

Jefferson, Richard Harrison



Born January 20, 1931, age 90, of Blaine, MN passed away June 28, 2021. Richard was a Veteran of the Korean War, earned a B.A. from Xavier



University of Louisiana, was a Chemist for (U.S.) Bureau of Mines, and became a DFL MN State Representative from 1987 to 1999 representing N. Mpls. He was the only African-American in the MN Legislature from 1987 to 2001. He was Chair of the Minneapolis Housing Authority, one of the Founders of Pilot City which is now known as Northpoint Health & Wellness Center in N. Mpls., and he was a Co-Founder of the Willard-Homewood organization for N. Mpls. He also authored legislation establishing Juneteenth as a State Holiday in 1996. Richard was a Commissioner for the Metropolitan Sports Facility Commission, and became an Ordained Minister for the American Fellowship Church in 2016. He is survived by his loving wife, Alice Johnson, former MN State Representative and MN State Senator. He is survived by his children, Keith Jefferson, Stephanie (Theodore) Crosby, Raymond (Carla) Jefferson, Leonard (Denise) Jefferson, Matthew (Colette) Jefferson and many loving Grand, Great-Grand and Great-Great Grandchildren. Also survived by Alice's Children, Grandchildren, and Great-Grandchildren. Richard enjoyed fishing, golfing, traveling the world with his wife Alice, did stand-up comedy for seniors at the Senior Centers, and loved making Jelly and Jam. Richard and Alice were playing golf when he passed away on the 9th Green. Richard will be missed by Everyone. Preceded in death by Mary Louise Jefferson, his previous wife. Visitation to be held at KOZLAK-RADULOVICH BLAINE CHAPEL (1385-107th Avenue NE, Blaine) on Wednesday, July 7th from 5 to 8 PM. Mass of Christian Burial to be held at CHURCH OF THE ASCENSION (1723 Bryant Ave. N., Mpls) on Thursday, July 8th at 11 AM with visitation one hour prior. Private Family Interment at Fort Snelling National Cemetery. Family would prefer memorials. Live streaming will be available at:

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