



Herbert Harry

May 1, 2025

Herbert Harry was born on July 22, 1926, in Lynchburg, South Carolina, to the late Nathaniel Harry and Blanche Bethea Harry.

Herbert spent most of his life in Lynchburg, where he was a respected community member. He owned and operated Harry's Barber Shop and managed several acres of farmland. He also made history as the first Black school bus driver in Lee County.

In March 1994, Herbert met Sylvia Keels, and their bond grew into a loving marriage on May 27, 1997. Their union marked a new chapter in Herbert's life. It led him away from the corn and tobacco fields of Lynchburg and into a world of new experiences. Together, they traveled by plane—Herbert's first flight—soaring over the Grand Canyon, strolling the Las Vegas Strip, attending beach parties in the Bahamas, and exploring the sights of Cancun, Mexico.

Herbert leaves behind cherished memories and a legacy of love with his devoted wife of 28 years, Sylvia Keels-Harry; two daughters, Rovenia Reed of Sumter, South Carolina, and Ruby Brown of Atlanta, Georgia; two grandsons, Lamonn Reed of Gable, South Carolina, and Ra'John Brown of East Orange, New Jersey.

He is also survived by three stepdaughters: Rosetta (Nathaniel) Bess of

Lynchburg, South Carolina, Northeata (Jessie) Slater of Florence, South Carolina, and Charity (Timothy) Nelson of Lawrenceville, Georgia; and four stepsons: Terrence Peterson of Columbia, South Carolina, Timothy (Anna) Keels of Stone Mountain, Georgia, Michael Keels, and Marcus Keels, both of Gable, South Carolina.

Herbert is lovingly remembered by five sisters-in-law: Mildred (Doug) Fuller of Virginia Beach, Virginia, Mary J. Keels of Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, Ernestine Neves of Tulsa, Oklahoma, Geraldine Cooper of Charlotte, North Carolina, and Viola Harry of Sumter, South Carolina; along with a host of other beloved family members and friends.

Cemetery Details

Mount Pleasant Cemetery

Lynchburg, SC

Previous Events

Funeral Service

MAY **10**. 10:00 AM (ET)

Mt. Pleasant AME Church
1800 Vista Ln
Lynchburg, SC 29080
(803) 437-2880

Tribute Wall

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“ Janet S. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Herbert Harry.

Janet S. - May 08, 2025 at 12:23 PM

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“ Herbert Harry is now resting with immediate family to include his father and mother, one sister and his brother's. He leaves to cherish his niece's and nephew's and a hosts of cousin's who loved him dearly.

Yolanda Geiger - May 07, 2025 at 10:21 PM

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“ Dr. Robert Exum & Word of Life Church purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Herbert Harry.



Dr. Robert Exum & Word of Life Church - May 06, 2025 at 12:09 PM

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“ Garnell Anderson and family purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Herbert Harry.



Garnell Anderson and family - May 05, 2025 at 10:12 PM