



# Richard Maurice Lee

MAY 14, 2025



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**R**ichard M. Lee The spirit of Richard M. Lee, age 71, left his earthly body and is now with the Lord.

Richard was born in Jamaica and was an accomplished international airline pilot with a storied career for over 40 years. In fact, he flew one of the longest international routes in the world.

Richard was an avid runner/walker and completed several marathons. He loved old-school Jamaican ska and reggae, going fishing, old western movies and was an excellent cook.


Richard was an expert crossword puzzle solver and enjoyed teaching people how to play dominoes. One would find him reading the Jamaica Gleaner daily and the latest spy novel.

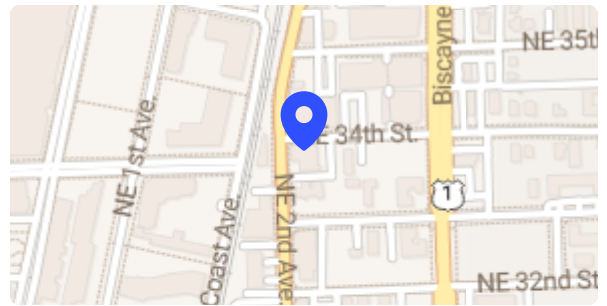
His favorite sports teams almost always lost every time he watched, but he kept watching anyway (sorry Jamaican national football team and Miami Dolphins). Above all, Richard loved spending time with his family.

Richard is survived by three children, three grandchildren, siblings, and many nieces and nephews. In lieu of flowers, contributions to a charity of your choice would be appreciated. Memorial service details upon request.



**Cemetery Details**

 **Van Orsdel Crematory**  
3333 NE 2nd Avenue, Miami FL 33137





# Tribute Wall

**Richard Maurice Lee**



**Eva Murphy** posted:

Richard, our thoughts and prayers are with you as you rest in peace in the arms of Our Lord, Our Maker. Tiffany, Brad & Tarryn we pray that God will continue to give you strength and comfort during this sad and difficult time. Love & prayers 🙏🕊️🙏 Aunty Eva & family

May 31 at 9:15 PM



**Marlon Yee** lit a candle in honor of Richard.

Growing up in Jamaica Uncle Richard was one of my favourite uncles. He always brought good energy with him. His visits and drop ins were random but I accepted that came with territory of being a Pilot. My fondest memory of him was when he drove my brother and I in my parents old beaten up VW buggy...this thing was so beaten up there was a holes in passenger side floor. It was raining hard that day and he took us for an extremely fun drive on the way home showing off his pilot skills and lots of water action inside and out 😊 Rest In Peace Uncle Richard! Condolences Tiffany, Brad and Taryn. Love Always



May 31 at 5:59 PM



**Ann-Marie Vizzini** lit a candle in honor of Richard.

Dear Tiffany, Bradford and Tarryn, We are deeply sorry for your loss and hold you in our hearts at this sad time. May your cherished memories be a constant reminder of your Dad's ever-present love for you and bring you peace. We will always remember his warm smile. Love and prayers, Aunt Rosie and family



May 31 at 12:53 PM



**Anonymous** sent an Arrive in Style to the Lee family.



May 30 at 4:44 PM



**Anonymous** planted a Memorial Tree in honor of Richard.



May 30 at 4:44 PM



# Tribute Wall

**Richard Maurice Lee**



**Ivanhoe Yee** sent a virtual gift in honor of Richard.



We have great memories of Captain Richard we shared so many memorial and special times together just hanging out at the famous and popular Hellshire Beach Jamaica eating delicious fried fish and lobsters or just watching movies and shooting breeze and simply spending time together eating jerk pork and chicken. We climbed Diamond Head mountain together in Hawaii. Marlon, Curtis, Diana and I enjoyed and will always treasure these special times spent with you as family and a true friend as you will be greatly missed. Rest In Peace Richard. One Love.Our deepest condolences to the families. May the memories of your Loved One be of comfort to you now and in the days ahead, bringing peace to your hearts.Ivanhoe, Diana and Family

May 30 at 11:10 AM



**Van Orsdel Funeral & Cremation Services** shared an album called **LifeTributes**.



May 17 at 9:43 AM



**Antoinette Lim Hilton** lit a candle in honor of Richard.



Dear Tiffany, Bradford, and Tarryn,Our hearts go out to you and your family during this difficult time. Uncle Richard will be missed by so many. We know words can't take away the hurt you're feeling, but we want you all to know how much we care and are loved. Sending you love and strength in this time of loss.In sympathy with love and comfort,Antoinette and Robert Hilton

May 26 at 9:30 PM



**Ingrid West** shared 3 photos to the **Tribute Wall** album.



Dearest Tiff, Bradford, Tarryn and families,Sincere condolences from us all, however, knowing Uncle Richard is now at rest with the Good Lord, reunited with his loved ones must be of comfort. Grew up hearing the old stories, and seeing him in old photos - I was a bit too young to remember him at all the big family gatherings, but was so happy to meet him as an adult when he met us in Hawaii. Tony and I were in awe at how fit he was!May he rest in eternal peace. All our love and prayers, Ingrid, Uncle Willie and the Chin-Sees

May 17 at 9:43 AM



## Tribute Wall

**Richard Maurice Lee**



**Ruby Lim** lit a candle in honor of Richard.

Thinking of Richard and the family during this difficult time. Richard will always be remembered with love!With deepest sympathy to the family!Love and prayers!Ruby Lim

May 25 at 9:28 AM



**Marc Barber** shared a photo to the **Tribute Wall** album.

Richard LeeMy friend. While I knew Richard at Air Jamaica our friendship/adventure really started when we joined Japan Airlines in 1992.This began with a simple statement "have you ever been to Seattle before?" The answer being "no" led us to an interview and subsequent three year contract with Japan Airlines. That three year contract beginning in Anchorage, Alaska and ending in Honolulu was a 17 year adventure.So much could be said about our start/stay/training in Tokyo, however in summary;\* Richard started us running to keep in shape for the JCAB medical.\* He later expanded that into running marathons, but I declined to join.\* During our time at the Japan Airlines cafeteria, I struggled with chopsticks, and Richard said, "Old man if you do not learn, you will die."\* Richard confounded some of our Japanese instructors, while they could "accept" me as being Jamaican, Richard blew their minds.\* I still remember his call after we became instructors, describing a trainee who gave a time check as 14:67. The exact verbiage cannot be repeated.After the JAL contract came to an end, Richard retired, then came out of retirement to join me at SKYMARK Airlines. There we lived in all of 500 m<sup>2</sup> or less Richard subsequently followed me to Qatar Airways from where he retired on the B777.While we never spoke in depth, I have prayed with confidence that my friend came to truly know his God and now walks in His presence. As we have been told;John 14:6 KJVJesus saith unto him, I am the way, the truth, and the life: no man cometh unto the Father, but by me.and the great promiseJohn 14:2-3 KJVIn my Father's house are many mansions: if it were not so, I would have told you. I go to prepare a place for you. [3] And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again, and receive you unto myself; that where I am, there ye may be also.

May 17 at 9:43 AM



**Jonathan W.** planted a grove of 3 Memorial Trees in honor of Richard.

May 19 at 7:00 PM





# Tribute Wall

**Richard Maurice Lee**

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**Tarryn E** shared a photo to the **Tribute Wall** album.

Here's Dad and I watching the Dolphins get blown out at home in the pouring rain 🌧️

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May 17 at 10:19 AM



HS

**Hope Stewart** lit a candle in honor of Richard.

Condolences to Captain Lee's Family & Friends. 🙏.RIP 🙏JM

May 17 at 9:45 AM



HS

**Hope Stewart** posted:

Captain Richard Lee 🙏 A respected gentleman and JM teamplayer. Soar with the Angels 🌍RIP Skipper 🙏JM

May 17 at 9:43 AM



**Media**

**Richard Maurice Lee**



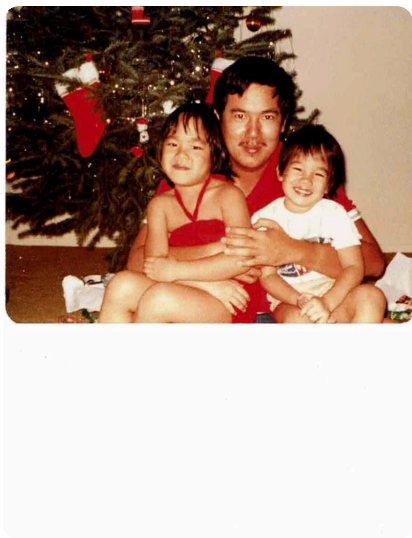
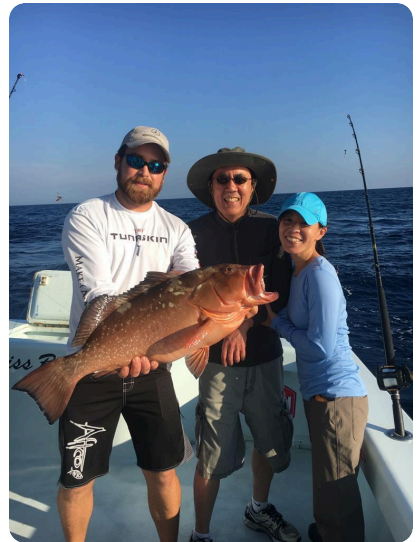
**Van Orsdel Funeral & Cremation Services** shared 32 photos to the **LifeTributes** album.

May 30 at 10:32 AM

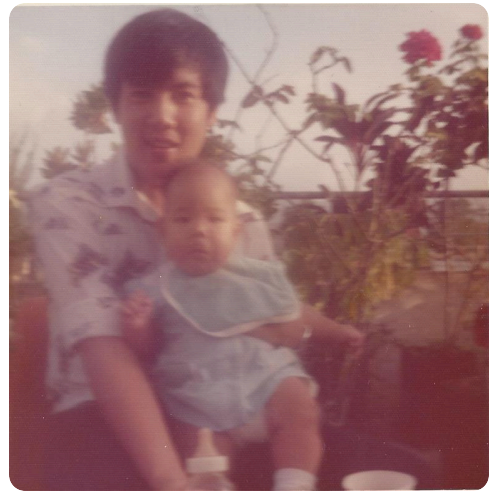
















Ingrid West shared 3 photos to the **Tribute Wall** album.

May 26 at 6:25 PM





Marc Barber shared a photo to the **Tribute Wall** album.

May 24 at 11:26 AM





Tarryn E shared a photo to the **Tribute Wall** album.

May 17 at 10:19 AM





# Memories only last if you share them

Join us in honoring Richard by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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