

# *The Order of Service*

*Dr. Margaret Britt, Presider*

*Processional*

*Musical Selection*

*Wilson Chapel Combined Choir*

*Scripture Readings*

*Old Testament ~ Deacon Donnie Thomas*

*New Testament ~ Deacon Henry Wilkes*

*Prayer of Comfort*

*Deacon Alfonza Fleming*

*Solo*

*Deacon Frankie Edmundson*

*Message to my Papa*

*Dherrian "Heavy" English, granddaughter*

*Special Remarks*

*Mr. Ernest Harns ~*

*"C.H. Darden High School Class of 1963"*

*Ms. Barbara Guess ~ Family*

*Others ~ Please limit to three minutes*

*Acknowledgements & Obituary*

*Mrs. Karen Whichard*

*Musical Selection*

*Wilson Chapel Combined Choir*

*Words of Comfort*

*Bishop Robert L. Gorham*

*Funeral Director's Brief*

*Recessional*

*Interment*

*Rest Haven Cemetery*

*1717 Bishop LN Forbes Street*

*Wilson, North Carolina*

# Richard Lee Artis



*Floral Bearers*

*Friends of the Family*

*Pall Bearers*

*Friends of the Family*

*Acknowledgements*

*The family of Richard Lee "Frog" Artis acknowledges with sincere appreciation and grateful hearts all expressions of sympathy extended to our family during our time of bereavement. Your kindness and thoughtfulness have given us comfort and strength. Thank you for your support. May the Lord continue to bless each of you and keep you forever in His grace and mercy. ~The Family*

*To the Family*

*It appears that nothing surpasses*

*All your grief and despair*

*But God is a mighty refuge*

*And your loved one is in His care*

*Carrons Funeral Home Staff*



*Professional Service Entrusted to:*

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# *Celebration of Life*



*"Frog"*

*Sunrise  
August 19, 1947*

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*Sunset  
April 24, 2022*

*Saturday ~ April 30, 2022*

*1:00 P.M.*

*Wilson Chapel FWB Church*

*513 East Barnes Street*

*Wilson, North Carolina*

*Bishop Robert L. Gorham, Eulogist*

*Carrons Funeral Home, Directing*



## The Beginning

Richard Lee "Frog" Artis was born to

Fred Artis and Bettie Ann Guess-Artis on August 19, 1947, in Wilson County, North Carolina. He was peacefully escorted to his heavenly home on Sunday, April 24, 2022. Reared in Wilson, Frog received his formative education from the Wilson County Public School System where he attended C. H. Darden High School in Wilson, NC and Fredrick Douglas High School in Elm City, NC. With a desire to serve his country, he enlisted into the United States Air Force where he served his country with dignity and pride. After the military, he worked in Washington, DC in D.C Protective Service for thirty years, where he retired in 2002. After relocating back to Wilson, he gained employment with the Wilson Community Health Center as a security guard until his health failed.

Realizing a need for spiritual guidance in his life, he was baptized and became a faithful member of Wilson Chapel F. W. B. Church where he worshipped, served, and carried out the spirit of God's word. *Frog was a delight to be with.* He was funny, witty and

a sharp dresser. He always looked forward to spending time with family and friends at his annual alumni weekend barbeque. He especially enjoyed all the enjoyable times spent with his grandchildren.

Frog was proceeded in death by his parents, Bettie Ann Guess-Artis, Fred Artis and his stepmother, Nona Bell Artis; one son, Darrell C. Artis; and one sister, Betty Joyce Artis- Murphy.

He leaves loving memories to his son, Derrick Jerome English (Sharon Speight-English) of Norfolk, Virginia; two brothers, Gregory E. Artis (Vickie Artis) of New Castle, Delaware and Navarro Artis of Silver Springs, Maryland; three grandchildren, Brandon Jerome Edmundson (LaCrysha Edmundson) of Knightdale, NC Dherrian TruShar'a "Heavy" English of Raleigh, NC, and Tanisha Tamia Barnes of Charlotte, NC; two great-grandsons, Christian and Chase Edmundson of Knightdale, NC; special nieces, Sharon Denise Pratcher, Valarie Lynette Murphy, and Marcelle Elizabeth Putmaw(Leon Putmaw) of Cleveland, Ohio and Rasa Turner of Princess Anne, Maryland; two nephews, Ralph Frederick Murphy, Sr. of Cleveland, Ohio and Gregory D. Artis of New Castle, Delaware; a longtime close friend, Congressman G.K Butterfield of Wilson, NC; special loved ones, Alice Artis, Vonda George and Wilma Artis; special friends, Robert Woodard and Shirlenna Taylor; a host of many other family and friends

