



## Lolita Sharon Richey

September 16, 1945 - October 3, 2018

### Obituary

Lolita Sharon (Kelley) Richey, transitioned from this life peacefully, on October 3, 2018. She was born on September 16, 1945 in Kansas City, Kansas to the late Sanford A. and Freda M. Kelley. Siblings; brother Kevin G. Kelley and sister, Sandra Kimbrough preceded her in death.

Her first marriage to Richard Townsend blessed her with a wonderful son, Richard Townsend Richey. She later untied in holy matrimony, August 22, 1972, to her loving, devoted, loyal and dedicated husband Willie Walton Richey. They were blessed with another wonderful son, Jason Richey.

Lolita accepted Christ at an early age and worshipped at the First Baptist Church of Quindaro in Kansas City, Kansas. Later as an adult, she taught Sunday school in her newly adopted city of Omaha, Nebraska at Pilgrim Baptist Church. She attended Vernon Elementary School, and graduated with the Class of 1962 from Washington High School, and attended Donnelly College. Lolita's employment path had humbled beginnings in retail. Her first "real job" was with Cricket West Women's Clothing Store on the Country Club Plaza of Kansas City, Missouri. However, her career path would take her to even more exciting and challenging opportunities with many agencies within the Federal Government. She worked for the Federal Aviation Administration, the US Department of Housing and Urban Development and ended her

federal career with the US Corp of engineers. The job even offered her the unique opportunity to work outside of the United States in Germany for a short period. Lolita was very talented and engaging and enjoyed participating in many venues from childhood and throughout her adult life. She was a Candy-Striper at Douglas Hospital in Kansas City Kansas. She also studied ballet at the renowned Kansas City Conservatory of Music and Dance; she was active as a Girl Scout and served as a "Pitcher" for the Quindaro Girls Softball Team. When the family relocated to Scottsdale, Arizona she continued her community service by volunteering at the esteemed Mayo Clinic. She also enjoyed bowling, boating, worldwide and state-side travel. This included attending Broadway Plays and other outings in New York, as well as travels to several European cities; inclusive of Munich, Germany, Rome, Italy, and Paris France. She was also an avid collector of African American Paintings and Blackshear Ebony Visions figurines. Lolita loved collecting and wearing hats as well. One of the highlights of her "Hat Adventure" was a "bidding war" against Warren Buffet's wife, for one of Oprah's hats. Lolita won the hat! initially, she was sent the wrong hat. This was corrected, by allowing her to keep both hats.

Lolita leaves to cherish her memory, Husband Willie Walton Richey, of Kansas City, Missouri, sons, Richard (Gisela) Richey, Pearl City, Hawaii, Jason (Karim'e) Richey of Kansas City, Missouri; sister, Willa McKinney of Kansas City, Kansas, brother; Sanford H. Kelley (Kay Mundt) of Santa Fe, New Mexico, Uncle, Clinton (Cynthia) Jiles of Kansas City, Missouri, Mother-in-Law, Frenchie Jones of Kansas City, Missouri, Sister-in-law, Kim (Michael) Rashaw, of Kansas City, Missouri. Grandchildren: Kenya Richey, Las Vegas, Nevada (Working on her Masters); Nikita Richey, Temple Arizona, (Freshman at Arizona State University) Jayce Richey, Kansas City, Missouri (Cristo Rey Freshman) Kari'ze Richey, Temecula, California, (7th grade, Lake Elsinore), nieces Shelia (Stephen) Johnson, Kansas City, Kansas, Lavita (John) Brandon, Nixa, Missouri, Keva Kelly, Chicago, Illinois, nephews; James L.

(Kimberly) Williams III, Greenwood, Missouri; David McKinney, Kansas City, Kansas Brandon (Erin) Kelley of Weatherby Lake, Missouri .

Funeral Service will be held 1:00p.m Friday, October 12, 2018 at Mount Calvary COGIC KCMO. No Visitation period available.

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# Tribute Wall

“ To the Richey Family We are sorry to hear about the passing of Lolita S Richey. Our thoughts and prayers are with the entire family. From what was said in the obituary, Lolita was truly a busy and gifted person. I know that she was also a person who drew others to her with her many acts of kindness that she put on display on a daily basis. It is clear that you miss her very much. The many tears that fall from your eyes give proof of that. There is now a need to be on the receiving end of getting comfort that will aide all to get through these difficult times. I know that the many family members and friends will be there for you. May we also remember that God will also be there for you. I find comfort in knowing that God is revealed as the God of all tender comfort and mercy. (2 Corinthians 1:3-4) For a brief moment lets see how these words provide comfort to the Richey family, and other families who have lost someone in death. Directing your attention to the scriptures, please not this promise from God. God's son Jesus tells us that the hour is near when God will call to those in the grave, and that our departed love ones will hear His voice and stand up in life again. (John 5:28-29) All truly need to see the value of this text. The words serves as a personal guarantee from God that Lolita, and billions of others from around the world would stand up in life again. That she would be reunited back with her many family members and friends. So the question that all are confronted with is, do we have faith that the resurrection to life will take place? Going back to the obituary, it was stated that Lolita had knowledge of the scriptures. I wonder how many time had she read the about text about the resurrection from God? Also how many times had she read the nine accounts in the Bible that speaks about the grand resurrection blessing that awaits our departed love ones? The nine accounts serves as a future preview of the many grand blessings to come from God. For now we share many treasured memories of Lolita that will put a smile on our face. Yet the scriptures tells us that we will have more then just a memory; we will have the real Lolita back among her many family members and friends. So in closing we say please keep this promise of God near your heart at all times. Remember that we have God's personal promise. Yes when God makes a

*promise, it becomes reality. For it is impossible for God to lie. ( Titus 1:2)*

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**Albert Caldwell Jr** - October 13, 2018 at 09:00 AM

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“ So sorry for your loss. May the promises of Our Heavenly Father grant you strength, comfort and hope. “Moreover, brothers, we do not want you to be ignorant about those who are sleeping in death, so that you may not sorrow as the rest do who have no hope. For if we have faith that Jesus died and rose again, so too God will bring with him those who have fallen asleep in death through Jesus” 1 Thessalonians 4:13,14

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**Green Family** - October 12, 2018 at 08:35 AM

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“ I would like to add my condolences to Mrs. Richey's family and friends. Unfortunately, times like these can bring about pain that was previously unimaginable. However, in Isaiah 25:8, God promises that he "will swallow up death forever" and "will wipe away tears from all faces." How wonderful these promises are, and happily for us, they will be fulfilled soon.

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**Elias** - October 09, 2018 at 06:53 PM