

Jack Richard “Dick” Leftridge

April 14, 1944 – February 27, 2004

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JACK RICHARD ‘Dick’ LEFTRIDGE

Jack Richard “Dick” Leftridge went home to be with his Lord after a long illness Friday, Feb. 27, 2004.

Dick was born on April 14, 1944 in Hinton, W.Va., the seventh of nine children born to George and Mattie Leftridge.

He was 59 years old.

He is survived by his wife of 41 years, Wanda; two sons, Jack Richard Jr., of Roanoke, Va., and Jeffery Randall, of Morgantown; one daughter, Jeri Renee, also of Morgantown; two granddaughters, Ashton and Hailee; seven grandsons, Kazimir, Zachary Richard, Jeff Jr., Storm, Joshua Richard, Demitry and Devin. Also surviving are sisters Mattie Nelson, of Dayton, Ohio, Shirley Leftridge, of Brooklyn, N.Y., Mary Ruth Colin, of Cincinnati, Ohio, Betia Jo Leftridge and Jacqueline McNeil, of Temple Hill, Md., and brothers, James Williams, of Hinton W.Va., George Jr., of Bakersfield, Calif., and Edward, of Rome, N.Y., many beloved nieces and nephews, sister-in-law, Latricia Brown, of Southfield, Mich. and brothers-in-law, Charles Smith, of Corum, N.Y. and John Smith, of Annapolis, Md.

Dick attended high school in Hinton, W.Va., where he excelled in sports coached by his friend and mentor William Garden.

He graduated from WVU and played professional football. He was recently recognized and honored by the Black Legends Sports Hall of Fame at Marshall University.

The body will be cremated. A celebration of his life will be held at 3 p.m. on Friday, March 5, 2004, at the Berean Baptist Church, Greenbag Road, Morgantown, W.Va. and also in Hinton, W.Va. at a later date.