



## Lonnie Kenneth Harden Jr.

January 21, 1934 - December 15, 2021

Lonnie Harden, age 87, passed away peacefully on December 15, 2021, at home.

Born January 21, 1934, on a cold winter night in Rich Square, NC on the family farm. He was the son of Lonnie Kenneth Harden, Sr. and Martha Bryant Harden. He leaves behind two sisters, Annie Faye Adams and Martha Raye Fadness.

Preceded in death by his beloved wife of 42 years, Doris Rose Harden who died in Christmas day of 1995. Preceded in death by his wife Alice Harden of ten years. Preceded in death by Joan Paul his loving companion of 11 years.

Lonnie and Doris were blessed with three loving sons. Lonnie is survived by his sons Keith Roland Harden, and Kenneth Wayne Harden (Debbie). Sadly, his second son Daniel Wesley Harden (Colleen) passed September 2013. Lonnie was blessed with eight grandchildren, 14 great grandchildren and two great-great grandchildren. Preceded in death by granddaughter Kathryn Gott.

Having graduated college in 1952, he worked for the FBI and then joined the Navy. His first assignment at the Naval Station was in Washington DC. He was honored to be Yeoman to Admiral Moses. His most memorable assignment was to help coordinate the military at the inauguration of president

Eisenhower and Vice President Nixon. Lonnie and Doris were excited to attend the Inaugural Ball. Next duty station was a transfer to Morocco, North Africa. After his last position was with the office of Management and Budget across from the White House.

Throughout the years he enjoyed traveling the states and also to Denmark, Holland, Germany, Belgium, Paris, France, Spain, Italy, Rock of Gibraltar, Morocco, Africa. He also enjoyed dancing, gardening, crocheting and playing the piano. He loved to spend time at the local senior center where he played the piano and (prior to covid) was a weekly volunteer helping with the needs of the residents.

He was a member of Open Gate Church and participated in their Bible Study and Men's Fellowship. He loved to meet people and share jokes whenever he could.

A celebration of Life Service will be held on Friday, January 7 at 10:30am, at Open Gate Church, 4028 Old Washington Road, Waldorf, Maryland. Burial services to follow at 1:00pm, Cheltenham Veterans Cemetery, 11301 Crain Highway, Cheltenham Maryland.

In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to the Building Fund at Open Gate Church.

# Previous Events

## Celebration of Life

JAN 7. 10:30 AM (ET)

Open Gate Church  
4028 Old Washington Road  
Waldorf, MD 20602

## Burial

JAN 7. 1:00 PM (ET)

Cheltenham Veterans Cemetery  
11301 Crain Hwy  
Cheltenham, MD 20623

# Tribute Wall



“ *Lonnie Kenneth Harden Jr.*

October 08, 2023 at 10:45 PM



“ *Lonnie Kenneth Harden Jr.*

October 04, 2023 at 03:12 PM



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“ I met Lonnie and his companion Joan at Open Gate Church. I always loved talking with them. I will remember the joy they brought to Open Gate Church. Lonnie was a excellent ballroom dancer. Such grace. He always showed his photo album of the cruise trips that he went on. He brought a lot of Godly wisdom to our Bible study group. He planned outings for the Bible study group to attend. He had a great sense of humor. He always remembered my birthday which is in January as his would have been. He was a very kind and sensitive man. I will always remember him. He is gone, but, he will never be forgotten for all those who cherish his friendship in their heart. Oh, I almost forgot. He is the first person I've met who can turn a can of plain chicken breast into a delicious barbecue sandwich. I thank God he allowed our paths to cross, and I look forward to seeing him again when God calls me home. My sincere condolences to the Hardin family. May the peace of God beyond all understanding comfort your family at this sorrowful time.

*Love and Blessings - Gwen Coleman*

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**Gwen Coleman** - January 05, 2022 at 08:07 AM

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“ I always enjoyed talking to Lonnie. I know he has crossed over into heaven as he shared his faith in Christ with me. May God comfort the family at this difficult time. I am sorry that I won't be able to join you for the funeral due to Earl's critical condition but will be thinking of you all.

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**Amy Baker** - January 01, 2022 at 12:44 PM

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*Lonnie you will always be remembered by me. What a lovely godly  
man you were in so many ways. Attached is a picture I never got to  
send to you. Sister Mary Swann-Henson.*

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**mary Swann- Henson** - January 01, 2022 at 02:03 PM