



Mr. Richard L. O'Pharrow

May 23, 1940 - September 12, 2018

On Wednesday, September 12, 2018, God in his almighty power called Richard “Rico” O’Pharrow to rest. He was the son of the late Lucy and the late James and Lucy O’Pharrow.

Richard graduated from PS Jones High School in Washington, North Carolina and continued his education at Johnson C. Smith University, where he earned his Bachelor of Science Degree. After teaching high school in Wilson, North Carolina, Richard continued his teaching career at CM Eppes and JH Rose High Schools. During this time he furthered his education by completing his Master of Arts in the teaching of Mathematics from the University of Detroit. Richard later taught at Bennett College for two years, moving on to Forsyth Technical Community College where he retired after twenty four years. Richard was also a member of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Incorporated.

Richard was a kind, loving and humble man of great character. He was a loving husband, father and friend.

Richard’s loving and precious memories will remain with his devoted wife, Portia

O’Pharrow; son, Julian O’Pharrow; daughter, Kimberly Branch (O’Neil); his brothers, William O’Pharrow (Georgia) and Melvin O’Pharrow (Mary); three

grandchildren, Julian, Indigo, and Nia; a host of nieces, nephews, other relatives and friends.

Cemetery Details

Homestead Memorial Gardens

4251 E. 10th Street
Greenville, NC 27858

Previous Events

Visitation

SEP 20. 12:00 PM - 1:00 PM (ET)

Congleton Funeral Home and Cremations
3205 E. 10th Street
Greenville, NC 27858
(252) 355-9995
congletonfuneral1@gmail.com
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Service

SEP 20. 1:00 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Mr. Richard L. O'Pharrow*

October 06, 2023 at 05:52 AM



“ *Congleton Funeral Home Staff sent a virtual gift in memory of Mr. Richard L. O'Pharrow*



Congleton Funeral Home Staff - October 03, 2018 at 09:48 AM



“ *Marvena Haynes sent a virtual gift in memory of Mr. Richard L. O'Pharrow*



Marvena Haynes - September 20, 2018 at 03:24 PM

JJ

“ *The Greenville-Industrial - C. M. Eppes Alumni Association, offer our deepest condolences to the O'Pharrow and Brown families. Mr O'Pharrow was one of our beloved teachers. His ability to get students to embrace math as opposed to fear it was a gift. A gift that he gladly shared with all his students, even the ones who did want to be gifted. So rare to find a Black man teaching math in high school in the 60's and 70's. But there he was everyday doing all he could to inspire us to understand that with good English and the ability to perform mathematics, you could go any place in life you so choose.*

Portia and the rest of the family just know that he does not have endure any more earthly pain. For to be absent from the body is to be with the Lord. Be strong in your faith and know that the comforter will come to help ease the hurt. God bless you and may He continue to uplift you during this time and the immediate future.

Sorrowfully,

*James Harper, Jr.
National President*

James Harper, Jr. - September 20, 2018 at 03:16 PM

MJ

“ *Hey there you have our deepest condolences and praying for you that God will give you the strength to get you thru this time of loss . I know he will... Much Love .*

Mr and Mrs Robert Teel jr - September 20, 2018 at 02:40 PM

TG

“ Kimberly,

Andre, the girls and I are deeply sorry for your loss. Know we are praying for you.

*Love,
Tronette*

Tronette R. Greene - September 20, 2018 at 08:22 AM



“ 1 file added to the album *Life Tributes*



Congleton Memorial Mortuary - September 19, 2018 at 02:01 PM

YF

“ *Your Town of Cary HR Family purchased the Lovely One Spathiphyllum Plant for the family of Mr. Richard L. O'Pharrow.*



Your Town of Cary HR Family - September 19, 2018 at 12:47 PM

WR

“ We here in Washington, N.C. remember Richard from our high school days. Every Sunday after church, he along with the boys from the East End would meet at the original P. S. Jones Ball Field and would play until dark. Some things in life we never forget. May God be with you thru your time of sorrow.

William "Bo" Reddick

William Reddick - September 19, 2018 at 11:01 AM

KB

Thank you!

kim branch - September 19, 2018 at 05:51 PM



“ 23 files added to the album *Life Tributes*



Congleton Memorial Mortuary - September 19, 2018 at 08:40 AM

RC

“ Sorry for your loss. I had Mr. O'Pharrow for geometry at Rose just after desegregation in 1970. Great teacher and probably the coolest one on the faculty. Always wore his shades in class and drove a Cougar to school. Would always use last names when calling on students. Needed more like him then and now as well. Thoughts to the family.

Robbie Cox Rose High '72

Robbie Cox - September 18, 2018 at 09:20 AM

KB

Thank Mr Robbie for you shout out to my dad. Of course I didn't know him then;) but love learning about him through kind words as this.

kim branch - September 18, 2018 at 09:39 PM

CD

“ Mrs. Portia O'Parrow, our condolences in the loss of your husband. One of our honorable teacher and Mentor. We pray that God will strengthen you at this, your hour of bereavement. God bless you and family.

The C.M Eppes 1969 Juniouir Class.....Theodore Gray, President.



Connie Daniels-Brown - September 17, 2018 at 04:06 PM

KB

Thank you for your thoughts.

kim branch - September 18, 2018 at 09:40 PM

RH

“ *Robert & Patricia Hatcher lit a candle in memory of Mr. Richard L. O'Pharrow*



Robert & Patricia Hatcher - September 16, 2018 at 06:56 PM