

## Mr. Harold Francis, Jr.

October 20, 1928 - January 12, 2022

Mr. Harold Francis, Jr. went home to be with Lord and reunite with his wife on January 12, 2022 in Petersburg, Virginia. He was born October 20, 1928 in Estill, South Carolina to the late Lucille and Harold Francis, Sr.

Harold was educated at Estill Training School in Estill, SC. He relocated to New York and graduated from Boys High School in Brooklyn, NY. He served in the U.S. Army during World War II. Harold was married to the late Rose Marie Francis for 58 years. He worked as a Police Chief in New York City until his retirement. When he relocated to Virginia,,he attended New Bethel Cathedral Church of God in Christ, Hampton, VA, under the leadership of Bishop Melvin Austin. Upon relocating to Petersburg, VA, Harold attended Emmanuel New Birth Church of God in Christ, Petersburg, VA under leadership of Pastor Carl Singleton.

Along with his wife, Harold was preceded in death by his daughter, Gwendolyn Cassidy; three sons, Glenn Smith, Vincent Francis and Dennis Francis; sister, Mary Francis and two brothers, James and Eugene Francis.

He leaves to cherish his loving memories, two daughters, Evelyn Francis of Estill, SC and Adele Barrett (Garner) of Petersburg, VA; a son, Frederick Smith of Petersburg, VA; and a host of grandchildren, great-grandchildren, nieces, nephews, cousins, church family and friends.

A Celebration of Life will be held Saturday, January 22, 2022 at 10:00 A.M. at New Bethel Cathedral Church of God in Christ, 457 Fox Hill Rd., Hampton, VA, Bishop Melvin Austin, pastor and Pastor Carl G. Singleton, eulogist. Interment will follow at Hampton Memorial Gardens, Hampton, VA. Public viewing will be Friday, January 21, 2022 from 12:00 P.M. - 8:00 P.M. at the funeral home.

Final Care and Compassionate Services are being provided to the family by the professional staff of Tucker & Fisher Funeral Home and Cremation Services, 415 Halifax St., Petersburg, VA (804)324-5529.

# Previous Events

## Francis Public Viewing

JAN **26**. 12:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Tucker and Fisher Funeral Home  
415 Halifax Street  
Petersburg, VA 23803

## Francis Celebration of Life

JAN **27**. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

New Bethel Cathedral C.O.G.I.C.  
457 Fox Hill Rd.  
Hampton, VA

# Tribute Wall

LS

“ Linda Lewis Smith sent a virtual gift in memory of Mr. Harold Francis, Jr.



Linda Lewis Smith - January 27, 2022 at 05:08 PM

LS

“ Sending my prayers and condolences to the family. God has gained a true soldier who loved everyone who came in his life. He wasn't just a father in law he was my father. Daddy rest on and be with your queen Mother Francis. God has you both together along with Glenn and Vinny.



Linda Lewis Smith - January 27, 2022 at 05:06 PM



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M.E. Fisher Funeral Home, Inc. - January 26, 2022 at 09:33 AM

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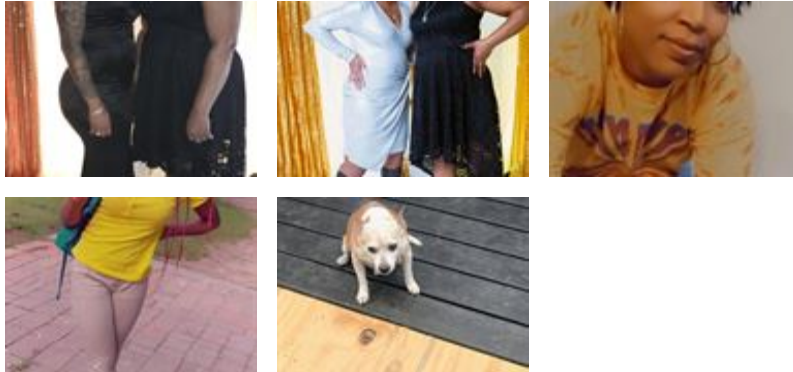
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Clarence Williams - January 25, 2022 at 08:06 PM



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M.E. Fisher Funeral Home, Inc. - January 25, 2022 at 02:30 PM



“ *White Standing Spray* was purchased for the family of Mr. Harold Francis, Jr..



January 25, 2022 at 09:35 AM



“ *Floor Plant for Sympathy was purchased for the family of Mr. Harold Francis, Jr..*



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January 21, 2022 at 05:37 PM



“ *Blue & White Sympathy Floor Basket was purchased for the family of Mr. Harold Francis, Jr..*



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January 21, 2022 at 05:15 PM



“ *I shall never forget the Love and Godly embrace the two of them showed toward me the first time we all met, Mother with her soft-spoken words and Deacon with his forever smile and that Signature of assurance when he said "Okay". I rest knowing they had my back. I will forever remember them " Loved them both". You're in my prayers Family God bless each of you is my prayer.....Elder. Ferguson*

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**Elder Ferguson** - January 18, 2022 at 08:50 PM

KF

“ *In Remembrance of a great man named Deacon Harold Francis who called me Ida Jean as one of his daughters.. That carried such humble spirit with joy and laughter to others. He’s going to be miss but we know he’s with the Love of his life named Mother Rose Marie Francis and the Lord .. So POP Francis rest in the Lord love the Kelly Family ..*

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**Kelly Family** - January 17, 2022 at 06:22 PM

DH

“ *A true Prayer Warrior*



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**Denise Hinton-Dabney** - January 13, 2022 at 07:53 PM

DH

“ *Deacon Frances is known as Pop, Sunday School, and Popo. Love was always felt. Love You, Denise and Terry*



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**Denise Hinton-Dabney** - January 13, 2022 at 07:51 PM

CW

“ *What a gentleman and a scholar! Deacon Francis' remarkable legacy speaks volumes and as such eases the pain of separation. The door has opened wide on welcome hinges for his grand entrance.*

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**Clarence and Barbara Williams** - January 13, 2022 at 03:54 PM

TI

“ I know him as Deacon Francis. I remember him as being very spirited and passionate, especially about the scriptures and Bible study. I was and am inspired by his life and legacy and pray that all who knew him, take comfort in their great memories of him.

Tina - January 13, 2022 at 12:02 PM

DH

Yes, Pop Deacon Frances was A Great Man of God; caring and loving.

Denise Hinton-Dabney - January 13, 2022 at 04:11 PM

MB

I knew Deacon Francis as an outstanding Bible study teacher, and his lovely wife. To the family, you have truly lost a jewel, be comforted in knowing he's in a better place. Mother Barnes

Mother Barnes - January 13, 2022 at 04:57 PM

CG

Deacon Francis, the sheriff. Since we met he always referred to me as deputy. Often telling me things I needed to hear not what I wanted to hear. A man of honor who lived the word of God. A family man who led by example. I am honored to have been in such good company. Rest now Sheriff, Francis you and mother Francis enjoy the land full of joy and gladness.

Chris & Aretha Goodson - January 15, 2022 at 07:05 AM