



Lyman E. Harper

February 23, 1926 - February 23, 2016

LYMAN EARL HARPER, SR. was born on April 17, 1926 in Pitt County, North Carolina to Ernest Moye and Maggie Nora Harper (nee Newborn). Later, Maggie Nora married Walter Harper and adopted Lyman. Lyman was affectionately called Duke by his family and friends. Educated in the Pitt County School system, Duke was baptized at Little Disciple Church of Christ in Ayden, North Carolina.

A veteran of two wars, Duke joined the United States Military in 1944, at the age of 18. Serving until 1946, Duke was in the Army Corps' 24th Infantry, serving in the South Pacific. Duke also served in the Marine Corps from 1952-1955, during the Korean War, in G-company as a marksman. Duke often said that "every time the enemy heard I was coming, the war stopped." During his tours of duties, Duke travelled throughout the world; some of the countries included: Greece, Italy, France, Scotland, Japan, Spain, Puerto Rico, and the US Virgin Islands. Duke said that he had been around the world three times and spoke to everyone twice.

In addition to serving in the military, Duke worked as a farmer, growing tobacco and corn. He also worked for the Gibbs Packing House. Prior to his service, Duke became a father to Mablelean Porter (nee Strong) in 1943.

In 1955, Duke met Adell Carman through her cousin, Paul Carman. Duke and Adell (Hazel) were married on February 15, 1957 in Greenville, North Carolina. From this union Duke and Hazel raised five children, Grenda (Louise), LaShirllle (Shirllle), Phyllis, Debra (Debbie), and Lyman Jr. (Beanny).

Duke and Hazel moved to Baltimore, Maryland in 1959, joining other family members leaving the south, and seeking better employment opportunities and lives for their children.

In Baltimore, Duke worked for the Knox Glass Bottle Company and the Baltimore County School System. In 1997, he retired from the United States Postal Service after 23 years of employment.

Lovingly called "Daddy" by his family, Duke and Hazel kept their close-knit family together through daily calls and check-ins. Sundays were spent at Mama and Daddy's house, where the family ate Sunday dinner together, a tradition that the family has maintained throughout the years. Even toward the end of his life, whether gathering at the house or the hospital room, Duke was surrounded by his family.

Quick witted and outright funny, Duke made his family and those around him laugh. He was an avid reader. For years, he read every section of the newspaper everyday. A baseball fanatic, if an Orioles game

was on, Duke was watching it. He also loved watching westerns, war and action movies. Duke was a self-described country boy who loved playing checkers --beating mostly everyone at the game.

AOu rP Foeamth etor We thought of you with love today.

But that is nothing new.

We thought about you yesterday.

And days before that too.

We think of you in silence.

We often speak your name.

Now all we have is memories.

And your picture in a frame.

Your memory is our keepsake.

With which we'll never part.

God has you in His keeping.

We have you in our heart.

It broke our heart to lose you,

But you didn't go alone,

For a part of us went with you,

The day God took you home.

– Author unknown

Celebrating

Cemetery Details

Garrison Forest Veterans

11501 Garrison Forest Road
Owings Mills, MD

Previous Events

Public Viewing

FEB **26**. 2:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

March Funeral Homes - West Baltimore
4300 Wabash Avenue
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Family Hour

FEB **26**. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

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Wake

FEB 27. 1:00 PM - 1:30 PM (ET)

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Service

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Tribute Wall



“ *Lyman E. Harper*

October 13, 2022 at 08:33 AM



“ *Hello. harper"s ! I would like to express my fellow feeing to uo all. Lossing a dear love one breaks the circle of life.We longing for better things when sickness and pain and death will be no more.In tthe future our Heavenly Father will bring that about.Good for all mankind. MAY all the times shared together help in the days ahead.*

lillian. crosby - February 29, 2016 at 11:14 AM



“ *For The Family*

*It's very hard to explain,
Why we all go through so much hurt
And so much pain.*

*It's times like this that people share,
Just how much they really do care.*

*Although this does not lessen your sorrow,
There is always hope on the new tomorrow.*

*So as this service comes to a close
Remember dear family that your love one he chose.*

Thinking of you and yours,

Bernadine Poole

Bernadine Poole - February 29, 2016 at 08:00 AM

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“ I am offering my condolences to the family and close friends of Lyman Harper. When a loved one has fallen asleep in death, GOD’s own words in the Bible offers comfort. Please read in your Bibles 2 Cor 1:3-4.

Peggy Land - February 28, 2016 at 09:42 AM

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“ To the Harper family i offee my sympathy. May you find peace from God during your sorrow. Phil. 4:7

Sharon Harris - February 27, 2016 at 08:36 AM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Lyman E. Harper.



February 25, 2016 at 04:39 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 - February 25, 2016 at 10:43 AM