



## David Frederick Harden Sr.

December 23, 1957 - March 8, 2026

With heavy hearts, we share the passing of David F. Harden Sr., who entered eternal rest on March 8, 2026, surrounded by the love of his family. He was 68 years old. A devoted husband and proud father, he lived a life marked by integrity, determination, and deep love for those entrusted to his care.

Born on December 23, 1957, in Richmond, Virginia, David was the beloved son of Mamie L. and John F. Harden. An alumnus of Thomas Jefferson High School, he carried with him values of hard work, creativity, and compassion. He went on to build a life centered on faith, family, and service.

To know David was to know a man who loved his family deeply. He found great meaning in caring for his family and took pride in the life they built together. David was the kind of father who led by example—through patience, sacrifice, encouragement, and unwavering support. His family was the center of his world, and he took great joy in providing for them, guiding them, and celebrating their milestones both great and small. Whether offering advice, lending a helping hand, or simply being present, he showed his love in ways that will never be forgotten.

Though David worked hard, always putting his family first, he also loved cooking, fishing, connecting with loved ones, adventuring out on his motorcycle, birdwatching, and singing, but he especially adored attending

events that featured his children. His wisdom, easy humor, and uplifting spirit will be missed beyond words, but remembered with enduring gratitude and love.

David is survived by his beloved wife of 30 years, Melody Saunders; their children, David Jr., Christian, and Elizabeth (Michael Petrino); and many extended family members and dear friends. He was preceded in death by his parents, Mamie L. Harden and John F. Harden; and his brother, Boyd J. Harden.

# Cemetery Details

## Roselawn Memory Gardens

13389 Mountain Road  
Glen Allen, VA 23059

# Previous Events

## Visitation

MAR 20. 9:30 AM - 6:00 PM (ET)

March Funeral Homes  
2110 E Laburnum Ave  
Richmond, VA 23222-2413  
(804) 321-4200

## Funeral Service

MAR 21. 2:00 PM (ET)

March Funeral Homes - Laburnum Chapel  
2110 E. Laburnum Avenue  
Richmond, VA 23222  
(804) 321-4200  
info@marchfh.com  
<https://www.marchfuneralhomevirginia.com/>

# Tribute Wall



“ *View and Download the Funeral Program*

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**March Funeral Homes** - March 20 at 03:12 PM



“ *March Funeral Homes created a Webcast in memory of David Frederick Harden Sr.*



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**March Funeral Homes** - March 11 at 05:38 PM

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“ *Mel, prayers for you and your family during this difficult time. Let me know if you need anything.*  
*Judy Milliron*

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**Judy Milliron** - March 19 at 02:46 PM



“ *Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of David Frederick Harden Sr..*



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March 19 at 12:47 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of David Frederick Harden Sr..

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“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of David Frederick Harden Sr..



March 19 at 09:10 AM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of David Frederick Harden Sr..

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“ Paco, Melissa, Jason, Brittany & Jaeden purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of David Frederick Harden Sr..



Paco, Melissa, Jason, Brittany & Jaeden - March 18 at 05:54 PM



“ Paco, Melissa, Jason, Brittany & Jaeden planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of David Frederick Harden Sr..

Paco, Melissa, Jason, Brittany & Jaeden - March 18 at 05:54 PM



“ We the March Family and Staff wish to extend our deepest and heartfelt sympathy in the passing of your loved one. Our prayers go out to you and your family in your time of loss. We know and understand that you have received many expressions of love and we will continue to lift you up in prayer. May the memories you cherish of brighter and happier days help to ease your sorrow and comfort you always.

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**March Funeral Homes** - March 11 at 05:38 PM