



Lawrence Cleveland Richardson

August 14, 1952 - April 26, 2026

Lawrence Cleveland Richardson, also known as Cleve Richardson, 73, passed away on April 26, 2026. Born on August 14, 1952 to John Cleveland Richardson and Mary Elizabeth Walston Richardson, he was a lifelong Hardee County resident. Known locally as the “Prayer Man”, he made his living in the phosphate mines. He also did tremendous work with the Real Life Church and Story of Jesus productions.

He is preceded in death by both of his parents, and two brothers: Mike and Jimmy Richardson. He is survived by his wife Beverly Richardson of Wauchula, Florida; daughters Mary Walker and Lori Richardson of Wauchula, Florida; brother Del Richardson of Crestview, Florida; sister Carol Newberg of Jacksonville, Florida; his grandsons Lawrence Walker, Trevor Walker, and Winston Walker; and 4 great-grandchildren.

Tribute Wall



“ *Brother Cleve had to be one of the most loving people on the face of the earth. Steve and I were blessed to have met him through "Story of Jesus". There are no words to say how much he was loved! "YESSSSS!" I know he is dancing with Jesus, but how he will be missed here!*

Brenda Truels - April 28 at 01:28 PM

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“ *I met "Clevie" in the 1970s when I went to work for Scotty's Home Builders in Wauchula FL. It wasn't long and I met his devoted wife, Bev. These two meant so much to me because their faces beamed with the Joy of the Lord - no matter what! This drew me, and countless others, to them. "Clevie" played Santa all around the county - and I believe it was real to him - because of the love he had for others. My sincere condolences to Bev and the girls. Our loss is Heaven's gain!*

Gaila Adams - April 28 at 10:00 AM

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“ A memory I share which was my husband's. We moved into the house behind Bev and Cleve. One day my husband was mowing the groves, when this shadow came over him, he looked up to this giant of a man (and my husband was big) and then this big hand came out and swallowed my husbands hand as he introduced himself! Later he was known as our lawn pixie, as sometimes when we were at work he would mow our lawn. Or while Bev and Cleve were at church, we got the crew to paint their house! Cleve was blown away! Cleve! You will be so missed! An incredible man, with the biggest heart! You will be the biggest and brightest star in the sky and heaven will have the best homecoming party welcoming his most faithful servant!

Jill Edgley - April 28 at 04:25 AM

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“ One of our greatest gifts in this world was to have known this special man of God. We are so sorry for the loss your family has. But heaven's celebrating his homecoming.
Love, Larry and Jill Roberts

Larry and Jill - April 27 at 07:42 PM