



## Mr. Richard Lewis Groce

March 19, 1957 - February 16, 2021

Mr. Richard Lewis Groce was born to the parentage of Mr. Curtis Henderson, Sr. and Ms. Lillie Groce, in Lincoln, AL on March 19, 1957. Before his passing, Richard enjoyed fishing, traveling, football, and the outdoors. He was a generous, fun-loving, outgoing, caring husband, father, grandfather, brother and uncle who was cherished by his family, dear friends, and all who knew him. He will surely be missed.

At an early age, Richard accepted Christ as his Lord and Savior and united with Freewill Church of God in Christ in Lincoln, AL. Richard was a graduate of Lincoln High School Class of 1975 and later attended Jacksonville State University. Richard joined the military in 1975 and served for a total 25 years, 6 of those years were foreign service. Later Richard began working at William E. Donaldson Correctional Facility as a Correctional Officer with the Alabama Department of Corrections until he retired. After retirement, he began working part time in corrections.

Along Richard's life journey, he married Mrs. Bernice Turner Groce. Richard always loved, provided, and cared for his family.

Richard gained his heavenly wings on February 16, 2021, at the age of 63. He is preceded in death by his parents, Mr. Curtis Henderson, Sr. and Ms. Lillie Groce; his sister, Valera Ann Groce; his brother, Terry Lamont Embry Sr.; and

son Dextra L. Groce.

He will forever be cherished and remembered by: his wife, Mrs. Bernice Turner Groce: son, Corey D. (Lori) Groce of Alabaster, AL; daughter, Natasha L. Groce of Atlanta, GA; grandson, Joshua Groce of Alabaster, AL; two stepdaughters, LaCendia (Kenneth) Swain of Talladega, AL and Tonisheya (Keimon) Henderson of Lincoln, AL; four step grandchildren, Teighan Grace Henderson of Lincoln, AL, Kendall Swain, Kentavious Turner, and Delvonner Collins all of Talladega, AL; five sisters, Linda (Bobby) Pearson and Mary Nell Rock all of Lincoln, AL, Janice Bracken of Tampa, FL, Crystal Henderson of Cleveland, OH and Brenda Morgan of Fort Wayne, IN; four brothers, Curtis Henderson, Jr. of Bessemer, AL, Elvis (Shirley) Groce of Greenville, SC, Victor (Jennifer) Henderson and Greg Henderson of Pell City, AL; and a host of nieces, nephews, cousins, and dear friends.

# Previous Events

## Public Viewing

FEB **23**. 1:00 PM - 6:00 PM (CT)

S.M. Goodson Funeral Home Chapel  
217 Coosa Street East  
Talladega, AL 35160

## Graveside Service

FEB **24**. 1:00 PM - 1:30 PM (CT)

Pine Grove Baptist Church Cemetery  
500 Drew Avenue  
Lincoln, AL 35096

# Tribute Wall

LS

“ *LaDonna (Townsend) Smith sent a virtual gift in memory of Mr. Richard Lewis Groce*



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**LaDonna (Townsend) Smith** - February 25, 2021 at 09:14 AM

LS

*No words can be written for this loss...*

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**LaDonna (Townsend) Smith** - February 25, 2021 at 09:15 AM

LS

*If time can go back just a little to speak more with you*

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**LaDonna Smith** - February 12, 2025 at 08:16 AM

TA

“ *The Nunn Family, Opelika, AL purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Mr. Richard Lewis Groce.*



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**The Nunn Family, Opelika, AL** - February 23, 2021 at 02:48 PM



“ *Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Mr. Richard Lewis Groce.*



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February 23, 2021 at 12:25 PM

LS

“ To Mrs. Groce, friends, family, and co workers. Today, is a very, very painful day that Richard is no longer with us. Richard, was great educator, a loving person that showed compassionate towards the people that he met. I pray that we all lean on the living God that knows the pain that we are enduring right now because he is no longer here. To his wife as I mentioned to you today lean on Jesus because he knows everything that you are going thru and your family. I thanked him for the things that he's taught me and the things that he's told me to never to forget. My soul, my heart, is broken and shattered. I will not be able to make it to say goodbye, but I will never forget him.



LaDonna (Townsend) Smith - February 23, 2021 at 11:01 AM



“ Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Mr. Richard Lewis Groce.



February 22, 2021 at 02:34 PM

MM

“ Minister Zeola Moore lit a candle in memory of Mr. Richard Lewis Groce



Minister zeola Moore - February 21, 2021 at 09:25 PM



“ *Strength & Solace Spray was purchased for the family of Mr. Richard Lewis Groce.*



February 21, 2021 at 09:07 PM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Mr. Richard Lewis Groce.*



February 21, 2021 at 08:00 PM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Mr. Richard Lewis Groce.*



February 20, 2021 at 11:37 AM



“ *Friendship Baptist Church Family Pastor Brundidge purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Mr. Richard Lewis Groce.*



**Friendship Baptist Church Family Pastor Brundidge -**  
February 20, 2021 at 10:03 AM

SJ

“ *Sally Jackson lit a candle in memory of Mr. Richard Lewis Groce*



Sally Jackson - February 19, 2021 at 02:14 PM

CD

“ *C. D. purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Mr. Richard Lewis Groce.*



C. D. - February 19, 2021 at 02:03 PM

NE

“ *Nellie Embry lit a candle in memory of Mr. Richard Lewis Groce*



Nellie Embry - February 18, 2021 at 08:49 PM

NE

*Rest in peace friend and classmate. We will always remember your smile, the good times, and your friendship. You will be missed, but always fondly remembered.*

*Love always,  
Sam & Nellie Embry*

Nellie Embry - February 18, 2021 at 08:54 PM

NE

*Richard will definitely be missed by all who loved and knew him. We are praying for his family and know that God will keep them in his care. God Bless and keep you all in great care and peace.*

*Sam & Nellie Embry & Family*

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**Nellie Embry** - February 18, 2021 at 09:00 PM

SJ

*May you rest in peace classmate.*

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**Sally Jackson** - February 19, 2021 at 02:13 PM