



## Richard Dawson

December 31, 1939 - March 17, 2019

Richard Dawson, 79, affectionately known as “Pops” and “Poppa,” was born on December 31, 1939 in Mt. Vernon, New York to the late Padrhon Dawson, Sr. and Rosalee King. Richard was birthed into love and embraced by his two brothers, Padrhon Dawson, Jr. and James Dawson and his two sisters Gurde George and Vivian King. He was formally educated in the Mount Vernon School District. In his early adult years, Richard moved to New Haven, Connecticut where he became a lifelong resident. He was a dedicated employee at the East Haven Landscaping Company and retired in 2008. Richard immensely enjoyed the nature earth provides, such as stones, grass, soil, plants, and flowers. He was extremely knowledgeable about landscaping and could tell you about the various characteristics of stones, flowers, shrubs, or trees. Richard was a member of Powerhouse Temple Ministries, New Haven, Connecticut, under the pastoral leadership of Apostle Lonell I. Lawson, Sr. He was a former member of the Trustee Board, a member of the Men’s Ministry, and he loved to sing as a soloist at any given opportunity. Richard was always known for his sense of humor, he had a way with words, a way to make you laugh and smile even in the most difficult situations. There was never a dull moment when you were in his presence. He would share hard life lessons or some insightful words to keep everyone on their toes. He had a way of making everyone feel loved in a very special way. Richard enjoyed music and singing soul and gospel songs from the fifties and sixties era. He sang in two gospel groups where he found the greatest joy. However,

his passion was fishing. He loved to fish! He loved sitting by the water, it was a place where he found tranquility. He also enjoyed deer hunting and the sport of boxing. But none of that meant more to him than his family. He did not only love his family, but he showed how to love family unconditionally. Richard enjoyed spending time with his family and absolutely adored his grandchildren and often spoke fondly of them. Richard, a beloved husband, a father, a grandfather, a great grandfather, a brother, uncle, and most importantly a friend. The greatest friend he found was in the Lord, and on March 17, 2019, the Lord saw fit to embrace Richard with His unconditional love, grace, and mercy and transitioned Richard from labor to reward in Heaven. Richard was predeceased by his vigilant father Padrhon Dawson, Sr., vivacious mother Rosalee King, his brother Padrhon Dawson and sisters Gurde George and Vivian King. Richard leaves to cherish and celebrate his memory the love of his life for 39 years, Barbara Dawson; his beloved children Richard McClendon., (CT), Terrance King (NY), Kareem Bowmen (CT), Jerry Smith (CT), Tarishia and Robert Martin (CT), Helena Smith (CT), Melba and Charles Leonard (CT), Celestine Smith (CT), brother and sister-in-law James and Helen Dawson (CT); Grandchildren Truphena Martin, Robert Martin, Sonia Martin, Delena Swaby, Mahogany Leonard, Char-Lee Leonard, Charles Leonard, Richard Leonard, Terrance King Jr., Shana King, Nathaniel King, Zyaire King, Rutoyn Williams, Amitiza Lee, Brittany Mason, Jerry Smith, Jervon Smith, Justice Smith; sisters-in-law Gloria Willett, Jean (Doug) Cannon, and Doreen (Quints) Kittle-Davis along with a host of relatives and friends. Richard will be deeply and wholeheartedly missed but, continuously loved by a host of great grandchildren, nieces, nephews, cousins, and endless friends.

# Cemetery Details

## Evergreen Cemetery

769 Ella T Grasso Blvd  
New Haven, CT 06519  
(203) 624-5505

# Previous Events

## Calling Hours

MAR 22. 9:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

Power House Temple Deliverance Church  
31 Sperry Street  
New Haven, CT 06511

## Service

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# Tribute Wall



“ *Richard Dawson*

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October 09, 2023 at 06:14 AM



“ *To all ricks family*

*I am so sorry for you loss. I worked with Ricky, that's how I referred to him, at East Haven Landscape Products for many years. I started working there in 1987 and worked with Ricky until he retired. He still stopped in after retirement to say hello to everyone. My father was a homicide detective in New Haven and him and Ricky had a lot in common. I will never forget all the life lessons I learned from him. He will truly be missed*

*My condolences to all*

*Joe Benson*

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**joe benson** - March 31, 2019 at 09:19 PM



“ *Barbara and the family my deepest condolences. I remember when I was a little girl my stepfather was very good to me an my sisters and brothers, he was strict but a good strict he made us laugh and cry. I will truly miss him. Love you always Sandra Smith*

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**Sandra Smith** - March 23, 2019 at 08:13 AM

JC

“ *Barbara my deepest condolences to you and the family. I will always remember Ricky smile and laughter. May God Bless you.*



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**JoAnn Cote** - March 22, 2019 at 11:44 AM

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“ *To Elder Martin and family. My deepest condolences to you and your family. Allow God to wrap you in his arms, comforting you in the days ahead. Please know that my prayers are with you.*  
*Andrea Daniels-Singleton and Family*

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**Andrea Daniels-Singleton** - March 22, 2019 at 09:09 AM

RA

“ *Tarishia,*  
*My deepest sympathy for the passing of your Dad*  
*Ricardo Almeida*

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**Ricardo Almeida** - March 21, 2019 at 07:16 AM

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“ *Paula F DeGruttola purchased the Lovely One S pathiphyllum Plant for the family of Richard Dawson .*



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**Paula F DeGruttola** - March 20, 2019 at 04:55 PM

LE

“ To the family of mr Richard Dawson our hearts is saddened to hear of the passing of mr. Richard Dawson our prayers and condolences goes out to the family of mr.Richard Dawson May God continue to bless the family of mr. Dawson wrap them in in his loving arms give them strength and comfort them at this time of of bereavement God can and will give you strength and comfort you at this time of of sorrow from my Family to yours LeroyMincey&family

Leroy - March 20, 2019 at 04:34 PM



From sister Angela Bowe- I send my deepest condolences.May he RIP (rest in heaven).

Angela Bowe - March 21, 2019 at 03:27 PM

HD

“ To the Dawson family,you have my deepest sympathy at your time of sorrow.Knew Rick quite a few years,a very pleasant person to be around.God bless you all.

Howard Davis - March 20, 2019 at 03:49 PM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Richard Dawson .



March 20, 2019 at 03:05 PM

EH

“ *Elder S. Yvonne Hall purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Richard Dawson .*



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**Elder S. Yvonne Hall** - March 20, 2019 at 02:29 PM