave
Chattanooga, TN 37404

Previous Events

Lie-In-State

JAN 18. 12:30 PM - 5:00 PM (ET)

Taylor Funeral Home of Chattanooga, Inc
3417 Wilcox Boulevard
Chattanooga, TN 37411

Family Hour

JAN 18. 4:00 PM - 5:00 PM (ET)

Taylor Funeral Home of Chattanooga, Inc
3417 Wilcox Boulevard
Chattanooga, TN 37411

Service

JAN 19. 12:00 PM - 1:30 PM (ET)

West Baptist Church
4001 Hughes Avenue
Chattanooga , TN 37410

Tribute Wall



“ 1 file added to the album *FuneralService-PercyRicksSr*



Taylor Funeral Home of Chattanooga, Inc. - January 24, 2024 at 09:07 PM



“ 1 file added to the album *CemeteryService-PercyRicksSr*



Taylor Funeral Home of Chattanooga, Inc. - January 24, 2024 at 09:07 PM



“ *Reginia Hamilton lit a candle in memory of Percy Ricks Sr.*



Reginia Hamilton - January 20, 2024 at 11:24 PM

BF

“ *Blackmon Family lit a candle in memory of Percy Ricks Sr.*



Blackmon Family - January 18, 2024 at 05:59 PM

SC

“ *Sledge Siblings, Chattanooga lit a candle in memory of Percy Ricks Sr.*



Sledge Siblings, Chattanooga - January 18, 2024 at 05:52 PM

EB

“ Dear Percy,

*From Lyle Place, Leighton, Alabama,
Chattanooga, Tennessee,
Flint, Michigan, and Houston, Texas too.*



*You knew when I was born, and (our love) for being friends seems
like family are so dear and true.*

*We will miss you so much, but we know your transitioning to your
Heavenly Home was a beautiful experience for you.*

When you see (our family) tell them "We Are Coming Too"

*We will miss the telephone calls and your sweet laughter too.
From, Irene 96, Edward 94, and Edna Belle 88 too. (LOVE)*

*Composed by Edna Belle King Mastin
Flint, Michigan*

Edna Belle - January 18, 2024 at 05:50 PM

PF

“ To George "Lil Man", Maria and the Ricks
Family,

*I am sending love, prayers and condolences
to each of you in the passing of your father. I
pray that God will comfort and strengthen you
all now and in the days ahead.*



*Love,
Priscilla (Pat) Ford - RHS Class of 1968*

Priscilla Ford - January 18, 2024 at 04:14 PM

PA

“ Thank you for being such an amazing Man to me. You were the embodiment of what it means to be a decent Human Being. I am proud to carry on your Legacy, as well as your name, in this World. May our family's patriarch rest in Peace.



Love you Grandfather Percy.

Percena.

Percena Anderson - January 18, 2024 at 03:45 PM

AJ

Percena Anderson, I touch and agree, as my prayer of comfort, peace, direction/sound mind/emotions, in the Holy Ghost, as well as direction, guidance, wisdom and purpose, towards you and the Rick's family, immediately without delay, in Jesus Christ name Amen 🙏🌈🙌👍👍
🙏❤️ Sincerely and Best Regards, Allen Jones

Allen Jones - March 17, 2024 at 10:31 PM

YP

“ Your Grand-Daughter. Percena purchased the Full Of Love Bouquet for the family of Percy Ricks Sr..



Your Grand-Daughter. Percena - January 18, 2024 at 03:34 PM

YP

“ Your Grand-Daughter. Percena planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Percy Ricks Sr..

Your Grand-Daughter. Percena - January 18, 2024 at 03:34 PM

GR

“ George & Maria,
Sending lots of love and prayers as you grieve the loss of "Pops."
He was really special & loved by so many.
Gayle Ricks
Columbia, SC

Gayle Ricks - January 18, 2024 at 09:57 AM

RR

“ To the Best Father in the world I love you dad and will miss you but
you is with God and mom now RIP Mr.Percy and Mrs. Penny from
your daughter Regina and Grandkids Jamar, JaMichael and Ava



Regina Ricks - January 17, 2024 at 10:07 PM

BB

“ Beverly Billingslea lit a candle in memory of
Percy Ricks Sr.



Beverly Billingslea - January 17, 2024 at 08:47 PM

BB

Will miss you Pops, but I know you in a better place, with the other
family members, rest in peace, love you ❤️

Beverly Billingslea - January 17, 2024 at 08:49 PM

CF

“ Cassanova Lee & Family purchased the Simply E legant Spathiphyllum for the family of Percy Ricks Sr..



Cassanova Lee & Family - January 17, 2024 at 07:55 PM

LC

“ Larry And Linda Calloway lit a candle in memory of Percy Ricks Sr.



Larry and Linda Calloway - January 17, 2024 at 06:47 PM

CB

“ Comm.Greg And Pat Beck sent a virtual gift in memory of Percy Ricks Sr.



Comm.Greg and Pat Beck - January 17, 2024 at 03:07 PM



“ My sincere condolences to George, Maria, and the entire family of Mr. Percy Ricks. I know from many stories heard while working with George that he was a good father, husband, friend, employee and will be truly missed. RIH



Daphine Ball-McClurkin - January 17, 2024 at 08:56 AM

DK

“ My deepest condolences to cousin George and Maria in the passing of Mr Percy.

Deborah Kelly - January 17, 2024 at 08:37 AM

HF

“ CONDOLENCES out to the Rick's family...SORRY for the family's loss...I "know" that he will be missed by many. As i think about Mr Rick's (and Mrs Ricks) i've known for close to six decades. Mr. Rick's was a "true" family man, worked hard to support his family. Mr Rick's did something that many parents (To include mine) wasn't able to do...be with family for NINETY SEVEN YEARS!!! Howard "Duck" Akins, Family...



HOWARD "DUCK" AKINS, FAMILY - January 17, 2024 at 08:34 AM

IB

“ Mr. Percy was my holly street dad, always looked out for us while we play outside, him and Mrs Penny would sit on the porch. That's when other parents had the right to tell us right from wrong,, I love you always in my heart Mrs penny too. You will be missed.



Ivonya L. Douglas, Bae Bae - January 17, 2024 at 12:09 AM

IB

Baebae love y'all and I'm praying for y'all, my family 4 life

Ivonya L. Douglas, Bae Bae - January 17, 2024 at 12:11 AM

VF

“ Vickie Fielder lit a candle in memory of Percy Ricks Sr.



Vickie Fielder - January 16, 2024 at 09:00 PM

MT

“ Marva Taylor lit a candle in memory of Percy Ricks Sr.



Marva Taylor - January 16, 2024 at 07:26 PM

EN

“ Sending our condolences to the Ricks Family .The Newby Family



Eve Newby - January 16, 2024 at 01:20 AM

DG

“ Diane Edwards Grimes lit a candle in memory of Percy Ricks Sr.



Diane Edwards Grimes - January 15, 2024 at 09:57 PM

TA

“ *Sending our deepest condolences to the Ricks family. Tonya Austin*



Tonya Austin - January 15, 2024 at 05:35 PM

RM

How precious are the days. The McGee Family

Rodney McGee - January 16, 2024 at 10:18 AM



“ *Karen Carter lit a candle in memory of Percy Ricks Sr.*



Karen Carter - January 14, 2024 at 08:59 PM

MH

“ *Mike Hood & family (Tom Hood's bunch) lit a candle in memory of Percy Ricks Sr.*



mike hood - January 14, 2024 at 08:19 PM

DF

“ *Diane Ellison & Family lit a candle in memory of Percy Ricks Sr.*



Diane Ellison & Family - January 14, 2024 at 05:45 PM

CF

“ *Cookie Johnson & Family lit a candle in memory of Percy Ricks Sr.*



Cookie Johnson & Family - January 14, 2024 at 04:09 PM

ES

“ *Prayers an Condolences to the Rick's Family.. 🙏🙏 The Wadley&Starkey FAMILIES..*



Edie Starkey - January 14, 2024 at 01:46 PM

FJ

“ *Frederick L. McClendon Jr lit a candle in memory of Percy Ricks Sr.*



Frederick L. McClendon Jr - January 14, 2024 at 10:45 AM

VF

“ Vickie Fielder lit a candle in memory of Percy Ricks Sr.



Vickie Fielder - January 13, 2024 at 10:11 PM

RH

“ Condolences and prayers goes out to the family.



Reginia Hamilton - January 12, 2024 at 09:31 PM