



Oscar S. Harley

August 23, 1924 - January 22, 2011

OSCAR SYLVESTER HARLEY, the son of the late Reverend Oscar Harley and the late Reverend Essie Lou Harley, was born on August 23, 1924 in Winston Salem, North Carolina. He went very peacefully to meet his heavenly Father on January 21, 2011.

Oscar was educated in the public school system. He attended Cortez Peters Business School and earned an A.A. Degree in Electrical Engineering. In later years he received his Bachelor Degree in Criminal Justice and his Masters Degree in Business Administration from Rosevelt University. He also attended various law enforcement and military training seminars.

In June of 1945, Oscar married Catherine Davis in Ellicott City, Maryland and was the father of two children, George and Sylvia Harley (both deceased).

He served in the United States Army National Guard as a Sergeant and received a Medal Of Occupation and a Good Conduct Medal. He was honorably discharged on December 15, 1956.

Additionally, during the 1970's, Oscar served as the Chief of Security at Coppin State College.

Oscar was converted at an early age and was a member of the Perkins

Square Baptist Church, under the leadership of Rev. Dr. Ward Yerby, Rev. Dr. Richard Ogle and Rev. Dr. Cleveland T. A. Mason, 2nd. He was a member of Reverend Ogle's Choir; President of the Men's Progressive Club; Reverend Ogle's Special Request Choir; the Board of Trustees; Deacon and Deaconess Board and the Maintenance Committee. Oscar was a Master Mason of the Eureka Lodge #1 and was an inspector General of the 33rd Degree.

He was also a member of various organizations including the National Organization of Black Law Enforcement Executives (NOBLE).

Oscar leaves to mourn: his wife of sixty-six years, Catherine Harley; two sisters-in-law, Lucille Gaines and Lillian Jackson; two brothers-in-law, Herman and Irvin Davis; nieces Stella and Teresa Hill and Essie L. Bell; nephews, Timothy L. Glenn, William N. Glenn and Anthony Harley; and a host of other relatives and friends.

Cemetery Details

Garrison Forest Veterans

11501 Garrison Forest Road
Owings Mills, MD

Previous Events

Public Viewing

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

March Funeral Homes - West Baltimore
4300 Wabash Avenue
Baltimore, MD 21215
(410) 542-2400
info@marchfh.com

Wake

FEB 1. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (ET)

Perkins Square
2500 W. Edmonson Ave.
Baltimore, MD

Service

FEB 1. 12:00 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall



“ Oscar S. Harley

October 13, 2022 at 08:33 AM



“ Please accept my condolences for the loss of your loved one. First Corinthians 15:26 declares that our enemy death will be destroyed. Yet, there is still hope for dead loved ones to return to life. Acts 24:15 tells "There is going to be a resurrection." May you receive much comfort and strength from this wonderful hope that will be possible by Jehovah God and his only-begotten son Jesus Christ.

Sharon Hill - January 27, 2011 at 10:00 AM



“ 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 - January 25, 2011 at 08:47 AM



that is very sad that he died it was a big travesty

austin - May 28, 2024 at 10:20 AM