



Acknowledgement

A heartfelt Thanks is extended to all who helped to ease the heavy burden that we share. Your words have comforted us, your support has strengthened us, and your love has sustained us. We extend our deepest thanks to you for your kindness, during our greatest sadness. May God continue to Bless and keep you.

Celebrating the Life of

Richard Darnell Creech



Sunrise

March 22, 1954

Sunset

August 31, 2022



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I Am Not Dead

By Maxine Rudder

Mourn not my loved ones, I am not dead

But only gone one step ahead!

I am having a big time finding out,
What all the mystery of death is about.

I talked with angels, I know I'm right
On how they keep their wings so white.

I'm chasing dad, mom, and Avis down a pearly street
Not using my wheelchair, but with flying feet.

I laughed with Jesus, this I know

On earth we both laughed, loved so.

I've hugged God tight with a joyous air,
Weren't we the best friends down there.

Mourn not my loved ones, I'm having peace,
for me, heaven has just begun,

I am waiting with joy to see you come.



Obituary

On Wednesday August 31, 2022, God sent his angel to claim one of his own, Richard "Rick" D. Creech 68, of Harrisburg, PA with his devoted wife, sons, daughter-in-law, grandkids, and friends at his bedside.

A native of Johnston, North Carolina, he was the son of the late Joseph D. and Margaret (Temple) Creech.

Born with athetoid cerebral palsy in 1954, Rick was expected to live six months, however he completed High School and graduated Magna Cum Laude from East Carolina University with a degree in Speech Language and Auditory Pathology. Unable to talk he spoke using a para vocal communication aid which he helped developed. While residing in Greenville, North Carolina, he served on the Grant Advisory Board of North Carolina's Assistive Technology project and on the Board of Directors of Augmented Communicators, he was a research specialist in this field. He was employed at Pennsylvania Training and Technical Assistance Network (PATTEN) as an Educational Consultant for over 28 years.

He lectured extensively on turning disability into ability and on augmentative and alternative communication. Rick traveled to Washington D.C. to speak before the Senate several times on aging and was a strong advocate for his peers with disabilities. Among his many accomplishments, he was listed as one of the Outstanding Young Men of 1986, was a licensed minister with the knowledge and ability to deliver sermons and authored a book "Reflections from a Unicorn."

Along with his parents he is preceded by his younger brother Avis Creech. He leaves to cherish his memory, his loving and devoted wife Yolanda Creech of Harrisburg, PA, three sons; Derek, Devin and Jeremy Turner, two daughters-in-law; Trina and Hannah Turner, sisters and brothers-in-law: Pam Creech, Kim Gruzowski of Madison Heights, MI, Sherwood Jeneen Brown of Richmond, VA, Mitch and Lorraine Beard of Lynchburg, VA, nephew Braxton Creech, granddaughter Aaliyah Turner, two grandsons; Zachary and Jay Anderson, two great-granddaughters; Zoey and Alaya Anderson, all of Harrisburg, PA, other relatives and friends. Rick has an extreme love for God and his family, he will be deeply missed.

"To be absent from the body is to be present with the Lord" II Corinthians 5:8

