



Mr. Levonne Hardy

January 19, 1948 - September 20, 2020

Levonne Hardy was born January 19, 1948 in Craven County North Carolina and departed his earthly life on Sunday, September 20, 2020 at the Durham Veterans Administration (VA) Medical Center in Durham, N.C. He was the oldest of four sons born to Mance Hardy, Jr. and Margaret King Hardy.

After graduation from Newbold High School, he enlisted in the United States Air Force and served his country honorably from July 1, 1969 until July 6, 1971, when he was placed on the “Temporary Disability Retired List” because of a physical injury incurred in Vietnam. Following his discharge, he worked in housekeeping and as a security policeman at the VA Medical Center in Durham. He was also employed by the Durham Public School System and at Durham Technical Institute. While employed at Durham Technical Institute, he earned an Associate Degree.

In 1978, he married Maxine Lemay and to this union three children were born: Levonne Hardy, Jr., Kaleshia V. Hardy and Sherita M. Hardy. Anyone who knew him knew the love that he had for his family because he talked incessantly about them. Trying to do what was right in the sight of the Lord and helping others to the best of his ability were his guiding principles.

Levonne’s greatest passion was assisting and encouraging other disabled veterans to obtain the benefits they deserved as a result of their military

service to the United States of America. On the second Tuesday of each month, he could be seen among the veterans at their monthly meeting held at the Hayti Heritage Center in Durham.

As a youngster he surrendered his life to Christ and joined Queen's Chapel Baptist Church in Vanceboro, NC. Realizing the importance of family worship, he made the decision to worship with his family and joined Markham Chapel Missionary Baptist Church in Durham, NC in 1989. There he served the Lord as a Deacon, a member of the Governing Board of Deacons and Trustees, a member of the Finance Committee, and a strong supporter of the Markham Chapel Male Chorus.

Levonne was preceded in death by his mother Margaret Hardy Lawrence, his father Mance Hardy, Jr., and two brothers, Raeford and Wyman Hardy.

Remaining to carry on his legacy are his partner for life, Rev. Dr. Maxine Hardy of the home, a son, Levonne Hardy, Jr. of Durham, two daughters, Kaleshia Hardy and Sherita Gillespie (Laurence), a daughter added to the family by God, Shavonne Cunningham, all of Durham, a brother, Clarence Hardy of Vanceboro, NC, a sister-in-law, Joy Hardy of Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, two aunts, Mary Lee Harper and Sarah Lovette, both of Vanceboro, NC, five grandchildren: Jaylen, Janiyah, Malachi, Khalil and Lauren, and a host of other relatives and friends.

A Service of Celebration has been scheduled for Tuesday, September 29, 2020, at Scarborough & Hargett Celebration of Life Center, Inc., 309 N Queen Street, Durham, North Carolina 27701 at 2:00 pm, with a viewing from 1:00 p.m. - 2:00 p.m.

*Attendance at the service is limited to fifty individuals and in every effort to protect our families and their guests, face coverings are required upon

entering our facility.

Cemetery Details

King Family Cemetery

Maul Swamp Road
Vanceboro, NC 28586

Previous Events

Viewing

SEP **29**. 1:00 PM - 2:00 PM (ET)

Scarborough & Hargett Celebration of Life Center, Inc.
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Celebration of Life

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Tribute Wall



“ *Mr. Levonne Hardy*

October 05, 2023 at 11:31 AM



“ *I am so very sorry to have learned of Deacon Hardy's passing. He was my neighbor for a few years and was such a kind and gentle soul who would often check on my cousin (who was my roommate) and me. I pray that the strength and comfort of the Lord be upon his loved ones.*

Mario Davis - October 01, 2020 at 08:35 AM



“ *Deacon Hardy was a gentle, loving, compassionate man. He loved his wife and children with true passion. He exemplified servant leadership; decreasing and allowing God to be the one who is lifted up. Being a veteran, I am very proud of his serving and equipping fellow veterans who were disabled as a result of their military duties. I decree peace, comfort, love and strength be manifested to his family by Holy Spirit.*
Carl RILEY

Carl Riley - September 29, 2020 at 03:43 PM



“ *Levonne and I were classmates in A. S. Hunter lodge number 825. He was a beautiful spirit, and our class included Ben Ruffin, Daryl Green, Bernard Buggs, Parker instructed by Jesse Pettiford. One of the smartest Prince Hall Mason's I've known. Rest in peace, my Brother. Past Grand Master Jackie Robinson*

Jackie Robinson - September 28, 2020 at 05:00 PM

ER

“ *Eddie Robinson lit a candle in memory of Mr. Levonne Hardy*



Eddie Robinson - September 27, 2020 at 01:53 AM

ER

May the Hardy Family find comfort in the peace of God during this time of bereavement as they cherish the memories of Deacon Levonne. He will be greatly missed.

Eddie Robinson - September 27, 2020 at 01:59 AM

PH

“ *Levonne was my first cousin. He will be greatly missed. Sending condolences to his children. Love Pamela King Harris and family*



Pamela Harris - September 25, 2020 at 02:23 PM

BH

“ *Had the pleasure of meeting Laverne when we both worked at Durham Tech. He was always very friendly and had a beautiful smile and great attitude. May your memories bring you much comfort and know others are holding you in thought and prayer. Barbara*



Barbara Hatchwr - September 24, 2020 at 10:12 PM

LP

*Lee my sincere condolences to you and your family,
Your other Mother Linda Peacock*

Linda Parrridge Peacock - September 24, 2020 at 11:10 PM

ET

*Sorry to hear that Lavone has transition to his heavenly home,. May
beautiful memories bring comfort during this difficult time.
Everlene Turrentine(Evelyn)*

Everlene Turrentine - September 25, 2020 at 08:45 AM

BW

*I am so sorry to hear about the loss of your father. May God bless your
family and give you peace doing this time. Betty Wilson*

Betty Wilson - September 25, 2020 at 10:10 AM

BD

*We send prayers and condolences to the Hardy family during your time
of sorry. Brenda and Hosea Dobson*

Brenda and Hosea Dobson - September 26, 2020 at 09:16 PM

MH

*Levonne was a member of our Newbold High School Class of 1966.
We were so saddened to hear of his passing but his spirit will forever
be with us. We send our thoughts and prayers to the family and
especially his children.*

Margaret Williams Hassell and Classmates

Margaret W. Hassell - September 28, 2020 at 09:39 PM

VJ

*In Sympathy In our thoughts and memories May your memories and
the sympathy of friends help to comfort you at this time
Velma and Otis Johnson*

velma and Otis Johnson - September 29, 2020 at 09:10 AM