



Mr. Howard. L. " Buck" Harper Jr.

June 4, 1937 - September 20, 2015

On June 4, 1937, God breathed the gift of life into Howard Lewis Harper Jr., affectionately known as "Buck". He was the first born to the late Howard Sr. and Charlie Mae Harper.

Both parents, an adoring sister Mildred Harper and loving brothers Jerome Harper and Odell Shaw preceded him in death.

Howard was educated in the DeKalb County School System until he was drafted into the United States Navy where he proudly served his country.

On June 29th 1958, Howard married the only love of his life, Allene Smith Harper which he pursued since the 4th grade. To this union of 57 years, two children were born, Vance L. Harper and Dejee' M. Mercier.

Howard loved the Lord and at an early age he joined the Union Baptist Church of Lithonia Georgia. He later joined Big Miller Grove Missionary Baptist Church where he diligently served until his health failed. Among the many capacities he served in were Sunday School Superintendant, Deacon Board, Male Chorus, Boy Scouts, Couples Ministry, Juvenile Home Ministry and Finance Committee.

Howard was a very hard working man and excellent provider. He worked for many years at Dart Container Corp., several trucking companies and retired from Lithonia Lighting Acuity Brands after 51 years of dedicated service.

Howard was best known for his kind and giving heart and his mentoring spirit. He always had positive and encouraging words aiming to lead our youth in the right direction.

Howard leaves to cherish the memories of his legacy, his dedicated and loving wife who believed in their vows, "In sickness and in health until death do us part" Allene S. Harper; his two beloved children; son, Vance L. Harper (Wendy); daughter, Dejee M. Mercier (Marvin); six grandchildren, Markiyas Lockhart (Sharaye); Myyah Lockhart (Cecilia); Morey Lockhart (Ashley); Nicholas Harper, Jade Harper and Mikayla Green. Eight great grandchildren, Christopher Lockhart, Rashad Lockhart, Alicia Lockhart, Eddie Lockhart, Elijah Lockhart, Ena Green, Jeremiah Lockhart and A'laiah Lockhart. Two brothers; Phillip Harper (Chris) and Ricky Harper (Tammy); two sisters, Eloise Harris and Peggy Benton (Howard); two brother in laws; Felton Smith (Ruth) and Leonzie Smith (Catherine); One sister in law; Nellie Johnson; two aunts; Mozelle Hicks and Lois Scales and a host of other relatives and friends. A very special thank you goes to Morey Lockhart (grandson) for always being there to take care of his granddaddy.

Special thanks to the Crossroads Hospice team and Senior Connections; Special caregiver Lisa Robinson; Dedicated servants; Min. Edward Totten, Dea.Larry Sulter, Bro. Andrew Bernett, Jimmy L. Freeman, Eddie Pass and Emma Shaw (cousin).

Special thanks goes to Peggy Haper (sister) and Connie Mitchell (cousin) who worked tirelessly day and night to give of themselves for this family.

Cemetery Details

Georgia National Cemetery

2025 Mount Carmel Church Lane
Canton, GA 30114-7670
<http://www.georgianationalcemetery.com>

Previous Events

Service

SEP **24.** 11:00 AM (ET)

Big Miller Grove Missionary Baptist Church
3800 Big Miller Grove Way
Lithonia, GA

Tribute Wall

AF

“ Sending my condolences to the family. I worked with Howard at Lithonia Lighting for many years, it was such an honor to have known him. I remember the day he retired, I said "finally.....now go enjoy and relax"!!! Great man with a smile everyday for you. Prayers to you all.

Amanda Flint - September 25, 2015 at 10:19 AM

PW

“ I would like to offer my condolences to the family of Harper family and may GOD be a refuge and strength in your time of distress. (Psalms 46:1)

P. Watts - September 24, 2015 at 06:41 AM

LF

“ One of the kindest people who worked at Lithonia Lighting for over 50 years and one who always did the right thing. RIP Howard, you will be missed.

larry flowers - September 24, 2015 at 06:21 AM

TW

“ Those we hold closest to our hearts, never truly leave us... They live on in the kindness that they have shared and the love that they have brought into our lives.
Uncle Buck will be missed but not forgotten. There is a void but the lasting memories that Uncle Buck left all of us will fill the void in due time. May God continue to guide you all through this darkness, but He will provide the glimmer of light that you will need in the days to come. I send my condolences to each and every one of you.
Sincerely, Tammy Willingham (Buck & Alene's niece)

Tammy Willingham - September 22, 2015 at 01:31 PM

BA

“ Grief can be so hard, but special memories helps us cope during this most difficult time.

May the God of all comfort be with you all, and give you the strength you need to endure.

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B Anderson - September 22, 2015 at 11:08 AM

RS

“ My condolences in the loss of your loved one. When our loved ones die, the pain of grief is sometimes unbearable. Our loving God Jehovah is aware of this and comforts us by means of his word the Bible. 1 Peter 5:7 says: While you throw all your anxiety on him, because he cares for you. Also Psalm 34:18, Jehovah is close to the brokenhearted; He saves those who are crushed in spirit.

R. Sweatman - September 22, 2015 at 07:45 AM

KC

“ Keisha Cornwell lit a candle in memory of Mr. Howard. L. " Buck" Harper Jr.



Keisha Cornwell - September 21, 2015 at 07:48 AM