



## Roosevelt Harmon, Jr.

November 28, 1943 - November 24, 2024

After a very brief illness at Northside Gwinnett Hospital, Roosevelt Harmon, Jr. entered into eternal rest on November 24, 2024.

Roosevelt Harmon, Jr. was born November 28, 1943, in Norfolk, Virginia to the late Rev. Roosevelt Harmon, Sr. and Rosetta Andrews Harmon. He was raised in the North Truxton area of Portsmouth, Virginia and called “Rickey” by friends and family. Roosevelt accepted the Lord Jesus Christ as his personal Savior at an early age and was baptized at Mt. Carmel Baptist Church in Portsmouth where he sang in the youth choir and played on the church little league team. Roosevelt attended public schools in Portsmouth, Virginia and was a graduate of I.C. Norcom High School, where he played clarinet in the Greyhound Marching Band.

Roosevelt was an Army Veteran; assigned as a medic to the Substance Abuse Treatment Center and psychiatric ward at Walter Reed Army Hospital. From 1966-1969, he served and supported Vietnam Combat Veterans upon their return home. He was immensely proud of his service during the Vietnam War.

After receiving an Honorable Discharge, Roosevelt continued his dedication and service to his country by choosing educational paths that were people focused. He was a proud graduate of Virginia Union University (BS in Social

Science). He remained active with the Mary Redd Nelson Hampton Roads Alumni Chapter of Virginia Union University. He obtained graduate degrees and certificates from Virginia Commonwealth University (MSW), and Andover Newton Theological School (M. Div.) and received a Certificate of International Ministry from Oxford University and a Certificate of Pastoral Education from Boston City Hospital.

Roosevelt was part of an educational team for the Virginia Community College System that created the Human Service and Community and Social Services Degree Programs. He was employed as an Adjunct Professor in these programs at J. Sargeant Reynolds, Tidewater Community College and Paul D. Camp Community College. He retired as a Substance Abuse Counselor for the City of Portsmouth. As recognition for his dedication and assurance that his legacy would live forever, Roosevelt was inducted into the Class of 2011 Historical Truxton Wall of Fame.

In 1979, he was licensed to preach the Gospel by Quioccasin Baptist Church, Richmond, Virginia under the pastorate of Rev. Joe. B. Fleming. In 1986, he was ordained into the Gospel Ministry by the Sharon Missionary Baptist Association. He was a pastor for over 20 years in Southampton County and Franklin, Virginia, retiring as Senior Pastor of Mount Calvary Memorial Baptist Church in 2009.

In the city of Portsmouth, Roosevelt was an active member of his community. He was a founding member, and the first chairperson of the Martin Luther King, Jr. Leadership Steering Committee. He would go on to serve on several committees, such as Joint Senate and House of Delegates sub-committee for Land Annexation, Cox Cable Commission, and Community Service Board.

Roosevelt had a great passion for photography, always capturing memories to share with family and friends. His appreciation of music, instilled in him by his

mother, made him an avid gospel, hymn, and jazz listener. In 2010, he and his wife retired to Snellville, Georgia and became active members of Antioch-Lithonia Missionary Baptist Church where he continued his appreciation of Sacred Choral Music by singing in the James C. Ward Chorale.

Roosevelt is predeceased by his parents, Rev. Roosevelt and Rosetta Harmon, Sr. He is survived by his beloved wife, Pearline Palmer Harmon, with whom he shared over 45 years of marriage; two devoted daughters, Jewelle (Kendell Rice) and Joycelyn; one grandson, Julian Rice; one sister, Dr. Paula Boone (Melvin, Sr.); two nieces, Debra Johnson and Patrice Haynes, JD; one nephew Richard Johnson (Morgan); three great-nieces Veronica Avent, Amanda Johnson, and Sophia Johnson; one great-great niece Alivia Johnson; and one great-great nephew Trevor Avent; The Thompson, Stroman-Innis, and Pollock families; a brother in Christ Deacon Willie Reese; and a host of extended family and friends.

GOD has spoken. Let the church say AMEN!!

Due to the requirements of internment at the Georgia National Cemetery, flowers are not permitted. In lieu of flowers to honor Rev. Roosevelt Harmon's memory, the family requests that you consider making a donation to any of the following organizations:

Virginia Union University Mary Redd Nelson Hampton Roads Alumni Chapter  
Check: payable to Mary Redd Nelson Hampton Roads Alumni Chapter;  
mailed to 23 Moyer Rd. Newport News, VA 23608 c/o Tonya Sabb, Treasurer  
CashApp: \$MaryreddNelsonHrds, please add note: In memory of Roosevelt

Harmon Mary Redd Nelson Hampton Roads Chapter of VUU  
Via Zelle: (434) 247-2115 (Tonya Sabb, Treasurer) please add note: In  
memory of Roosevelt Harmon Mary Redd Nelson Hampton Roads Chapter of  
VUU

I.C. Norcom High School Alumni Association  
Online: <https://www.icnaainc.org/about-4>

Antioch-Lithonia Missionary Baptist Church  
Online: <https://www.antiochlithonia.org/give1>

Gwinnett County Public Schools Foundation  
Online: Click the "DONATE" tab at: <https://gcps-foundation.org>

National Association of Black Veterans  
Check: payable to National Association of Black Veterans; mailed to 3400 W.  
Wisconsin Ave. Milwaukee, WI 53208 c/o Marilyn Laster.

Service Livestream Link: <https://vimeo.com/event/4776060>

# Previous Events

## Visitation

DEC 9. 12:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Gregory B. Levett and Sons - Gwinnett Chapel  
914 Scenic Hwy  
Lawrenceville, GA 30045

## Celebration of Life

DEC 10. 11:00 AM (ET)

Antioch Lithonia Baptist Church  
2152 Rock Chapel Road  
Lithonia, GA 30058  
<http://antiochlithonia.org>

## Burial

DEC 11. 1:00 PM (ET)

Georgia National Cemetery  
1080 Scott Hudgens Dr  
Canton, GA 30114

# Tribute Wall



“ Gregory B. Levett & Sons Funeral Homes & Crematory created a Tribute Video in memory of Roosevelt Harmon, Jr.



Gregory B. Levett & Sons Funeral Homes & Crematory, Inc. - December 06, 2024 at 02:08 PM



“ Sincere condolences to the family and all who knew and loved Reverend Harmon. He will truly be missed, but I thank God for memories. Family, always remember GOD IS IN CONTROL OF EVERYTHING. From our family to your family, we love you and praying that God's comfort will be with you during this time. Reverend Harmon's legacy lives on through his family. Much Love ❤️🙏🌹



Rev. Dr. Shirley Browne - December 10, 2024 at 11:15 AM

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“ TO my FAMILY Sending my SINCERE  
Condolences for the loss of "Cousin  
Rickey" may the peace of GOD Comfort and  
Strengthen you all: For I am already being out  
as a drink offering, and the time for my  
departure is close. 7) I have fought the Good fight, I have finished the  
race, I have kept the FAITH. 8) There is reserved for me the crown of  
Righteousness, which the Lord, the Righteous Judge will give me on  
that Day. 2 Timothy 3:6, -8.  
Rickey, Received his "WINGS" of A DOVE, took Flight.... HOME AT  
LAST. I LOVE YOU ALL!



E. Loretta Avant- Miller - December 09, 2024 at 04:28 PM

RF

“ Praying for the family of I C Norcom  
classmate, Rev Roosevelt Harmon Jr



Rev. Joyce Norfleet Foster - December 05, 2024 at 09:07 PM

KL

“ Pearlina, Jewelle, Jocelyn, and Family,

We were sorry to hear of Rick's passing. You  
are in our thoughts and prayers. Praying the  
Lord will provide you all with peace and  
comfort during this difficult time and the day's ahead.

Love,  
Kevin and Juanita



Kevin and Juanita Lee - December 05, 2024 at 04:47 PM

SH

“ Thank you Rev Harmon for all of your years of kindness to my family. He helped me a lot when my grand parents passed. I also remember how proud my Aunt Virgie was to prepare meals for the Harmon Family. May God Bless and Comfort the family.

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**Shelia Hobbs-Ford** - December 04, 2024 at 06:08 PM