

I'm Free

Don't grieve for me, for now I'm free
I'm following the path God has laid for me.
I took His hand when I heard him call,
I turned my back and left it all.

I could not stay another day
To laugh, to love, to work, to play.
Tasks left undone must stay that way,
I found that peace at the close of day.

If my parting has left a void
Then fill it with remembered joy.
A friendship shared, a laugh, a kiss
Oh yes, these things I too will miss.

Be not burdened with times of sorrow
I wish you the sunshine of tomorrow.

My life's been full, I savored much
Good friends, good times, a loved one's touch.

Perhaps my time seemed all too brief
Don't lengthen it now with undue grief.
Lift up your hearts and share with me
God wanted me now;
He set me free.



Acknowledgement

The family expresses sincere thanks to you and all the kindness
shown during this time of our great sadness.

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CELEBRATION OF LIFE

RICHARD ALLEN GOODE

MARCH 3, 1951 - FEBRUARY 9, 2023



FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 17th, 2023
1:00 PM

TABERNACLE BAPTIST CHURCH
519 WEST 19TH AVENUE
GASTONIA, NORTH CAROLINA
REV. THOMAS GILLESPIE, OFFICIATING

Life Reflections

Richard Allen Goode, nicknamed, "Sea Lion" by classmates and also known as "Big Boy" was born in Cleveland County, North Carolina to the late Charles Otis Goode and Lola Williams Goode.

Richard attended Holbrook High School. He was a long-time employee at Mohican Mill as a Tow-motor driver. Richard was an outstanding friend and student athlete before quitting school to help his family. He will be dearly missed by his friends and family with the late-night phone calls, hilarious jokes and endless junk talking. Richard was notorious for giving people a nickname. Richard tried to maintain a gruff and rough exterior, but he was such a caring and loving person to those he cherished. Richard was the one person in the family that you knew would "keep it real." After the death of his wife, Richard became a "taxi" to many friends and family by taking them to various places such as doctors' appointments and work; that was his way of staying connected and still getting around town.

Richard is preceded in death by wife, Elsie Adams, sister, Eretha Goode Garvin, mother, Lola Williams Goode and father, Charles Otis Goode.

Left to cherish his memory: his children, Richard Lipscomb, LaShawn Lipscomb, Dewayne Goode, Kevin Goode, Jamie Campbell, Eve Goode and Tenisha Hill; brothers and sister, Tommie Lee Goode, Charles Kenneth Goode, Deborah Anne Goode, Michael A. Goode, all of Gastonia, NC; 14 grandchildren and 2 great grandchildren and a host of cousins, nieces, and nephews, other relatives and friends.

*God watched you as you suffered;
He knew you had your share
He gently closed your weary eyes
And whispered, "Peace Be Thine."*

*The weary hours, the little pains;
The sleepless nights are passed,
The ever patient worn out frame
Has found sweet rest at last.*

Order of Celebration



Processional

Visitation12:30 PM - 1:00 PM

InvocationKodoza Campbell

Scripture Reading

Old TestamentMinister

New Testament Charles Littlejohn, Jr.

Prayer of Comfort Rev. Niles Miller

SelectionRicky Collins

Reading of the ObituaryPamela D. Goode

Personal Reflections.....(Please keep to 2 minute)

SelectionCongregation

Eulogy Rev. Thomas Gillespie

Recessional



INTERMENT
Ebenezer Baptist Church Cemetery
Kings Mountain, North Carolina