



## Richard Timothy Northam

March 28, 1967 - July 5, 2022

### Richard's Journey...

Richard Timothy Northam (Rick) was born to the late Myrtle E. Northam and James Thomas on March 28, 1967 in Withams, VA. He entered eternal rest on Tuesday, July 5, 2022 in Ocean City, MD.

“Rick” graduated from Arcadia High School in Oak Hall, VA in 1985. He was well known for being very intelligent, a hilarious joker and a star athlete in high school. He loved all sports, but football was always his favorite and he played football each of his high school years. Rick had a very generous heart and was one of the most giving people that you would ever meet. He was always willing to lend a helping hand to anyone in need. He was a true servant to all.

Fulfilling his servant nature and his love to travel, Rick served in the United States Army for eleven years as a cook following high school. He served his country proudly and loved every minute of it! He traveled to several countries, but he loved Germany the most. He also served in several countries during his Gulf War tours including Iraq, Kuwait, and Saudi Arabia. He was always intrigued by and enjoyed how other cultures lived. In true servant fashion, following his military years, Rick became a Dietary Correctional Officer at Eastern Correctional Institute (ECI) in Westover, MD. He served for several

years until his health began to fail at which time he relocated to California.

Rick had a constant love affair with living in California. He absolutely loved living in CALI as he called it. He adored the warm, dry weather. Anytime he visited the Eastern Shore, he was always ready to get back to CALI.

Rick loved his family and was always giving and doing for every member of his family. With no biological children of his own, Rick adored all his nieces and nephews. He often called nephews, TyRon and Ken "his boys." He spoiled all his family members until the day God called him home. He never met a stranger and always gave to anyone in need. This was how he loved!

He was preceded in death by his mother, Myrtle E. Northam, favorite uncle, Pastor Johnnie Crippen and his sister, Rosemary Northam.

Rick leaves to cherish precious, unforgettable memories: two brothers, John (Nanette) Northam, Sr. of Goldsboro, NC and Elvis Northam of Atlantic, VA; three sisters, Ella (Kenny) Smith and Yvette Northam, both of Pocomoke City, MD; and Charlene (Lawrence) Bunting of Salisbury, MD; three nieces, Sherone (Billy) Johnson, Natasha (Jeff) Fields and Kiana Smith; seven nephews, John (Amy), Kenneth, TyRon, Nick (Ashley), Kendall, Devin and Austin; eleven great nieces and nephews, JaShawn, Tyana, TJ, Komari, Trevor, Kameron, Zari, Blake, Isabella, Kyla and Kynadi; a friend since childhood, Brian Richo, along with a host of cousins and several lifelong friends.

LOVINGLY SUBMITTED ~ THE FAMILY

# Previous Events

## Visitation

JUL 15. 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Miracle Temple of Faith  
15505 Lankford Highway  
Mappsville, VA 23407

## Visitation

JUL 16. 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM (ET)

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## Funeral Service

JUL 16. 12:00 PM (ET)

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## Live Stream Broadcast on Facebook

JUL 16. 12:00 PM.

Bennie Smith Funeral Home MD / VA

# Tribute Wall



“ *Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Richard Timothy Northam.*



July 15, 2022 at 03:02 PM



“ *My sincere condolences to Sgt. Northam's family. I worked with him at ECI and he was always quiet and softly spoken. May the Lord be your strength in this time even as we lay our mother to rest on Saturday my heart will be with this family as well.* 🙏🇺🇸♂

**Shawanda Tilghman Johnson** - July 14, 2022 at 10:34 PM



“ *Your friends and colleagues at CBP/AFCD purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Richard Timothy Northam.*



**Your friends and colleagues at CBP/AFCD** - July 14, 2022 at 01:07 PM



“ *Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Richard Timothy Northam.*



July 13, 2022 at 08:53 PM

CS

“ My condolences to the family. You are in my thoughts and prayers.

Charlene Spence - July 12, 2022 at 07:23 AM

OL

“ You will be SOOO missed I hope you are at peace no more pain or suffering. We love you Mr Rick thanks for all the good times we had together 💕💕

Oni lee - July 12, 2022 at 12:23 AM

DH

Rest in Peace my brother you're in a better place, I'll never forget the good times we had. Prayers for your family. Darryl Head...

Darryl Head - July 13, 2022 at 11:20 PM

JW

Just finding out of loss of your family member and my brother in arms, my condolences. I served with Sgt Northam at Ft Bliss, Berlin Germany and Ft Hood. Seemed like we followed each other... he was soft spoken, and cared about his troops even when he got that E6 rocker, stern but fair. I lost contact with him in 1995, I was discharged, and tried to maybe look him up and I finally tried this time, glad i did... whole lot of good memories flashed through my head... Rest in Pease my Brother, SGT Wojtkun.

john wojtkun - June 15, 2025 at 06:13 PM