



Nathaniel James Perdue, Jr.

January 4, 1930 - April 13, 2019

Psalm 1:1-2 Blessed is the man who walks not in the counsel of the wicked, nor stands in the way of sinners, nor sits in the seat of scoffers, but his delight is in the law of the Lord, and on his law he meditates day and night.

On the morning of Saturday, April 13, 2019 our beloved father, grandfather, great-

grandfather, brother, uncle, cousin and friend, Nathaniel James Perdue, Jr. slipped away

peacefully into eternal rest. He was born Saturday, January 4, 1930 in Ellsworth, PA to the late Nathaniel 1. and Leona Saunders Perdue.

Nathaniel grew up and attended school in Brownsville, PA until he left in 1948 to serve

his country in the United States Navy, retiring in 1968 as 1st Class Boatswain Mate. Nathaniel served in both Vietnam and Korean Wars. While on active duty, he met and married the love of his life, the late Ruby Lavern Williams Harris. To this union, three (3) daughters and one (1) son were born. He was also dad to Ruby's two older sons.

Following his military service, Nathaniel attended Norfolk State College (later named

Norfolk State University) where he majored in History and worked at the Naval Air Station. In 1988 he retired a second time from the Portsmouth Naval Hospital as a Pharmacy

Transportation Supervisor. Nat as he was affectionately referred to by his

friends was often

complimented for his public speaking talents. Nathaniel was the first black sailor to be

stationed at Mayport Naval Base in Jacksonville, FL and was invited back to Mayport Base as the guest speaker for its Black History Program. He was often invited locally to speak at various command ceremonies to educate others of his experiences and to encourage those serving, to serve proud. He was a faithful member of Ebenezer Baptist Church of Portsmouth and served on the Male Usher Ministry until his health began to fail.

Nathaniel was a cook, crossword puzzler and an avid bid whist, cooncan and pity pat

card player. He was also a lover of music, especially the blues and was the envy of his friends on the dance floor immaculately dressed. He was preceded in death by: one brother, Raymond Perdue and two sisters, Lillian Partee and Gladys Settles.

His legacy continues in his children Corinne P. Moody of Waldorf, MD; Rev. Nathaniel J.

Perdue, III (Audrey) of Graham, NC; LTC Carol J. P. Burton (Thomas Marc) of Chesapeake, VA; Sonya P. Bolton of Portsmouth, VA; Matthew Harris (Beverly) of Portsmouth, VA and Joseph E. Harris (Barbara) of Philadelphia, PA; grandchildren Marcus Burton (Michele}, Carlyn Moody, Nathaniel Perdue, IV, Terrance Burton, Adrienne Wagoner (Seth), Camille Bolton, Patrick Perdue, Valencia Moody, Kaylin Bolton, Courtney Bolton, Reginald Bolton, Jr., Michelle Bonner

(Correy), Shawneequa Harris, Cecilia Williams (Antonio), Katrina Boyd, Beverly Boyd, James Boyd, and Jackie Golatt. and great-grandchildren Honour, Triniti Aliyss, Bailey Madison, Xavier, Harmony, Clark Madeline, Anthony, and Correy II; one brother, John L. Perdue, of Uniontown, PA and a host of nieces, nephews, cousins and friends who will forever cherish precious memories.

The family would like to acknowledge our appreciation to the compassionate

team of

caregivers; Tamica Ricks and Dawn Wilson and Medi Home Hospice & Social Worker/Bereavement Counselor, Sukie Bailey of Medi Hollie Hospice.

Cemetery Details

Albert G Horton Jr. Veterans Memorial Cemetery

5310 Milner's Road
Suffolk, VA

Previous Events

Visitation

APR 21. 2:00 PM - 5:00 PM (ET)

J.T. Fisher Funeral Services
1248 N. George Washington Hwy.
Chesapeake, VA 23323
(757) 487-3700
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<https://www.jtfisherfuneralservices.com>

Service

APR 22. 11:00 AM (ET)

Ebenezer Baptist Church
728 Effingham Street
Portsmouth, VA

Tribute Wall



“ *J.T. Fisher Funeral Services created a Tribute Video in memory of Nathaniel James Perdue, Jr.*



J. T. Fisher Funeral Services - April 22, 2019 at 09:51 AM



“ *27 files added to the album Life Tributes*



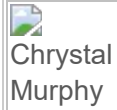
J. T. Fisher Funeral Services - April 21, 2019 at 11:35 AM



“ *Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Nathaniel James Perdue, Jr..*



April 21, 2019 at 10:38 AM



“ Prayers and heartfelt thoughts to the dear family of Mr Perdue. His precious family, especially my good friend Sonya, have always been loving supporters in our community, church. The Lord comfort, keep you all. God bless 🌿 The Wilkins Murphy family, Chrystal & John Murphy

Chrystal Murphy - April 20, 2019 at 10:48 AM

DP

“ My sincerest condolences to the family. May Our GOD give his loved peace during this time of transition. Praying for you all.



Denise Prince-Hinton - April 20, 2019 at 08:37 AM

DP

“ Denise Prince-Hinton lit a candle in memory of Nathaniel James Perdue, Jr.



Denise Prince-Hinton - April 20, 2019 at 08:34 AM



“ I never had the blessing of meeting Mr. Nat. However, I am certain of the man he was based on my knowledge of his daughter Sonya. She and I attended Cradock High School together, and since then have stayed in contact via Facebook. I feel sure that the life Mr. Nat lived is reflected in Sonya's heart and through her life. God Bless you Mr. Nat, and thanks for being the wonderful man you are. Peace and Grace are wished for the whole family as you move through this difficult parting. I am sure that you will all meet again in God's good time. Love, Sarah Etheridge Cargill

Sarah Cargill - April 20, 2019 at 01:21 AM



“ Sarah Cargill lit a candle in memory of Nathaniel James Perdue, Jr.



Sarah Cargill - April 20, 2019 at 01:14 AM



“ Muriel Harrison lit a candle in memory of Nathaniel James Perdue, Jr.



Muriel Harrison - April 19, 2019 at 11:21 PM



“ I extend heartfelt condolences to Sonya and the Perdue family. I will continue to keep you all in prayer for comfort, strength and peace. Thoughtfully, Muriel Harrison

Muriel Harrison - April 19, 2019 at 11:21 PM

AC

“ Sonya and family,
Sending healing prayers and comforting hugs.
We are so sorry for your loss. Thinking of you
all as you Celebrate you Dad's Remarkable
Life. God Bless,
Angela Carter & Family
San Diego, CA



Angela Carter - April 19, 2019 at 11:11 PM



“ Large Basket Garden was purchased for the
family of Nathaniel James Perdue, Jr..



April 19, 2019 at 10:53 PM



“ Gwendolyn Spikes-Golden lit a candle in
memory of Nathaniel James Perdue, Jr.



Gwendolyn Spikes-Golden - April 19, 2019 at 10:26 PM

DG

“ Deborah Gatling lit a candle in memory of
Nathaniel James Perdue, Jr.



Deborah Gatling - April 19, 2019 at 09:53 PM

MS

“ *Martha and Freeman Sands purchased the Your Light Shines for the family of Nathaniel James Perdue, Jr..*



Martha and Freeman Sands - April 18, 2019 at 05:06 PM

GL

“ *Glenn lit a candle in memory of Nathaniel James Perdue, Jr.*



Glenn - April 18, 2019 at 07:43 AM

DW

“ *Diane Williams lit a candle in memory of Nathaniel James Perdue, Jr.*



Diane Williams - April 18, 2019 at 06:50 AM



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Nathaniel James Perdue, Jr..*



April 17, 2019 at 09:33 PM

PH

“ *Phyllis Harris lit a candle in memory of Nathaniel James Perdue, Jr.*



Phyllis Harris - April 17, 2019 at 08:19 PM

LP

“ *To the Perdue family my deepest condolences I'm lightening this candle in the memory of your dad.*



Linnea Palmer - April 17, 2019 at 02:28 PM

EC

“ *May God's peace and love give you the strength you need in letting father Perdue rest in eternal peace. Praying for the entire family*



Evelena Carter - April 17, 2019 at 06:52 AM

KB

“ *Kippy Barnes lit a candle in memory of Nathaniel James Perdue, Jr.*



Kippy Barnes - April 17, 2019 at 12:01 AM

SL

My condolences to Sonya and the family. May God be with you and your family.

Shinah & Michaiah Lemon - April 20, 2019 at 08:34 AM