



Harris Lee Lanier

May 8, 1950 - April 11, 2025

Harris Lee Lanier, son of the late Vivian T. Lanier and Embry Fitzgerald, Sr., was born on May 8, 1950, in Pittsylvania County, Virginia. He was preceded in death by his son, Reginald T. Lanier.

Harris departed this life on April 11, 2025, at MedStar Washington Hospital Center in Washington, DC.

Harris graduated from Phelps Career Vocational High School in Washington, D.C. Shortly after graduation, he was employed with the United States Post Office as a mail carrier until he left to pursue a career as a firefighter with the District of Columbia Department of Fire & Emergency Medical Services (DCF&EMS). He retired from DCF&EMS in 1997 as a Fire Inspector. Harris was not one to sit idle.

Shortly after retirement, he was employed with MONA Electrical Services as a Project Manager/Fire Safety Consultant until he resigned in 1999. In February 2000 he sought employment and was hired as a Supervisory Fire Protection Systems Inspector with the DC Department of Consumer & Regulatory Affairs/Building & Land Regulations Administration until December 2002.

In April 2003, Harris established his own company, Inspections Group, LLC where he continued to serve the business community in fire safety until his health began to decline. He was licensed in DC and Maryland as a Fire Plans

Examiner and Fire Inspector. He attended the University of Maryland Fire and Rescue Institute and received his certification as Fire Inspector I. Throughout his career, Harris was a consummate public servant. He was a member of the DC Fire Fighters Association, Local 36, National Fire Protection Association, Maryland Association of Home Inspectors, American Society of Home Inspectors, Mid-Atlantic Chapter and the International Code Council. He enjoyed the work he did and loved people. Always willing to serve wherever needed.

He leaves to cherish his memory, his devoted and loving wife, Deborah of the home, eight grandchildren, Skye, Avyon, Tyree, Iyana, Kylee, Joy, Tyson and Yale, three uncles, Lawrence Lanier of Washington, DC, Ronnie Lanier (Della) and Thomas Lanier of Java, Virginia, three Godchildren, Aaryn, Justin and Shane Godby and a host of other relatives and friends.

Cemetery Details

Washington National Cemetery

4101 Suitland Road
Suitland, MD 20746

Previous Events

Viewing

MAY 5. 9:30 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

Second Baptist Church SW
5501 Silver Hill Rd.
District Heights, MD 20747

Funeral Service

MAY 5. 11:00 AM - 12:30 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall

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“ *Elsie Bragg purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of Harris Lee Lanier.*



Elsie Bragg - April 30, 2025 at 04:44 PM

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“ *Elsie Bragg planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Harris Lee Lanier.*

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“ *We the March Family and Marshall-March Staff wish to extend our deepest and heartfelt sympathy in the passing of your loved one. Our prayers go out to you and your family in your time of loss. We know and understand that you have received many expressions of love and we will continue to lift you up in prayer. May the memories you cherish of brighter and happier days help to ease your sorrow and comfort you always.*

Marshall-March Funeral Homes - April 21, 2025 at 01:25 PM

JH

I love Harris Lanier's picture. He was the same everyday. My twins would greet him everyday walking the dog. He will not be forgotten. He had a beautiful smile and a sweet spirit. Him and his wife were in love, (I Mean, In Love. A lot of people will have a lot of memories of him. God Bless. Janet Bonner & Deacon Wallace Harris

Janet Bonner & Deacon Wallace Harris - April 21, 2025 at 07:12 PM