



Mr. Dudley Leo Harden

August 23, 1962 - November 18, 2024

Dudley Leo Harden was born on August 23, 1962, in Bradley, Arkansas, to the late Dessie Mae Harden and Elzia Harden. On Monday, November 18, 2024, Dudley entered eternal rest, leaving behind a legacy of love, service, and dedication.

Dudley embraced Christ as his Savior at a young age and nurtured his faith as a member of Antioch Missionary Baptist Church. In the early 2000s, he continued his spiritual journey with Pleasant Grove Baptist Church in Columbus, Georgia.

A proud graduate of Magnolia High School in 1981, Dudley enlisted in the United States Army at the age of 17. His 23 years of honorable service to his country culminated in his retirement in 2004. Following his military career, Dudley transitioned to the civilian workforce, where he worked diligently for another 20 years before retiring in 2024.

On May 14, 1988, Dudley married Marjorie Harden, in Columbus, Georgia. Together, they raised two children, Marquita and Brandon, building a family rooted in love and faith.

Dudley's warm and generous spirit touched everyone he met. Known for his selflessness, he was always ready to lend a helping hand, often putting others

before himself. Above all, Dudley cherished his family, finding immense joy in his grandchildren, who were the light of his life. His unwavering love for his family was his greatest pride and his deepest joy.

Dudley Leo Harden will be remembered as a devoted father, grandfather, and friend. His kindness, strength, and love will live on in the hearts of all who knew him.

He was preceded in death by his parents.

Those left to cherish beautiful memories are his children, Marquita (Tracy) Jones of Magnolia, AR; and Brandon Harden of Columbus, GA; grandchildren: Marcus McPherson, Jr., Uriah McPherson, Keundra Weaver, Morgyn Harden, Promise Harden, and Madisyn Harden, all from Columbus, GA; siblings: Peggy Wafer, Wanda Henderson, Barbara Brewer, Carolyn (Willie) Brownlee, Roxanne Harden, and Marcus Harden; aunts: Margie Reed of Texarkana, TX, Berniece Hawthorn of Springhill, LA, Earnestine Martin and Gracie Harden, both of Magnolia, AR, and Ozell Harden of Bradley, AR; best friends: Andrea Owens, Elvis Chambers, and Ralston Jarrett; and a host of nieces, nephews, other relatives, and friends who will miss him dearly.

Celebration of Life services will be held Saturday, December 7th, 2024, at R.L. Reed Funeral Home Chapel in Magnolia, Arkansas at 11:00 a.m. with Military Honors, under the direction of the United States Army Honor Guard and R.L. Reed Funeral Home, LLC. Minister Ray Barrow, Officiant. Minister James Fred Williams, Eulogist.

A visitation will be held Friday {Dec. 6th}, from 1:00 – 3:00 p.m., at R.L. Reed Funeral Home in Magnolia.

“For precaution due to the COVID-19, Masks are Encouraged but Not

Required While Attending the Services and During Visitation Hours. However, wearing masks ensures safety for you and others. Thank you.”

Cemetery Details

kings Hill Cemetery

County Road 265
Magnolia, AR

Previous Events

Visitation

DEC 6. 1:00 PM - 3:00 PM (CT)

R.L. Reed Funeral Home
100 Hwy 79 North
Magnolia, AR 71753
(870) 901-3536

Celebration of Life

DEC 7. 11:00 AM (CT)

R.L. Reed Funeral Home Chapel
100 HWY 79 NORTH
Magnolia, AR

Tribute Wall

KW

“ *Kendra Wa lit a candle in memory of Mr. Dudley Leo Harden*



Kendra Wa - December 07, 2024 at 11:20 AM

JW

“ *God bless Dodley family friends,you'll have my prayers*



Joann Radford Whitaker - December 05, 2024 at 09:54 PM

EC

“ *E. Chambers purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of Mr. Dudley Leo Harden.*



E. Chambers - December 05, 2024 at 06:49 PM

DM

“ *Derrick Roberson/ Merica Mccune purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Mr. Dudley Leo Harden.*



Derrick Roberson/ Merica Mccune - December 05, 2024 at 03:59 PM

DR

“ So very sorry for your loss. May God continue to comfort and strengthen the family during this most difficult time. My prayers are with you and your family. I’m going to miss "Big Sarge" Mr. Dudley Harden!

Derrick Roberson - December 05, 2024 at 03:53 PM

SD

“ Sandra Daniels sent a virtual gift in memory of Mr. Dudley Leo Harden



Sandra Daniels - December 04, 2024 at 08:05 PM

SA

“ A great NCO as we served and worked in 3rd BCT in maintenance together. A true man who led and taught.

Sylvester J Alexander - December 04, 2024 at 11:32 AM

AE

“ A friend in spirit, indeed. Let us remember you as you were in life. You will forever be missed! Miss Cynthia you did such an amazing job!!!

Mr. & Mrs Eoff
Your neighbor and work family.

Angela Eoff - December 03, 2024 at 09:42 PM

RJ

“ A True Brother/Friend to the Jarrett Family
you will be truly missed 🤍🙏🏻✝️



Reebe Jarrett - December 03, 2024 at 07:03 PM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for
the family of Mr. Dudley Leo Harden.



December 03, 2024 at 06:58 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Mr. Dudley Leo Harden.

December 03, 2024 at 06:58 PM

JG

“ Joann Marshall Glasgow lit a candle in
memory of Mr. Dudley Leo Harden



Joann Marshall Glasgow - December 03, 2024 at 03:31 PM

PH

“ *Paula Hayes Henderson lit a candle in memory of Mr. Dudley Leo Harden*



Paula Hayes Henderson - December 02, 2024 at 02:14 PM

MS

“ *RIP Doug
praying for strength in trial times 🙏🙏*



Mary E Strickland - December 02, 2024 at 09:51 AM

JS

“ *Brother- in - Law....Soooo many memories of the GOOD TIMES we shared from home to Germany. Remember when we first met in Germany and you kept saying "I LOVE DAT THANG"....GONE NEVER TO BE FORGOTTEN ❤️❤️❤️❤️ I still hear ya saying Hey Bouncer...Rest Eazy my dawg 🙏🙏*

Jeffrey Smith - November 29, 2024 at 11:25 AM

MP

“ *Mary S. Pickings sent a virtual gift in memory of Mr. Dudley Leo Harden*



Mary S. Pickings - November 28, 2024 at 10:35 PM

BS

“ Barbara Smith lit a candle in memory of Mr. Dudley Leo Harden



Barbara Smith - November 28, 2024 at 07:24 PM

JS

“D” was my Big Brother. We met in 1985 at Ft. Benning. He was my first squad leader and mentor. We deployed together again in 1990 Desert Storm. Rest in Paradise My Brother/Battle 🙏 Praying for Strength and Comfort for the Family..... James Stewart



James Stewart - November 26, 2024 at 07:19 PM

RP

“ Rita Pastchol lit a candle in memory of Mr. Dudley Leo Harden



Rita pastchol - November 26, 2024 at 09:51 AM

MG

“ My childhood friend this hurt bad no more pain or suffering you will be missed glad you are at rest Doug until we meet again love you Marilyn Green

marilyn Green - November 23, 2024 at 08:40 AM

KG

“ Kelly Gentry lit a candle in memory of Mr. Dudley Leo Harden



kelly Gentry - November 22, 2024 at 04:50 PM

TL

“ Dudley was more than a co worker he was family. He will be missed by many people. My prayers and condolences go to his children, grands and his lady miss cynt. RIP Dee

Tina lewis - November 21, 2024 at 06:24 PM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Mr. Dudley Leo Harden.



November 21, 2024 at 12:56 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Mr. Dudley Leo Harden.

November 21, 2024 at 12:56 PM

SH

“ Condolences



Shatasha Harris - November 21, 2024 at 12:00 PM

DH

“ Dearlean Hughes sent a virtual gift in memory of Mr. Dudley Leo Harden



Dearlean Hughes - November 21, 2024 at 11:43 AM

KR

“ Dudley was a one-of-a-kind man. He will be missed. My condolences to the family.
Respectfully,
Ms. Kay

Katronia Russaw - November 21, 2024 at 08:00 AM

MM

*Mr. Dudley is Gone from our sight, but NEVER from our HEARTS.
He was a GREAT coworker at Fort Moore Ga.*

*To the Harden Family:
Our thoughts and prayers are with you ALL.
I wish you Healing and Peace.*

*Rest well Dudley!
Merica Mccune and Family*

Merica Mccune - November 22, 2024 at 10:22 AM

RH

“ Robert Holloway (AKA Smokey B)

My condolences to the family.

My first contact with with Mr Dudley was me looking for parts to get a military vehicle up and running. Every part I needed he knew where to find it. Needless to say we shared a endless friendship. He will be truly missed. Thanks for the time that he was in our season. It's all in God's hands now.

Robert Holloway - November 21, 2024 at 12:38 AM

KR

“ You were like a gentle giant. I met you at my first duty station in Germany. Cook always tell the story of Harden being his platoon guide and Harden would always say I'll take these stripes off, and take his hand and pull all the skin off the left side of Cook's face. Until the White Meat Show.* He will be truly missed.



Kathleen Rowell - November 20, 2024 at 11:14 PM

MJ

“ You were one of the first senior enlisted I met on Kelley hill and you left an everlasting impression on me do right when no one is looking ! Rest easy soldier !

SGT Ray

Morris Ray, Jr. - November 20, 2024 at 10:23 PM

MB

“ *Dee! I will miss you terribly! You were a great man! So sad you had to go so soon, too too soon in my opinion! Please fly with the angels! Hope to see you again some day!* ”



Moneika Baldwin - November 20, 2024 at 09:39 PM

RF

“ *Ramona Fears sent a virtual gift in memory of Mr. Dudley Leo Harden* ”



Ramona Fears - November 20, 2024 at 08:23 PM

RF

“ *Ramona Fears lit a candle in memory of Mr. Dudley Leo Harden* ”



Ramona Fears - November 20, 2024 at 08:23 PM