



## Mr. Robert C. Richards

April 16, 1949 - June 4, 2022

Robert Charles Richards was born on April 16th, 1949, in Hub, Mississippi to the union of Charlie & Nellie Richard who precedes him in death. Robert attended Marion Central in Hub, Mississippi. After the Army he would later earn a welding certificate and he also took Auto Mechanic classes at Milwaukee Area Technical College. Robert was married to his childhood sweetheart Avie N. Richards (Alexander) on September 17, 1971. While Robert was not a man of many words, he was stem but loving and cared for his family immensely. Robert had many nicknames such as Bob, B.O.B, Sherman, Ram, MacGyver, Willie Armstrong, Honey, Worsem, Ugly & Weezy Charles. Robert worked for the U.S. Government and served in the Vietnam War until 1969 receiving a National Defense Service medal. He earned a Marksman Badge (M-14), which is a Vietnam Service medal and a Vietnam Campaign Medal. He also received a purple heart, which is the national symbol of sacrifice. Robert worked as a

mechanic on weekends for Steeles Welding in the evenings and weekends. He was employed by Rexnord and Bushman up until the age 50. Robert was everyone's favorite side mechanic because he was top notch, basically the GOAT. Robert made a basketball hoop for his kids by welding a rim and he cut a backboard out of wood and nailed it to a tree in the yard. Robert was also referred to as "MacGyver" because of the amazing things he did while working on cars during an emergency. He and his wife were picking up his oldest daughter from college and the starter on the car went completely out. To make matters worse all the stores were closed. He took a hair pin and fixed it so the car would make it from Mankato, MN. to Milwaukee, WI. On another occasion he fixed his wife Avie's tie rod on her car with a wire hanger, and she rode on it for a week until he had time to fix it on the weekend.

After a bad fall on April 1, 2021, he had been in the hospitalized for a year and a half.

Then he departed this life at Bria Trinity Village in Milwaukee, WI. on June 4th, 2022. He is preceded in death by his parents, Charlie and Nellie Richard and his sister Diane Richard and his son Eldon Lanier Richards. He leaves to mourn his passing and to cherish his memory is his wife Avie N. Richards, daughter Alina Marie

Cunningham

(John), son Robert Brian Richards (Yolanda), and daughter Avina Laree Richards; 3

grandchildren, Brian Lanier-David Cunningham, Ja'Cia Avie-Elizabeth Cunningham,

and Jalen Christopher Cunningham; 4 great grandchildren. He leaves to mourn his

siblings Linnie Pearl Nevis, Levell Richard, Mary (Medious), Lonnie Richard, Darnell

(Moses), Carol Deniece (Harris), Sarah (Waller), Sonya (Thaddeus). Robert also has a

host of nieces, nephews, and friends which he loved dearly.

# Cemetery Details

## Southern WI Veterans Cemetery

21731 Spring St.  
Union Grove, WI

# Previous Events

## Visitation

JUN 17. 12:00 PM - 1:00 PM (CT)

Northwest Funeral Chapel  
6630 W. Hampton Ave  
Milwaukee, WI

## Funeral Service

JUN 17. 1:00 PM (CT)

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# Tribute Wall



“ *Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Mr. Robert C. Richards.*



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June 15, 2022 at 10:34 AM