

# **A Tribute to Richmond Futch, Jr.**

***April 3, 1950 – May 10, 2025***

Compiled by William Morehouse  
and friends from the Rochester Community

Compiled in honor of  
**Richmond and Shawn**  
by Bill Morehouse with the help of his wife  
Susan, Bruce Tehan, and friends and staff  
of the Arnett Branch Library and  
broader Rochester community.

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*One who prophesies  
speaks to people for their  
upbuilding and encouragement  
and consolation.*

1 CORINTHIANS 14:3



# **Richmond Futch Jr. – Fine Artist**

## **Artistically Revealing the Spirit**

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Richmond was also one of the founding members of the Figure Study Guild led by Master artist Steven Carpenter, where he continued to enhance his craft by studying the techniques of the Old Master Artist. However, the majority of his training was self-taught.

Richmond became known in the Christian world as a Worship Painter. He and his wife Shawn were members of Shepherd's Heart Christian Fellowship in Rochester and, as an ordained minister, Richmond flowed in the prophetic through his work.

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Richmond conducted seminars on the effectiveness of healing through the arts. He was featured in several articles in the Democrat and Chronicle, Metropolitan, Breakthrough and About Time magazines. His work is known throughout the USA. Richmond's work can be seen around Rochester hanging in the French Quarter Restaurant 534 West Ridge Road, Café Aviv 321 East Ave and in a conference room at Strong Memorial Hospital. One piece he created after a free Bike Raffle at the Arnett Block Party is hanging in the Arnett Library.

Richmond's community projects include working with Artist in Residence projects at Arnett Library, the Campbell and Adam Street Recreation Centers. He worked with Legacy of "64 Ripple Art Window of Humanity", serving as the chairperson for the United Global Artist Gallery and Symposium. A favorite involvement was with St. Joseph's House of Hospitality and The House of Mercy where he offered art workshops as a form of healing and hope to homeless individuals. Richmond also served on the advisory board at St Joseph's House.

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A gifted servant of God, Richmond used his gift of art to worship. Watercolor, acrylic, pencil, collage and mixed media were his instruments of praise.

At the Arnett Branch Library, we are so grateful for Richmond's generosity and heart in sharing his talent with us. We are already missing you, Richmond!!



## Painting for the people

By Daniel J. Kushner [@danieljkushner](#)



**R**ochester loves its murals. Art adorns walls all over the city, from the sprawling, eccentric images created by WALL\THERAPY's annual roster of visiting and local artists to Shawn Dunwoody's inspirational community projects in the Fruit Belt and JOSANA neighborhoods. There's something seemingly simple about putting paint on a wall, and yet it has the power to transform a place — not just the way it looks, but how we feel about it. And a new, literary-focused mural installation that has sprung up in the 19th Ward, is the latest community-oriented work by artist and homeless advocate Richmond Futch Jr.

As you head down Arnett Boulevard, vibrant colors pop from the surface of the tall, narrow panels that form the facade of the Arnett Branch Library. Images of book spines depicting illustrations of influential works of literature for children and adults alike, as well as biographies on local historical titans Frederick Douglass and Susan B. Anthony, wrap around each of the corners at the front of the building. Cultural touchstones abound, including such titles as Ezra Jack Keats's "The Snowy Day," Roald Dahl's "James and the Giant Peach," C. S. Lewis's "The Chronicles of Narnia," Arthur Conan Doyle's "The Adventures of Sherlock Holmes," and Shakespeare's "Romeo and Juliet."





Welcoming Door Mural in Front Foyer at the Arnett Branch Library

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# A Timeline of Richmond Futch's Art Work at our Library



<b>2009</b>	<b>2010</b>	<b>2012</b>	<b>2015</b>	<b>2017-21</b>	<b>2023</b>
Gate Mural on Foyer Door	Jack in the Beanstalk Kids' Mural	Owl Tree in Children's Area	Wall Map in Main Library	Book Spine Murals Outside	Street and final Spine Murals







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Sarah and Susan Morehouse helping with text





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Bruce Tehan

Jen Lenio

Richmond Futch

David Creek

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Richmond volunteering  
at the Library





Richmond Futch

Chloe Smith

Ebony Singleton

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Chloe paints Susan B. Anthony





Ebony paints a pigeon





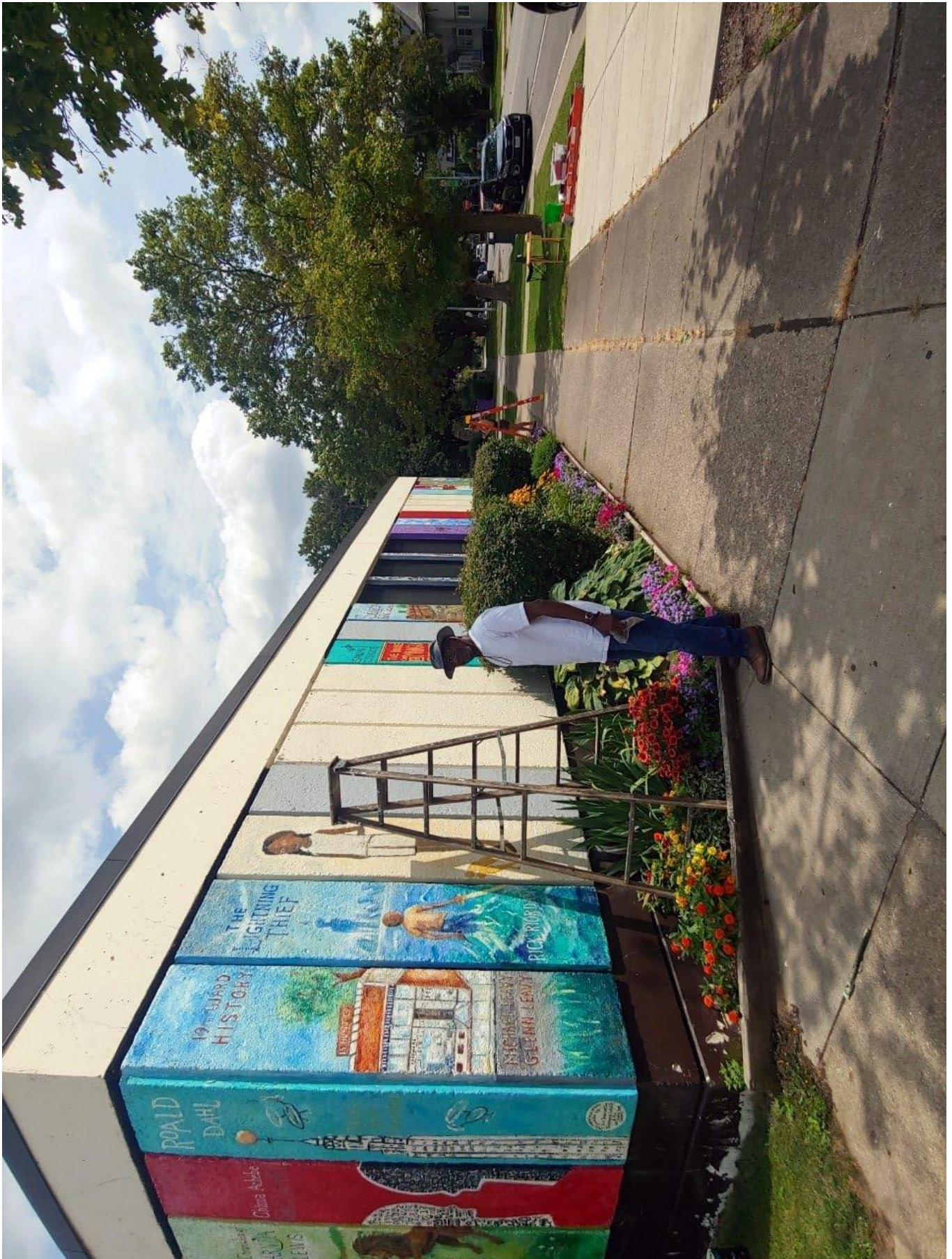
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Richmond's mural at St. Joseph's House of Hospitality





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Richmond with staff and supporters from St. Joseph's House of Hospitality





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Richmond with some of his work and model photos at Revelation Rochester show



## Revelation Rochester



### Chloe Smith – June 29, 2022

I'm really happy to be painting this week with Richmond Futch at the Rochester gem that is St. Joes House of Hospitality. The idea and initiative for the mural came from Richmond, an esteemed local artist and regular volunteer & art therapist at St Joes. The project is titled "Revelation Rochester" and centers around a message of uplifting the spirit through artistic creation. With this mural we are celebrating unity, rejuvenation and hopefulness for the city we love. This mural will accompany existing work at the shelter by Eder Muniz & local artists. 😊

This mural is 100% funded by the artists, as a tribute to the essential work that St Joes provides to our community. St Joes is an invaluable resource to so many, and truly exemplifies what it means to be community minded. A huge thank you to all St Joes volunteers for everything you do each day.

St Joes mission: "Some of us live in houses; some of us live on the street; some of us have a room of our own, or a bed and a place to keep; some of us have a cot or piece of a couch or a patch of floor to return to each night." Our aim is to try each day to "build a new society within the shell of the old" as we practice the Works of Mercy; and labor with whatever resources, physical as well as spiritual, that we have been given at the time."





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**Community Press Release**

**Public Mural Dedication: Revelation Rochester by Richmond Futch**

402 South Avenue

Saturday, August 27th at 1pm-2pm

Contact: O. Ayorinde    ayorwale11@gmail.com

A public dedication will be hosted for a mural entitled, "**Revelation Rochester**," by artist **Richmond Futch**. In sharing his vision with our community, he invited artist, Chloe Smith, who he worked with on another mural on the Arnett Library. Richmond also invited a group of teenagers from a, Baha'i Junior Youth Program to contribute their artistic skills, many for the first time. A former Rush Henrietta High School art teacher/illustrator/artist, Jaci Ayorinde added her strokes as well as graffiti artist who choses to remain, "anonymous," honoring the old school, New York City tradition of "wild style graffiti" ninja artists. A group of students from McQuaid Jesuit High School, painted the wall and removed refuse as a public service project in preparation of the mural, "**Revelation Rochester**."

Located in the South Wedge, we would be remiss if we did not recognize how artist, **Richmond Futch's** artistic vision was extended to incorporate these collective, noble efforts in helping to create a vibrant community. Please join us and bring your family and friends.

**Saturday, August 27th at 1pm to 2pm**

**Public Dedication of Mural:**

**Revelation Rochester by Richmond Futch**

**402 South Avenue, Rochester, New York 14620**



Public Service Announcement: Baha'is of Rush, NY





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Richmond at major show put on by Revelation Rochester

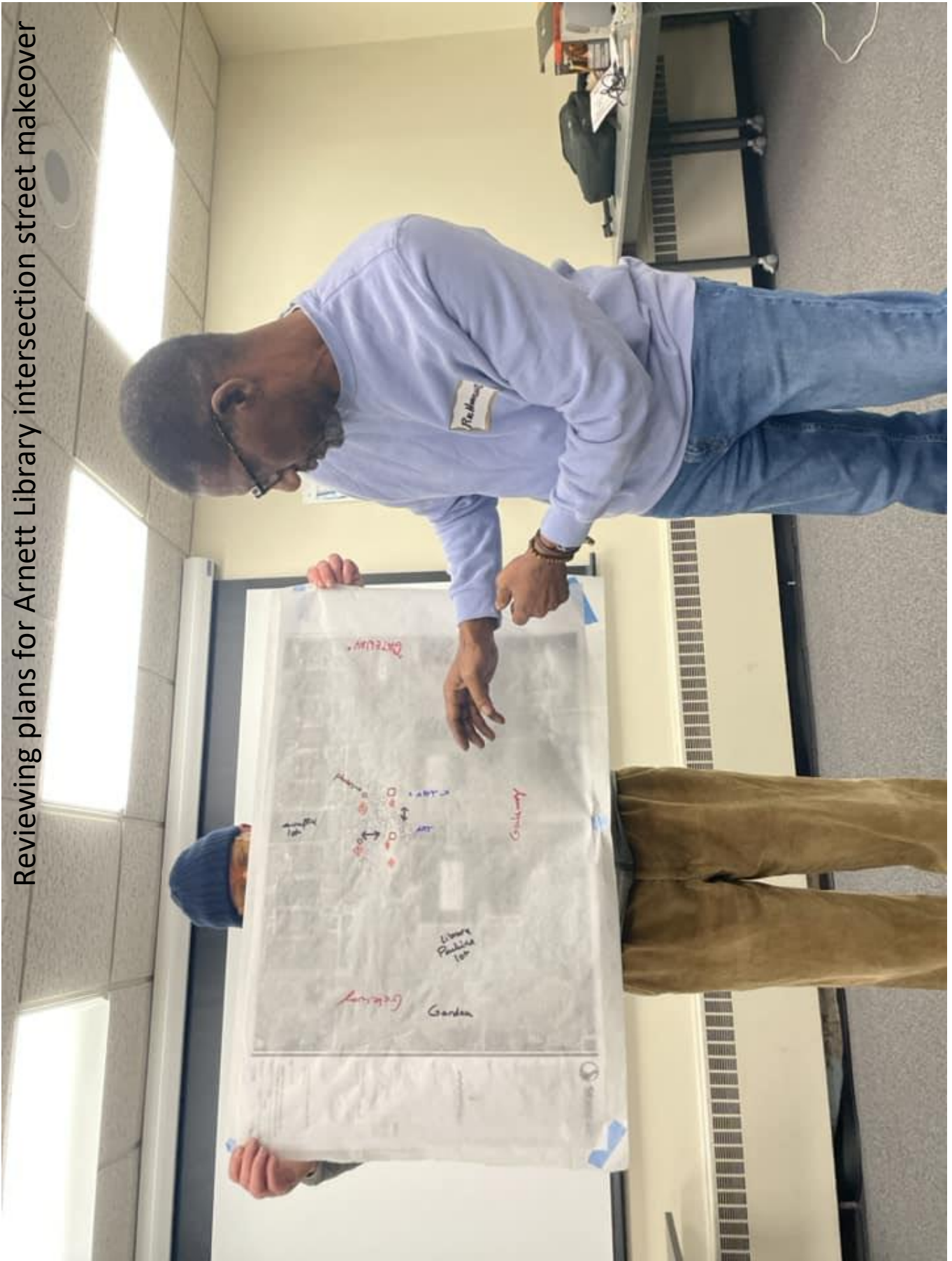




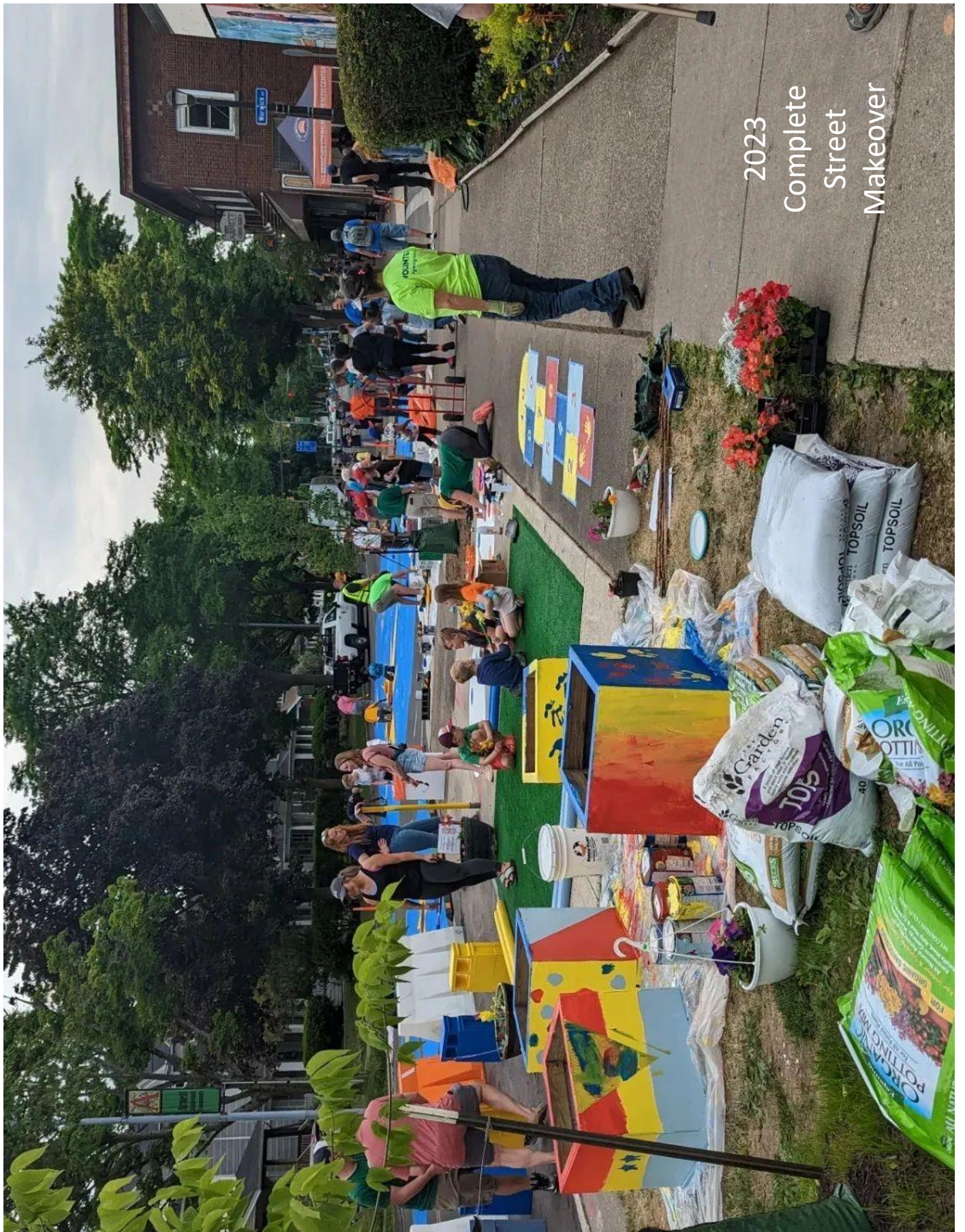
Richmond at Village Gate with many of his art works



## Reviewing plans for Arnett Library intersection street makeover







2023  
Complete  
Street  
Makeover

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## More about the Artist

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Richmond has become known in the Christian world as a Worship Painter. As an Ordained minister Richmond flows in the prophetic through his work. He has studied hearing the "Voice of God" under the leadership of Bob & Kathy Campbell of Harvest Fellowship in Geneseo, NY.

In 2006 the Holy Spirit birthed A.R.T.S (Artistically Revealing The Spirit) through Richmond. A.R.T.S is a ministry that promotes the recovery of the imagination and creativity. This ministry allows you to practice and learn that art is a basic form of prophecy that God is restoring to His kingdom. Even though A.R.T.S is a Christian based ministry it maintains the ability to bridge the church and the community at large to serve as a catalyst in the process of social and emotional healing. In 2012 the concept of Revelation Rochester came about, and in 2016 *Revelation Rochester* was launched. Arts Center, which is housed at the Pillar, is where he offers free art workshops to our most vulnerable population. Richmond's final art collaboration was in 2023 Richmond joined the 9<sup>th</sup> *Floor Artists Collective*.

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around Rochester hanging in the *French Quarter Restaurant* and *Bethel Christian Fellowship - Cafe Aviv 321 East Ave.*

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## **A Farewell to Richmond**

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In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to organizations that reflect Richmond's compassionate spirit: The House of Mercy, St. Joseph's House of Hospitality, or the 9th Floor Artists Collective.





On Wednesday, May 21, 2025 from 11 am to 1:30 pm a wonderful time of Fellowship, Visitation, and Celebration of Life was held in Rochester in conjunction with the D. M. Williams Funeral Home at Bethel Christian Fellowship, 321 East Avenue, after which Richmond's remains were transferred to the Riverside Cemetery at 2650 Lake Avenue in Rochester, New York.

To view a video of this Celebration, go to the following link:  
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Zd3-vzKmG7M>.

The Program of our Celebration of Life, along with some pictures of the event, is on the following pages.



# A CELEBRATION OF LIFE



*Richmond*  
**Futch, Jr.**

*Sunrise*                      *Sunset*  
April 3, 1950 - May 10, 2025

**MAY 21, 2025 | 12:00PM**

Viewing 11:00 a.m.

Bethel Christian Fellowship | 321 East Avenue | Rochester, New York

**Pastor Ronald Sykes, II, Officiating**

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## OBITUARY

Surrounded by his loving family and friends, Richmond Futch, Jr. departed this world and into the arms of God on May 10, 2025 at 11:47AM. Richmond was a prophetic artist and advocate whose life was a beautiful tapestry of passion, creativity, and deep faith in Jesus Christ.

Richmond was born on April 3, 1950, in Sanford, Florida to Margaret and Richmond Futch, Sr. At a young age the family relocated to Rochester, New York where he was raised by his mother and Kevin Davis, Latonia Daniels of Sanford, Florida, stepfather Henry Ross Sr. His siblings are Jacqueline Daniels, Charlene Burno (predeceased) and George Futch (Jenny), Marcellous Daniels (Sharon), Ann Marie Ross (predeceased), all of Rochester, New York, Henry Ross, Jr. of North, South Carolina and Michelle Ross of North Plainfield, New Jersey. Richmond attended Madison High school and worked for over 30 years at Eastman Kodak and Genecor International as a Fermentation Technician. Richmond retired and became a full-time artist in 2011. In 1975, Richmond married his high school girlfriend Carol Quinn, two sons of this union were born. Years later January 7, 1995, Richmond married the love of his life Shawn Lorraine Hairston and blended their families.

Richmond leaves memories to be treasured by his children: Kareem Futch (Christina) of Greece, New York and Richmond Futch III (predeceased). His youngest son John Michael Jones from a previous relationship. His bonus children: Christina Ruffin (Charles) of Rochester, New York, Rueben II, and Randy Johnson (Charryse) Charlotte, North Carolina. Richmond's legacy lives on through his 20 grandchildren: Brianna (predeceased) Kiera, Kahmar, Keelan, Kiara, Kaiden, J., J'Yonna, Ohn, J'la, Michael, Chamarrie, SyAnn, Rueben III, Hannah, Abigail, Chamara, Charles, Randy and Cierra along with his two adorable great-grandchildren: Trenton and Paris. Richmond also cherished four god-daughters: Melany, Courtney, Sarah and Lennox. Nieces, nephews, extended family along with close friends as well as the Rochester artist and homeless communities.





# ORDER OF SERVICE

## OFFICIANT

Pastor Ronald Sykes II

Precious in the sight of the LORD is the death of his faithful servants. Psalms 116:15

### Visitation & Worship

11AM

### Blowing of the Shofar

Rabbi Peter Stein

### Sealing of the Bier

D.M. Williams Funeral Home Inc.

### Musical Selection

'It is Well'

Sam Oliver

(Acappella)

### Invocation

### & Purpose of Occasion

Pastor Ronald Sykes, Jr.

### Prayer of Comfort

Minister Kimberly Futch

### Richmond Futch, Jr.

### Family & Friends

Video Tribute

### Words of Encouragement for the

### Family

Michelle Ross

### Community Partner Tributes

Commissioner

Shirley Green

City of Rochester

Department of

Recreation & Human Services

Susan Morehouse

Arnett Association

Tom Multhaner

St. Joseph's Hospitality

### Obituary Reading

Kimberly Felton

### Richmond Futch, Jr.

### Experience & Testimony

Video Tribute

### Eulogy

Pastor Melany

Silas-Chandler, Ph.D.

Benediction

Recessional

### Final Resting Place

Riverside Cemetery

2650 Lake Avenue | Rochester, New York



## WORDS OF *Appreciation & Love*

Richmond, we stood together for 30 years of marriage. Thank you for mending my broken heart thirty-two years ago with loving care. You loved me with actions, words, and laughter. Your gentleness and support as a husband, I will always treasure. I will miss you very much, but I will mostly miss us. Figuring out where to go to dinner, yelling "What" from across the room, binge watching TV series, dreaming, planning, laughing, and loving. I will miss our everyday moments but will never forget or feel you in my heart. As much as I loved you, God loves you more. I know you are with the King painting that masterpiece you dreamed of. Until we meet again, I will honor my promise to continue to live my best life!

Many Hugs and Kisses, my love.

*Shawn Lorraine* (your forever girlfriend)



Richmond was a consistent smiling, encouraging friend to EJ and I every time we got together. He has forever left his mark on our family's legacy. Rest well brother.

*Diane and EJ Watkins*

I knew Richmond from restoration Art Guild. I remember Richmond as a quiet and strong establish man who love people in a special way.

*Jenamarie*

I am grateful for what he shared with the children in Haiti through the art project we did there and for all he did for the folks at St Joes and House of Mercy.

*Sarah*

To My Big Brother Ricky,  
My heart is heavy, but my spirit rejoices because I know that you are with our Heavenly Father. Even though you're gone, my love for you lives in my spirit and the memories of our deep conversations, your prayers, us painting together and your subtle smile. I continue to be moved and in awe of your beautiful paintings and that will not change because it connects me to you. I have always been so proud to call you my brother and so very appreciative of you always being there for me at the right time. I wish you didn't leave me so soon. We still had so much to do.

Love You More!

*Your Little Sister Mickey*

I've been truly blessed to know Richmond, spending time together, sharing laughter, and creating lasting memories. I will always cherish the painting he gave me, Walking in the Word. The friendship we shared with both him and Shawn is a gift I will forever treasure. One of my most memorable times was our 1999 cruise, especially the church service where Richmond preached and Shawn led worship.

*Rosa*

Richmond's gentle spirit and kind heart touched everyone who knew him through his artistry.

*Antwan*





I love you so much Uncle Ricky. Your favorite goddaughter - *Brianne*

Richmond, I am so glad that I was able to witness your brilliance and your kindness. You demonstrated how to be in tuned with the spirit. I was amazed at your prophetic gift which demonstrated to me to be different and allow myself to be used. Thank you for your beautiful smile and heart. Rest well.

*Love Jamia*

Brother Richmond, you taught me so much in a span of time that may seem miniscule to many. Thought words were few, the impact was long lasting. You spoke through art, bridled by passion for God and His people. I learned to trust the spirit that led the gifting to deliver the message to the people. Your gift made way for you Richmond and left an impact that will minister for generations. Stand tall. rest well and rejoice in hearing "well done my good and faithful servant.

*Love Willie W.*

Richmond, Soft spoken, blessed and talented. There was always an aura of tranquility and peace wherever he was, especially in his workplace. I will never forget the upper room adventure.

*Ann R.*

Richmond, my dearest friend, I will always be grateful for how you stood by me when I had cancer. I'll miss you and your spiritual insight and wisdom. I will continue to keep our family in prayer.

*Ken D.*

Richmond, thank you for sharing your gift. We are blessed to have seen heaven through your eyes. Thanks for all you do and have done. I keep hearing Ps. 23 Green pastures.

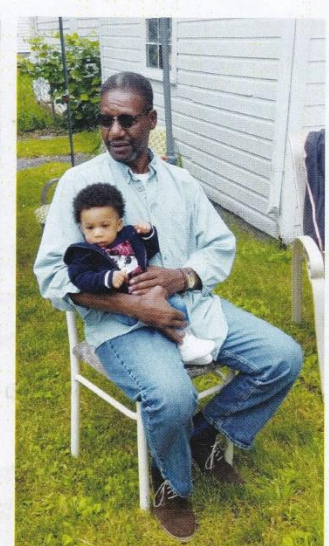
*Lisa*

Richmond, what an honor to know you. I love you deeply and treasure many memories. You are a true friend. Thank you for the way you have encouraged me, Lisa and my kids, you have so much joy ahead, and you have sown so much joy and love. Be blessed till next time.

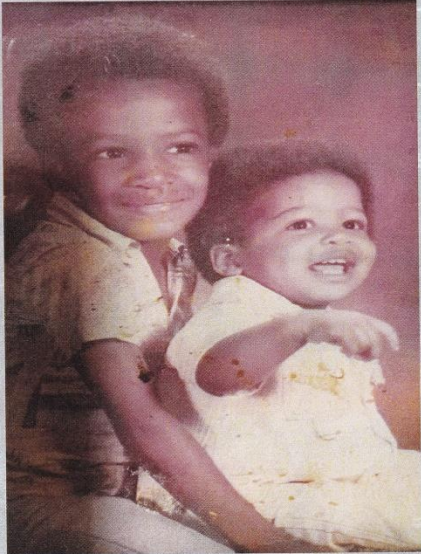
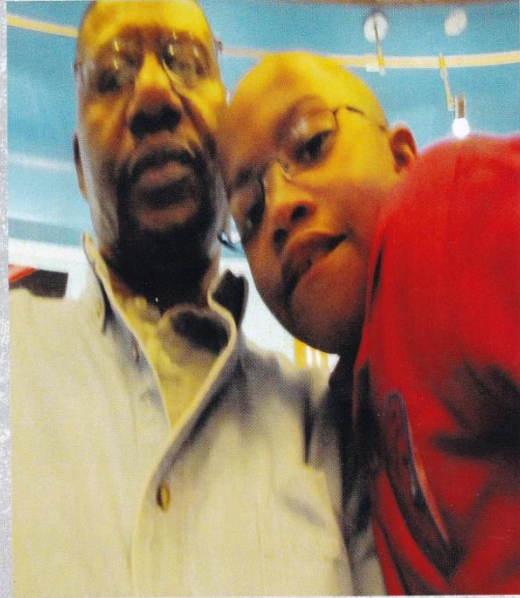
*Keith*

Richmond, you are one of God's chosen. Your memory will be a blessing to all. Thank you for the painted canvass that I was blessed to receive from you. Rest in paradise my friend and brother.

*Narseary*







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My Man Richmond (In memory and honor) older in years but younger in spirit—a painter with hands dipped in the sacred fire of truth. He didn't just mix colors, he conjured visions, pulled purpose from pigment, and laid his soul on canvas like scripture. Five years we walked together—not always side by side, but always heart to heart. He was a mentor, a compass pointing inward, a brother with broad shoulders who carried wisdom like a lantern through my darker nights. We'd sit and talk—sometimes for hours, sometimes in passing, but always with meaning. His words were never wasted. Every sidebar was a sermon, every laugh a lifeline. He spoke of growth like a gardener, nurturing not just himself, but anyone willing to listen. He called me higher—not just as an artist, but as a man. He had that gift. He gave that gift. He was father when I needed grounding, brother when I needed strength, and a friend when I needed to exhale. And now he's gone, and my chest is a gallery missing its most powerful piece. But I thank God I was there for the exhibit. We talked of spirit, of change, of becoming more than we were. He believed in evolution, in art as transformation. And I swear, even now, I feel him whisper in the quiet between brushstrokes, "Keep going. Keep becoming." My man Richmond—you were a blessing, a bold hue in a world of gray. And though you've stepped into the great beyond, you left fingerprints on my soul. Rest well, big brother. Rest well, my friend.

Yaqub Shabazz-

I am grateful for what he shared with the children in Haiti through the art project we did there and for all he did for the folks at St Joes and House of Mercy.

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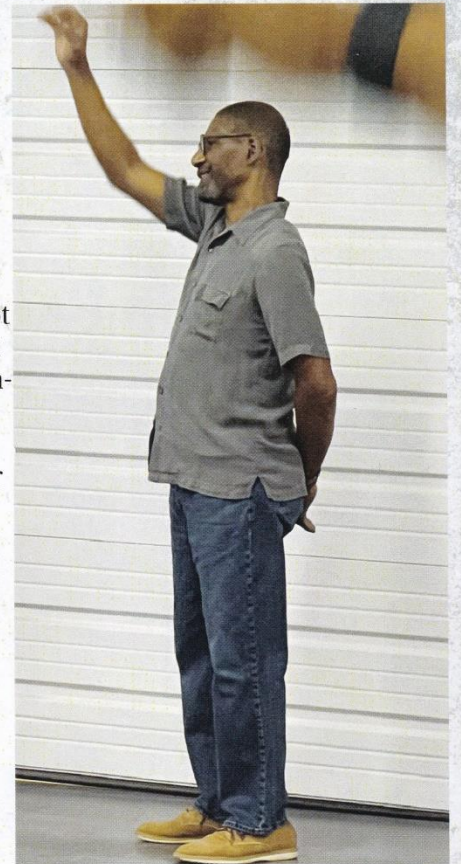
Richmond was a consistent smiling, encouraging friend to There are few people in the world who can reflect how God sees us, and Richmond was one of those chosen individuals. He offered no condemnation, no judgment, and was not held back by preconceived notions. He embodied Agape love for all who had the privilege of knowing him, truly seeing us through eyes of love. While I struggle with the loss of this part of him on Earth, I am joyful knowing he is now experiencing colors never seen and creating in ways he never thought possible. Love you so much, Mr. Futch. -

Diane

Richmond was such a gentle soul, kind pure soul. I am just heart broken - Nicole T.

Thank you for your artistic contribution to our city and the homeless community. Mitch

I will always remember that you said there is an artist in each of us. I will carry the message to others. Aaron





## **Worship Painters**

Jenamarie Bacot  
Lex Blaakman  
Robert Burrows  
David Haygood Jr.  
Josh Lopez  
Michael Slattery  
Getachew Taye  
Matthew Terry  
Ebony Singleton Wilson

## **Pallbearers:**

John Burno  
Brandon Fuller  
Lavarr Fuller  
Sam Oliver  
Rev. Larry Quinn  
  
Danny Thomas

## **Honorary Pallbearer** Timothy Futch

# *Thank you!*

It is with deep appreciation to all who have blessed us with cards, calls, messages, beautiful flowers and most especially for keeping us in your thoughts and continuous prayers that we express our gratitude. Your sincere love and kindness have given us an unmeasurable source of comfort throughout our timeless bereavement. We are confident, I say, and willing rather to be absent from the body, and to be present with the Lord. 2 Corinthians 5:8

Lovingly,  
The Family of Richmond Futch, Jr.

Funeral Arrangements Entrusted To:  
D.M. Williams Funeral Home, Inc.  
2793 Culver Road  
Irondequoit, New York 14622





Gathering in fellowship at Bethel for Richmond's Celebration of Life



Children painting with other artists at Celebration of Life

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## A message on behalf of the Arnett Library Community

Good afternoon. I am Susan Morehouse. It was my privilege to have known Richmond for many years for his community involvement. I knew that Richmond's faith was the purpose and power behind his life and his community endeavors. It was obvious to all that Richmond had a vibrant faith and genuine relationship with our Lord Jesus Christ.

In our community on the SW side of Rochester, Richmond is well known as the artist who transformed the Arnett Library. Over the course of several years he painted three indoor murals and numerous book spine murals on the outside of the library. Along with help from Ebony Singleton and Chloe Smith, Richmond painted book spines for familiar books like "A Snowy Day", "Make Way for Ducklings", "Sherlock Holmes", and "Frederick Douglass' Autobiography" and many more favorites-even some local authors' books were represented. These murals took an ordinary library and made it a work of art and a unique and welcoming space. In addition, Richmond participated in the Arnett Block Party, setting up two easels so kids could paint with a real artist! He helped with School 29 visiting the library at Christmas time. He also was a key person in the Reconnect Rochester Complete Streets Makeover of the Arnett and Warwick intersection. This commitment involved months of planning. The sunflower and bubbles design was his inspiration.



In recent months he painted a large mural at St. Joseph's House of Hospitality and was on their board. This ministry to the homeless was close to Richmond's heart. At St. Joe's, House of Mercy, and Bethel Express he gave free art lessons, encouraging people to discover their own creativity. Revelation Rochester was his inspiration and endeavored to help people find their God given creativity.

Richmond felt that we are all Image Bearers. Our Lord is our divine Creator and made us in His image. Because of that, when we touch in on our own God given creativity we can experience peace, healing and a deep reconciliation with our Creator God.

When I heard of Richmond's illness and passing, I was sad to lose a brother in the Lord that I deeply respected. I was reminded of the Parable of the Talents. Richmond did not bury his talent in the ground. He wisely invested it in our community and city. I am personally so grateful for Richmond's life. He was a gift to us all!





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This compilation of remembrances in pictures and text captures only a portion of Richmond's fruitful life in his later years in the Rochester community. However, it also contains the full program with a recorded video link of his Celebration of Life service at Bethel Christian Church with testimonies and a slide show that covers the entire span of his life. May you be blessed as you remember and celebrate Richmond's life!

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