



## Mr. Bobby Louis Lawrence

October 3, 1931 - January 10, 2023

Mr. Bobby Louis Lawrence, age 91, entered into eternal rest on Tuesday, January 10, 2023, at his home in Durham, North Carolina. He was born on October 3, 1931, to the late Harry and Lucile Lawrence in Durham, North Carolina.

Mr. Bobby Louis Lawrence served our country in the United States Marines. We honor him for his service and dedication.

He leaves to mourn, two daughters, Tonita Alston (Raymond Alston, Jr.) and Vanja Watson; one son, Michael Lawrence; one sister, Betty Jean Cameron (Horace Cameron); two brothers, Harry Lawrence, Jr. and John Lawrence; other family members and dear friends.

A celebration of life service to honor the life of Mr. Bobby Louis Lawrence will be held at Russell Memorial CME Church, 703 S Alston Avenue, Durham, North Carolina 27701 on Saturday, January 21st; Family Visitation at 12:00 noon and Life Celebration Service at 1:00 p.m.

Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity, Inc. will honor Mr. Bobby L. Lawrence with a ceremony at 12:45 p.m., fifteen minutes prior to the Celebration of Life Service.

To view the Celebration of Life Service for Mr. Bobby Louis Lawrence:

Please click the link below to join the webinar,

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81486753853?>

Webinar ID: 814 8675 3853

Passcode: 169306

Interment will take place at Beechwood Cemetery.

# Previous Events

## Visitation

JAN 21. 12:00 PM (ET)

Russell Memorial CME Church  
703 S Alston Ave  
Durham, NC 27701  
(919) 682-2523  
adrian@russellmemorial.com  
<http://www.russellmemorial.com>

## Kappa Alpha Psi Rites

JAN 21. 12:45 PM (ET)

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## Celebration of Life

JAN 21. 1:00 PM (ET)

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# Tribute Wall



“ *Mr. Bobby Louis Lawrence*

October 05, 2023 at 11:31 AM



“ *Condolences to the Family from the family of Herman L. Bridges*

**Nina Bridges** - June 17, 2023 at 03:42 PM



“ *Michael and family.*

*By chance I saw you father's obituary on the SH website. Joyce and I send our deepest condolences and love to you and the family for your loss. I remember the days, evenings and sleepovers I spent at the house in Durham. I remember the great food your dad cooked! I didn't know/remember he served as a Marine. My son, also a Marine, served in Afghanistan. Stay blessed. Peter/Joyce Stanford*

**Peter and Joyce Stanford** - February 20, 2023 at 08:10 AM



“ To The Family of Mr. Bobby Lawrence, I am the grand-daughter of Mr. Nathaniel H. Lipscomb, Sr., native of Walltown, Durham, NC. My grandpa and Mr. Lawrence had been long-time friends since they were students at Hillside High School, and up to his passing this past September 2022, called each other on their birthdays faithfully every year. They would laugh and talk for a long time on the phone. Even when my grandpa lost his sight years ago, he had us dial Mr. Lawrence's phone number. Our thoughts and prayers are with you today and always.  
Love The Lipscomb Family



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**Nicole Lipscomb-King** - February 01, 2023 at 12:26 PM

FW

“ Sincere condolences are sent to the family of Mr. Bobby L Lawrence. Floretta L Walls



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**Floretta L Walls** - January 21, 2023 at 10:40 AM

MJ

“ The Joyner Family sends our condolences to our former church leader, and former HHS leader. Thank you for your service 🙏



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**Mary Joyner** - January 21, 2023 at 09:28 AM

PE

“ *Tonita,  
My thoughts and prayers are with you during this difficult time. Your father was greatly admired by many and leaves a legacy of kindness, dignify and respect. May the God of all comfort hold you as you go through the process. There is immeasurable joy in having confidence that you will see him again even as you miss him on this side.*

*Pat Evans*

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**Patricia D Evans** - January 21, 2023 at 09:24 AM

WD

“ *The Womble family sends their condolences to the Lawrence family.*



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**Womble Dwight** - January 20, 2023 at 11:56 PM

JP

“ *Jermaine Patterson lit a candle in memory of Mr. Bobby Louis Lawrence*



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**Jermaine Patterson** - January 20, 2023 at 07:12 PM

JP

*Sorry for your loss,praying for your family. Rest in Peace*

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**Jermaine Patterson** - January 20, 2023 at 07:14 PM

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“ *My sincere condolences to the Lawrence Family. May Mr. Lawrence, Rest In Peace.*



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**Toya Bonita Wallace HHS Class of 1983** - January 20, 2023 at 02:16 AM



“ *Mr. Lawrence you will truly be missed.  
Linda Worsley and family*



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**Tonya Worsley** - January 19, 2023 at 10:38 PM

MJ

“ *Condolences to Brother Lawrence. May his soul Rest In Peace. -  
Murphy D. Jenkins*

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**Murphy D. Jenkins** - January 17, 2023 at 10:01 AM

BM

“ *Mr. Lawrence was my 11th grade US History teacher and one of the best teachers that I had. Rest in Peace.*



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**Brenda Joyce McCormick** - January 15, 2023 at 04:30 PM

LL

“ *Mr Lawrence will be missed. My prayers go out to his family.*  
*Loretta Lipsey*



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**Loretta Lipsey** - January 15, 2023 at 01:57 PM

BE

“ *Barbara Webb Edwards lit a candle in memory of Mr. Bobby Louis Lawrence*



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**Barbara webb Edwards** - January 14, 2023 at 01:03 AM

ED

“ *Bobby Lawrence was a wonderful colleague and friend to all of us at Hillside High. Harriette and I enjoyed his wit and his humor. We never did get him to explain the nickname, "Forty Quarters."*

*Eddie Davis*  
*Durham, NC*

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**Eddie Davis** - January 13, 2023 at 06:05 PM

BE

*I remember Mr.Lawrence at Hillside High School.*  
*May he rest in peace*

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**Barbara webb Edwards** - January 14, 2023 at 01:01 AM

CJ

*To the Lawrence family, prayers are with you all during this difficult time. Tonita and Vanja thank you for sharing your father with the students at Hillside, he made us all feel special. May your wonderful memories of your father remain constant. Christa Umstead-Johnson*

**Christa Umstead Johnson** - January 16, 2023 at 09:58 AM

DR

*I loved Mr. Lawrence and love his wonderful family! He was real and practical; kind and thoughtful; strong and encouraging! He made you feel valued and he was a great listener. He remembered so many details about you and your family. When we spoke, he knew it was me and asked about my husband, the children & grands, and my Aunt Pearline. The whole family is caring, genuine, and are beautiful people! Love and Sympathy to the Family. On many occasions, Mr. Lawrence reminded me that he was ready whenever God called him home. Rest in Him, Mr. Bobby Lawrence. Servant well-done!*

**Dr. Beverly Royster Edwards Rogers** - January 16, 2023 at 10:38 AM



*Please forgive the tardiness of this message but I just discovered this transition. My deepest condolences to the family. May God continue to bless you with strength and the memories of Mr. Lawrence's guidance.*

**Wm Marsh** - February 06, 2023 at 01:25 PM

GA

“Gloria Anderson lit a candle in memory of Mr. Bobby Louis Lawrence



**Gloria Anderson** - January 13, 2023 at 12:49 AM

HA

“ *Herman & Jacqueline Alston lit a candle in memory of Mr. Bobby Louis Lawrence*



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**Herman & Jacqueline Alston** - January 12, 2023 at 05:53 PM

TK

“ *Thelma Kithcart lit a candle in memory of Mr. Bobby Louis Lawrence*



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**Thelma Kithcart** - January 12, 2023 at 04:46 PM

EH

“ *Ethel Holloway lit a candle in memory of Mr. Bobby Louis Lawrence*



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**Ethel Holloway** - January 12, 2023 at 12:55 PM

RS

“ *Rev. Dwight B. Micheal, Sr. lit a candle in memory of Mr. Bobby Louis Lawrence*



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**Rev. Dwight B. Micheal, Sr.** - January 11, 2023 at 09:01 PM

BE

“ It was a pleasure to work with Mr. Lawrence at Hillside High School. As you reflect on the impact he had on your life, may precious and cherished memories remain in your heart forever. Blessings to each of you!



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**Betty Elliott** - January 11, 2023 at 12:59 PM

JJ

“ So sorry to hear of Mr Lawrence’s passing. I’ve often asked my Mom if she had talked to him. He was a dear friend of the family. He was also my driving school teacher. I remember driving under his supervision and he was talking to the other students. He was surprised when I stopped suddenly but he then saw that a car had run a red light and I had to brake! We talked about that for years!!! He was a kind and caring man & teacher!

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**Jackie Waddell Johnson** - January 11, 2023 at 12:30 PM

BH

Sincere condolences to the family. Keeping you in prayer. Love and compassion. Barbara Parker Hayes

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**Barbara Parker Hayes** - January 17, 2023 at 10:14 PM

VL

“ Vincent Lawrence lit a candle in memory of Mr. Bobby Louis Lawrence



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**Vincent Lawrence** - January 11, 2023 at 12:25 PM