



Harvey Varner Sr

August 29, 1934 - April 23, 2024

After a brief illness, Harvey Varner, Sr. passed away on Tuesday, April 23, 2024 at Hackensack

University Medical Center.

Harvey was born on August 29, 1934 to the late Will and Sarah (Louisiana) Varner in Opelika,

Alabama. He graduated from Darden High School and was accepted into North Carolina A&T State

University but was drafted into the U.S. Army. During his time of service, he met Willa Mae Grimes

of Springfield, Tennessee. They were united in marriage on August 11, 1956.

From that 68 year union, they had 4 precious children, Harvey Jr., Kenneth, Cathy, and Carol. He

was a hard working husband and father, retiring from New Jersey Transit after over more than 30

years of service.

On May 12, 1974, Harvey dedicated his life to his loving God, Jehovah, along with his wife Willa. At

the time of his passing, he was serving as an elder of the Central Englewood Congregation and had

previously served in the Teaneck Westside Congregation.

Harvey was well known for the example he set in the field ministry, teaching others about

Jehovah, his love of family and and the spiritual guidance he provided. Despite his health, Harvey could be found writing letters to neighbors and others, professing his belief and love for Jehovah's promises of a better future for all. He enjoyed sharing scriptures such as Matthew 6:33, "Keep on, then, seeking first the Kingdom and his righteousness, and all these other things will be added to you." He will be missed but remembered for his spontaneous trips with his wife to the Caribbean, his story telling and who can forget his deep voice! Left to cherish his memories are his wife, Willa, sons, Harvey Jr., Kenneth (wife Myrna), daughters, Cathy Brown (husband Dana) and Carol Favor (late husband Curtis); granddaughters, Latasha Varner, Candice Moore (Will), Charlene Stokes, Mariah Gbate (Selom)and Naomi Varner (Corry); 10 great-grandchildren; siblings Virginia DePina (Domingo), Walter (Delores), Annie, Julia McFarlane (late husband Kenneth) and surrogate siblings Bill and Ann Davis, along with a host of nieces, nephews, in-laws, friends and spiritual brothers & sisters. He was preceded in death by his parents, Will and Louisiana Varner, surrogate parents, W.C. & Francis Davis; siblings John Will, Benjamin Varner, Charles Varner, Ollie Mae Dixon, Will Alice Kelly, Dr. Samuel Varner, Eartha Varner, and his beloved aunt, Josephine (Josie) Wilson. Family and friends are invited to visit on Saturday, May 4, 2024 from 10 am -12 pm at Volk Leber Funeral Home, 789 Teaneck Road, Teaneck. NJ. A funeral service will be held at 12 pm at the funeral home. Interment to follow at

George Washington Memorial Park, Paramus, NJ. For more information or to visit Harvey's tribute page, please visit www.volkleber.com

Cemetery Details

George Washington Memorial Park

234 Paramus Road
Paramus, NJ 07652

Previous Events

Viewing

MAY 4. 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM (ET)

Volk Leber Funeral Home
789 Teaneck Road
Teaneck, NJ 07666
info@volkleber.com
<http://www.volkleber.com>

Service

MAY 4. 12:00 PM (ET)

Volk Leber Funeral Home - Teaneck
789 Teaneck Rd
Teaneck, NJ 07666-4296
(201) 836-0202

Tribute Wall



“ Volk Leber Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Harvey Varner Sr



Volk Leber Funeral Home - May 02, 2024 at 10:22 AM

RP

Thank you for sharing your beautiful memories. We have shared many with you and look forward to a plethora of more to come in the grand near future! Thank you for letting us be a part of your lovely family. Willie/Rory

Rory Price - May 02, 2024 at 10:17 PM

PF

Thanks so much Varner Family for all of your love & kindness through the years. Also I look 👁️ forward to a time when sickness & death will be a thing of the past. Thanks so much Sister Varner & Cathy & Carol & Kenny too Always making us feel right at home 🏠. Love 💕 to you all.

patricia fox - May 04, 2024 at 03:28 PM



“ Volk Leber Funeral Home created a Webcast in memory of Harvey Varner Sr



Volk Leber Funeral Home - April 26, 2024 at 03:36 PM



R.I.P. Uncle Harvey - Blair

Blair Varner - May 04, 2024 at 05:03 PM

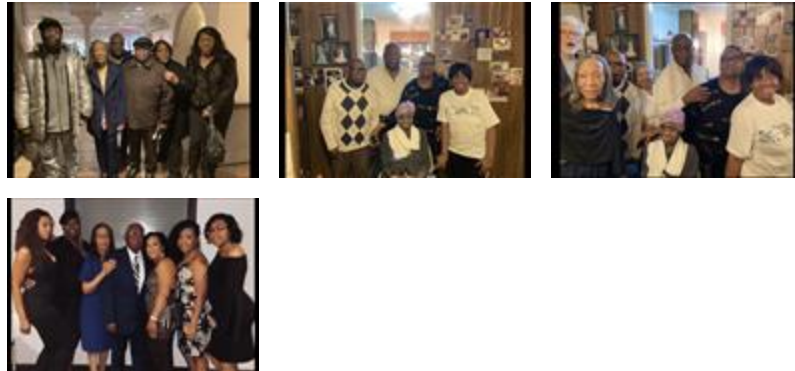
AF

I look forward to seeing him again, my brother, my friend my condolences to the family❤️☐

Audrieanne Foreman - May 04, 2024 at 07:41 PM

CS

“ 4 files added to the album Family Group Photos



Charlene Stokes - May 06, 2024 at 10:17 PM

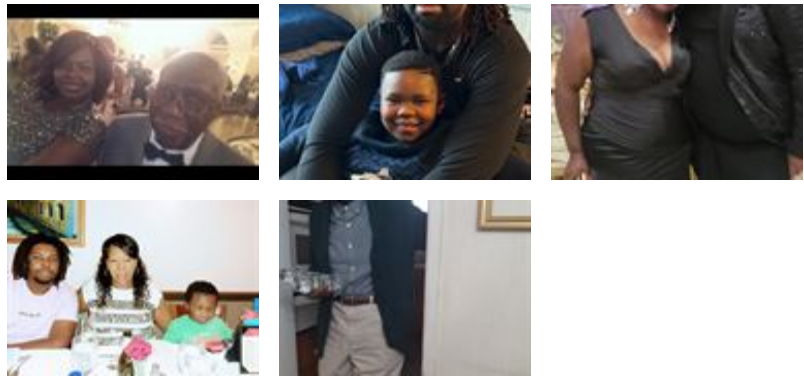
AD

“ Brother Varner and his family became our neighbors and friends many years ago when they moved from NY to Teaneck NJ. He loved to laugh and always had a smile and joke for people around him. He was like a second father when we were kids when my dad wasn't around. You will be missed and always have a special place in our hearts. Adrienne, Scott family.....

Adrienne - May 04, 2024 at 11:56 AM



“ 17 files added to the album LifeTributes



Volk Leber Funeral Home - May 03, 2024 at 02:23 PM



“ 53 files added to the album LifeTributes



Volk Leber Funeral Home - May 02, 2024 at 10:19 AM

CB

“Daddy, it's so hard to know I won't wake up to your morning phone greeting "Rise and Shine". I will have you in my memories and heart until I see you in the new system, free of pain..sorrow...illness. Revelations is so close to us now. I love you Daddy! CEVB

Cathy Varner Brown - April 30, 2024 at 09:05 PM



“Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Harvey Varner Sr.



April 30, 2024 at 04:04 PM

YF

“Your PhD Project Family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Harvey Varner Sr.

Your PhD Project Family - April 30, 2024 at 04:04 PM

TP

“Tara P. purchased a sympathy card for the family of Harvey Varner Sr.



Tara P. - April 30, 2024 at 03:00 PM