



## Mr. Edgar Richardson, Sr.

June 6, 1945 - February 23, 2026

### A Tribute to a Life Well Lived

“Well done, good and faithful servant...enter into the joy of your Lord.” —  
Matthew 25:23

Edgar "Ed" Louis Richardson, Sr. was born on June 6, 1945, in Wyco, West Virginia. He was the seventh child born to General Richardson and Dorothy Hamilton Richardson. His siblings—Beulah, Robert, William, James, Van, and Viola—preceded him in transition.

Ed was affectionately called “Snoogie” while growing up in Wyco. He graduated from Conley High School in Mullens, West Virginia. After graduation, he moved to Washington, D.C., where several of his older siblings had already settled. While there, the family joined in the historic March on Washington and witnessed the powerful speech delivered by Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

Ed later enrolled at Howard University, where he became a leading player on the basketball team. He served in the dual role of captain and sixth man, and the team participated in several CIAA Tournaments.

Ed married Wilma McClendon, and together they made Washington, D.C., their home. In 1970, he was selected to participate in a program designed by Whitney Young of the National Urban League. Through this initiative, he was appointed Executive Director of the Lake County, Illinois Urban League. In this role, his mission was to expand employment opportunities for minority citizens in the county. Working with an Executive Board composed of corporate

officers throughout the region, Ed developed a unique ability to achieve meaningful results by building strong relationships and engaging in respectful discourse.

When the family later moved to Kansas City, Ed began a career in automobile sales that would span four decades. He held positions with Jay Wolfe Honda and, most recently, Kwik Auto Finance. His strong sense of integrity and genuine kindness helped him build lasting relationships with the people he met—often serving multiple generations within the same families.

Ed was a man of strength, grounded in his love for the Lord. He was a devoted father to his children and grandchildren—who lovingly knew him as “PaPa”—and a mentor to many others along the way. Planting a garden and sharing his vegetables brought him great joy, as did the blessing of each new day. He loved cooking for his family and believed that good food was both therapy and comfort. Today, both of his sons proudly carry on that legacy.

He leaves behind his beloved wife of 60 years, Wilma; two sons, Ed Jr. (Esther) and Jabari Lateef (Dayna); seven grandchildren; one great-grandson; seven nieces; eight nephews; his forever brother-in-law, Joseph Jackson; his chosen brother, Moses A. Wilds; and many other loving family members and dear friends.

To say he will be missed is a given; his memory will remain forever in the hearts of all who knew and loved him. Though he has taken his rest, the love he gave, the lessons he shared, and the legacy he built will live on through every life he touched.

Funeral services Friday, March 13, 2026 at 11:00am at Friendship Baptist Church. Interment XII Gates Memorial Gardens. Visitation Thursday, March 12, 2026 from 6:00pm-8:00pm at Lawrence A. Jones & Sons and Friday, March 13, from 9:00am-11:00am at the church. Services conducted by Lawrence A. Jones & Sons Funeral Chapel. Condolences may be shared on our website.



# Cemetery Details

## XII Gates Memorial Gardens

9500 East Bannister Road  
Kansas City, MO 64138

# Previous Events

## Visitation

MAR 12. 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

Lawrence A. Jones Funeral Homes & Cremation - Missouri  
1800 E Linwood Blvd  
Kansas City, MO 64109  
(816) 921-1800  
lajfc1@yahoo.com  
<https://www.lawrenceajones.com/>

## Visitation

MAR 13. 9:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

Friendship Baptist Church  
3530 Chelsea Drive  
Kansas City, MO 64128

## Funeral Service

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MAR 13. 11:00 AM (CT)

Friendship Baptist Church  
3530 Chelsea Drive  
Kansas City, MO 64128

# Tribute Wall

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“ My thoughts and prayers go out to Mr. Ed and his family he was like family to my family we all bought cars from from Kwik Auto he sold my last vehicle a Suburban he said Anthony you always wanted one and I got one for you he was always happy when I just stopped by the car lot we would talk and laugh I just found out about his passing yesterday because my niece went to Kwik Auto to purchase a car and asked for Ed and she was hurt by the news I'm going to miss him he was my buddy



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**Anthony Kyle** - April 23 at 02:45 PM

TG

“ To the Richardson family, you have my deepest condolences. Ed was a great friend. I'm truly sorry for your loss.

*Tony Griddine Sr.*

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**Tony Griddine** - March 13 at 09:25 PM

MJ

“ To Wilma, Eddie, Jr. & Jabari:

*Our deepest sympathy. Ed was a true friend who brought joy and happiness to all who knew him.*

*Moses, Rodney & Tamara*

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**Moses A. Wilds, Jr.** - March 11 at 05:54 PM

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“ Dea.& Mrs . Ray Lenoir Sr. purchased the *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum* for the family of Mr. Edgar Richardson, Sr..



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**Dea.& Mrs . Ray Lenoir Sr.** - March 10 at 10:47 PM

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“ Your Alternate Stewards purchased the *Peaceful White Lilies Basket* for the family of Mr. Edgar Richardson, Sr..



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**Your Alternate Stewards** - March 07 at 07:54 PM



“ *Lily and Rose Tribute Spray* was purchased for the family of Mr. Edgar Richardson, Sr..



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March 06 at 10:57 AM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Mr. Edgar Richardson, Sr..

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March 06 at 10:57 AM

GB

“ To sister Wilma (and family), I thank God for the honor of knowing Ed, and being his friend. He was like a 'big'brother to me, always encouraging, kind, and genuine. Truly, a special guy. My love and prayers are with you (all), and I'm better having known and shared a true friendship, with an awesome, AWESOME man of God. Til we meet Ed, THANKS, for the memories. And, may the Richardson tribe be encouraged, knowing that he's safe in the arms of Jesus. And sister Wilma, his love for you was demonstrated, EVERY single time. God bless you... Gerald(Glorious) Brooks&family💜👑🙏🕊️

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**Gerald Brooks** - March 03 at 11:09 AM