



## Ernest Hardy, Jr.

August 4, 1941 - October 3, 2019

Ernest Hardy Jr. passed away October 3, 2019 after battling complications from congestive heart failure. Born August 4, 1941, he was the oldest child of the late Ernest Hardy Sr. and Annie Mae Hardy (Suggs) of Kelford and Rich Square, N C. Affectionately known as 'Pop', 'Brother Hardy', or 'Hardy' to family and friends, he was a life-long resident of Portsmouth, Virginia. He was an esteemed alumnus of I. C. Norcom High School, Class of 1959 and a graduate of Norfolk State University, Class of 1974, obtaining a B. S. in Business Administration while working full time and supporting his family. He was also a member of Alpha Phi Omega Service fraternity. Ernest proudly served his country in the Air Force and was a long time Civil Servant with 33 years of Federal Service, the majority with the Department of Defense as an EEO Field Investigator. After years of federal service Brother Hardy continued his civil service career with the Virginia Department of Transportation finally retiring in 2006.

What kind of person was he? There simply are not enough words to describe Ernest Hardy Jr. He was friendly, gregarious, neighborly, blessed with the gift for gab. He never met a person he couldn't out talk. He was a committed family man, looked out for family and those he considered family. He loved sports, especially football and had a serious passion for fishing. He was a teacher, always stressed the importance of education and realizing one's full potential; but he was also a student, always open to learn new things. Folks

that knew him well knew he set high standards for himself in all things and expected others to do the same. He was a historian and in many ways deemed it his life's mission to preserve the cherished institutions and legacies of our past.

Also among his many passions was his life-long engagement in various Masonic organizations. He was a 50 year member and Worshipful Past Master of Lebanon Lodge #34. Honorary Most Excellent Grand High Priest of King Cyrus Grand Chapter (HRAM). Honorary Right Excellent Grand Commander of King Baldwin Grand Commandery (Knights Templar), Past Thrice Illustrious Grand Master of Prince Hall Grand Council (Royal and Select Masters), Grand Inspectors General, Virginia Council of Deliberation, AASR.

Other Notable Positions:

- Past Commander-in-Chief of Alpha And Omega Consistory #9 Treasurer of Alpha And Omega Consistory #9-DC from 2016 until the time of death
- Past High Priest of Mt. Moriah Chapter 9, Royal Arch
- Past President of The Virginia Commanders Of The Rite 33 Degree
- Honorary Grand High Priest Royal Arch
- Antioch Knights Temple #7 Past Commander

Shrine Temple: Past Potentate of Arabia Temple #12, Imperial Organizer of Shrine Temples and Clubs

He is survived by his loving wife of 57 years, Natividad Hardy, three adoring children, Pamela Nixon (George), Francisco Hardy (Charlette), Anastacia

Yvetta Lewis, four grandchildren, Joshua Nixon, Tyler Lewis, Victoria Evans (Devaughn), and Sebastian Hardy. Brother Hardy is also survived by three brothers, Everett Kenny, Cornelius Hardy, Anthony Hardy, and two sisters, Diane Johnson and Dolores Bowman, a host of nieces, nephews, cousins and countless dear friends. He was predeceased by two brothers, Frank Earl Hardy, a casualty of the Vietnam War and Eddie Lee Hardy.

# Previous Events

## Wake Service

OCT **16**. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

J. T. Fisher Funeral Services Chapel  
1248 N. George Washington Hwy  
Chesapeake, VA

## Church Service

OCT **17**. 12:00 PM (ET)

New Bethel Baptist Church  
4212 Greenwood Drive  
Portsmouth, VA

# Tribute Wall



“ *J.T. Fisher Funeral Services created a Tribute Video in memory of Ernest Hardy, Jr.*



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**J. T. Fisher Funeral Services** - October 17, 2019 at 08:57 AM

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*Beautiful tribute! From labor to reward, Rest In Peace Mr. Hardy. Prayers of comfort going up on behalf of Vetta and family. Much love, Sandy and Bernice Graddy.*

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**Bernice** - October 18, 2019 at 07:27 PM

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“ *1 file added to the tribute wall*



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**joe** - July 26, 2023 at 03:08 PM



“ 25 files added to the album Life Tributes



J. T. Fisher Funeral Services - October 16, 2019 at 01:51 PM



“ Bountiful Memories Casket Spray was purchased for the family of Ernest Hardy, Jr..



October 16, 2019 at 11:24 AM



“ Platinum Business Services (Jody and Margaret) purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Ernest Hardy, Jr..

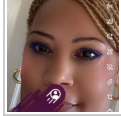


Platinum Business Services (Jody and Margaret) - October 11, 2019 at 11:16 AM



“ Very sorry for your lost. Mrs. Regina

Regina DuCharme - October 09, 2019 at 06:59 PM



*Sorry for your lost. Mr. Hardy was a nice person and neighbor to my husband and myself. He will be missed. James and cynthia Hicks 🥰*

**Cynthia Little-Hicks** - October 12, 2019 at 05:22 PM