



John W. Harlee

May 4, 1932 - October 26, 2017

... A Time to Be Born

John Walter Harlee was born on May 4, 1932, the thirteenth child to the late Reverend Archie Belton Harlee and Annie Jane Everette Harlee in Scotland County, North Carolina. His parents knew, feared and loved God and instilled in their children a strong sense of family and commitment.

... A Time to Learn

John began his formal education in North Carolina. After relocating to Baltimore, he attended Dunbar Junior High School.

... A Time for Every Purpose

John accepted Christ as his Savior at an early age and was baptized into the fellowship of his father's church, Matthews Chapel A.M.E. Zion. In 1989 he became a disciple of Zion Baptist Church and was baptized by Pastor Marshall F. Prentice. He attended Sunday School, Adult Class #1, and was a member of the Male Choir. He loved The Lord and was a faithful disciple of Zion until his health began to fail.

On December 8, 1957, John was united in marriage to the love of his life, Sarah Margaret Vaughan. This union was blessed with five children: Sharon Denise, Walter Kevin (preceded him in death), Angela Gwendolyn, Cleo Laverne, and Lindetta Renee. He loved his grandchildren and jointly babysat his granddaughter, Nyzja, until she entered pre-kindergarten. He supported his daughters through the college years by driving them to and from the University of Maryland, College Park, and Villa Julie College until their

graduation.

John worked several jobs at a time along with his brother, Benjamin F. Harlee, Sr., to provide for his family. He later became employed by BG&E and was well respected by his co-workers and supervisors. Upon retirement, he continued to hang out at Northeast Market where he provided sedan service to those in need until his health began to fail. He was wise enough to know that it was time to give up driving and allow his family to chauffeur because of ill health.

John loved to take pictures and had a wall in the house for family and friends. He enjoyed putting together puzzles and turning them into pictures. Most of all he loved his wife and would do anything to make her happy. She served as primary caregiver for the last five years after he left the nursing home, taking him to appointments and dispensing medications.

... A Time to Die

On October 26, 2017, God called John to rest at his home. He slipped away peacefully in the middle of the night. He did not suffer, nor was he in any pain, but ready to be with his Lord and Savior in his eternal home.

.... A Time to Mourn

John leaves to cherish his memory: a devoted wife, Sarah Harlee; four daughters: Sharon D. Vaughan, Angela G. Harlee, Cleo L. (Samuel) Edmonds, and Lindetta Harlee; ten grandchildren: Yolanda Jackson, Edward Minor, Jr., Leeverne Olieng, Shawn Cooper, Vicara, Sheena, and Shavon Matthews, Omar (Dionne) Smith, Amani (Joshua) Agu, Shannah Edmonds; thirteen great grandchildren: Darius Johnson, Nyzja Brown, Zakry, Elijah, and Ayiana Minor, Shakya Vaughn, Zion and Zaire Matthews, Dyllynn Gordon, Kallie, Omar, and Kamar Smith, Amara Sarah Agu; one sister: Annie Mae Williams; three sisters-in-law: Lucy Baker (presently resides in Fairmont, NC), Phyllis Scroggins and Queen Vaughan; a host of nieces (two special nieces: Lady Asandra Willis & Pearl Wilkerson), nephews (two special nephews: Jerry Moody & James Harlee), cousins and other relatives and friends. One son

(Walter K. Harlee) and twelve siblings preceded him in death: Benjamin Franklin (Sally Lee), Estelle (Tom) Chavis, Leola (Chald) McNair, Samuel (died shortly after birth), Louretha (James) McCall, Mary Jane (died shortly after birth), John Archie (Harriet Mae Shelton), Brooklyn Junior, Sr. (Mae Banks), Bertha Mae (Shack) McCollum), John Archie (Hurt), Brooklyn (Mae), George, Samuel, Linwood (Alice), Estelle Chavis, Leola McNair, Luretha McCall, Bertha McCollum, Linwood Weston (Alice Inman), George Wilson (Lucy Baker), Annie Mae (Willie) Moody, Sr., Annie Ruth (June Dennis) Powell.

Today, we thank God and celebrate the life of
John Walter Harlee

“When we saw you sleeping,
So peaceful, worry free,
How could we wish you back with us,
To this world’s pains;
It broke our hearts to lose you,
But you did not go alone;
For part of us went with you,
The day God took you home!”
Your Daughter, Grandchildren, Great- Grandchildren.

Cemetery Details

Garrison Forest Veterans

11501 Garrison Forest Road
Owings Mills, MD

Previous Events

Public Viewing

OCT **31**. 8:30 AM - 8:00 PM (ET)

March Funeral Homes - East Baltimore
1101 East North Avenue
Baltimore, MD 21202
(410) 727-3300
info@marchfh.com

Family Hour

OCT **31**. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

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Wake

NOV 1. 10:00 AM - 10:30 AM (ET)

Zion Baptist Church
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Service

NOV 1. 10:30 AM (ET)

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Tribute Wall



“ *John W. Harlee*

October 13, 2022 at 08:33 AM



“ *To: The Harlee Family.
Please accept my sincere condolences. May you find comfort in God's word the Bible. Jesus said: At John 6:40 For this is the will of my Father, that everyone who recognizes the Son and exercises faith in him should have everlasting life, and I will resurrect him on the last day.
May the hope and promises in this Scripture bring you comfort and strength to endure the difficult days ahead.*

Rosemary - November 01, 2017 at 10:01 AM



“ *The family of Mrs. Ethel Green, former next door neighbor of the Harlee family, is sending deepest condolences to the Harlee family. Please, know that God loved John best. God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten son, so that we might have eternal life.*

Peace and Blessings!

Ethel Green and Family!

Ethel Mae Fogg Green - October 30, 2017 at 07:04 PM



“ *I am sorry to read about your loss. May God's words in the Bible at Ps 34:18 provide you comfort. The scriptures tells us "HE" is near to those broken at heart, and those crushed in spirit HE saves.*

Peggy Land - October 28, 2017 at 10:06 PM

HP

“ *Hilda Phillips lit a candle in memory of John W. Harlee*



Hilda Phillips - October 28, 2017 at 04:44 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.*

March Funeral Homes - October 27, 2017 at 03:01 PM