



## Mr. Larry Leon Stephenson

March 18, 1952 - May 15, 2020

Larry Leon Stephenson, 68, entered into Eternal Life on May 15, 2020. Larry was born March 18, 1952 in Newport News, Virginia to Mable Stephenson. He was preceded in death by his maternal grandparents, Lillie Stephenson Torrey and Herbert Lee Stephenson, sister Regina Terry, brothers Daryl Terry and Andre Terry, and his grandsons, Kai'Shad Adkinson and Malik Stephenson.

A graduate of Huntington High School's Class of 1970 and a member of the famed Soul Squad vocal performing group, Larry immediately enlisted as a non-commissioned officer in the United States Marine Corps, serving honorably from August 21, 1970 to August 20, 1972, to include a year-long deployment to Vietnam. During his service, Larry obtained the rank of corporal and earned the National Defense Service Medal and the Marksmanship Rifle Badge. Upon the conclusion of his military service, Larry earned his nursing license and practiced nursing at Whitaker Memorial Hospital in Newport News and at the Veterans Administration Hospital in Richmond, VA. In 1983, Larry married Lois Melton and the couple had two children, Tory Melton and Stephen Stephenson. A long-time employee of Frye Properties in Newport News, Larry was very proud to also regularly work for his brother, Orlanda Terry with whom he was very close. For several years after he concluded his career in nursing, Larry provided exceptional assistance to his beloved aunt Amanette Sessom. Ever the caregiver, for twelve of the last eighteen months

of his life, Larry provided in-home nursing care to his nephew's father, helping to prolong James Cotton's life during his battle with stage 4 brain cancer.

Larry is survived by his mother Mable Terry, wife Lois Stephenson, his children Enoch Bowens, DeKeshia Williams, Tonya Duggar, Tory Melton (LaTonya), and Stephan Stephenson, brothers Orlando J. Terry (Kim), Antonio Terry, Kevin Terry, James Stephenson (Rebecca), Tony Stephenson (Charlotte), sisters Moneca Dobbins, Gale Terry, Renita Gainey, Sandra Trent, Tawanna Terry, and Gia Terry.

Larry was so proud to be a grandfather to Enoch Stephon Bowens, Julian Bowens, Najee Fennel, JaTory Melton, Kendall R. Askew-Williams, Korey J. Askew-Williams, Jaylan S. Williams, TaLieka S. Williams, Erica Adkinson, Rishad Adkinson, Tremona Dugger, and Allure M. Stephenson. In addition to a host of nieces and nephews, great-grandchildren who will cherish Larry's memory are Armoni Skye Bowens, Luca Bowens, Marcheese D. Williams, Marquel D. McCord, Tamera S. Williams, Malchai M. Dixon, Evian Terry, Malia Edwards, Ramesh Adkinson, Ayri Adkinson, and Rishad Adkinson, Jr. He will also be mourned by his devoted aunt Terry Williams and uncle Andrew Stephenson.

From noon to 2:00 pm on May 26th, a viewing will be held at M.E. Fischer Funeral Home, located at 2117 Madison Avenue, Newport News, VA, followed by Larry's Celebration of Life from 2:00 - 4:00 pm. A graveside service and interment will be held on May 27th at 3:00 PM at Albert G. Horton Jr. Memorial Veterans Cemetery, located at 5310 Milner's Road, Suffolk, VA, 23434.

# Cemetery Details

## Albert G. Horton Jr. Memorial Veterans Cemetery

5310 Milner's Road  
Suffolk, VA 23434

# Previous Events

## Stephenson's Public Viewing

MAY **26**. 12:00 PM - 4:00 PM (ET)

M E Fisher Funeral Home  
2117 Madison Avenue  
Newport News, VA 23607

## Stephenson Graveside Service

MAY **27**. 3:00 PM - 4:00 PM (ET)

Albert G. Horton Jr. Memorial Veterans Cemetery  
5310 Milner's Road  
Suffolk, VA 23434

# Tribute Wall



“ *M.E. Fisher Funeral Home, Inc. created a Tribute Video in memory of Mr. Larry Leon Stephenson*



M.E. Fisher Funeral Home, Inc. - May 23, 2020 at 01:24 PM

EM

*Always be miss love. ...liz moye*

Elizabeth Moye - May 23, 2020 at 10:29 PM

MT

*RIP MY CLASSMATE God loved you best. Maggie Mathis Twine, Class of HHS 1970*

Maggie Twine - May 25, 2020 at 01:02 PM

BB

*RIP my classmate, friend and my partner at work. Yes I will truly miss you. God always knows what is best. Barbara J. Blair Class of 1970 HHS*

Barbara J Blair - May 25, 2020 at 08:13 PM

DO

*Thank You so much for the beautiful Tribute for our cousin. He served his country and continued that service to so many in his lifetime. Our heart is heavy that we can't be there in person, but this video is comforting. Thank you for a job well done. Donna & Ron (Cousins in N.J.)*

Donna - May 26, 2020 at 09:31 AM

MJ

*WEEPING MAY ENDURE FOR A NIGHT BUT JOY COMETH IN THE MORNING. To MR. GQ, my classmate even in elementary school "Rest in Paradise." Praying for GOD'S Peace & Comfort over the family.*

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**Marian Jones** - May 26, 2020 at 12:30 PM

VD

*Earth has no sorrow that heaven can't heal. Peace to you family as God strengthens you during this time. Victoria Terry Dobson (Byrd)*

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**Victoria Dobson** - May 26, 2020 at 07:02 PM

“ To The Family Of Larry L. Stephenson

*THE MASTER WEAVER*

*Our lives are but fine weavings,  
That God and we prepare,  
Each life becomes a fabric planned,  
And fashioned in His care.*

*We may not always see,  
Just how the weavings intertwine,  
But we must trust the Master's hand,  
And follow His design.*

*For He can view the pattern,  
Upon the upper side,  
While we must look from underneath,  
And trust in Him to guide.*

*Sometimes a strand of sorrow,  
Is added to His plan,  
And though it's difficult for us,  
We still must understand.*

*That it's He who flies the shuttle,  
It's He who knows what's best,  
So we must weave in patience,  
And leave to Him the rest.*

*Not till the loom is silent,  
And the shuttles cease to fly,  
Shall God unroll the canvas,  
And explain the reason why.*

*The dark threads are as needed,  
In the Weaver's skillful hand,  
As the threads of gold and silver,*

*In the pattern He has planned.*

*Larry was a wonderful person—admirable, well-mannered, warm-hearted, dapper and most definitely had swag. He had a beautiful soul. I will miss Larry and am thankful for his friendship.*

*My sincere condolences,*

*Charlotte T. Davis*

*Huntington High School Class of 1970*

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**Charlotte T. Davis** - July 09, 2020 at 06:57 PM

BJ

“ *Condolence to family of this loyal Marine, and fellow Newport News native. I invite family and friends to see USMC memorial page for Larry at: [www.marines.togetherweserved.com](http://www.marines.togetherweserved.com). You can find it by clicking search, and enter his name.*

*Fellow Marine!*

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**Bernard James** - June 03, 2020 at 11:49 AM

PH

“ *Fond memories of the Soul Squad and Huntington High school. Another Viking joins the "heavenly Choir" and ascends to watch over us.*

*Sympathy to the family.*

*Pam Hall*

*Newport News, VA*

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**P Hall** - June 02, 2020 at 06:13 PM

PH

“ *My condolences to the family made Larry rest in peace you will be miss Larry your neighborhood friend Patricia Harris God bless the family*

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**Patricia Harris** - May 27, 2020 at 06:21 AM

BT

“ Love you, uncle Larry, I'll miss your hugs and forehead kisses.  
-Britt

brittany terry - May 26, 2020 at 03:19 PM

LS

“ Please accept my heartfelt and deepest condolences in the passing of your loved one. Larry and I were classmates and shared great high school days. Larry was a true gentleman and a proud Marine. He will certainly be missed. May God will give you peace at such a time as this.  
Lucy Sledge-Grogan  
HHS Class of 1970



Lucy Sledge-Grogan - May 25, 2020 at 11:14 PM

LC

“ Lawrence C. purchased the Healing Tears - Blue and White for the family of Mr. Larry Leon Stephenson.



Lawrence C. - May 25, 2020 at 05:18 PM

JO

“ Joyce lit a candle in Memory of Larry Stevenson my childhood friend of 50 years I will miss him a true gentleman



Joyce - May 25, 2020 at 12:55 PM

GB

“ *RIH Larry, I will miss your loving spirit and your soft spoken words. You are truly a gentleman. I thank God for allowing us to reconnect.*

*Love and miss you  
G M Bullock(Lady)*



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**Gladys Bullock** - May 24, 2020 at 10:30 PM

RO

“ *Please accept my deepest condolences for your family's loss. Larry will be remembered, we met in Huntington High School and sat at Mrs. Davis kitchen table on Saturday night talking about what we would do after high school, and that bond has been a live long one.*

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**Reginald Owens** - May 24, 2020 at 10:02 PM

EM

“ *Elizabeth Moye lit a candle in memory of Mr. Larry Leon Stephenson*



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**Elizabeth Moye** - May 23, 2020 at 10:19 PM

TS

“ *1 file added to the tribute wall*



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**Tony Stephenson** - May 23, 2020 at 07:10 PM



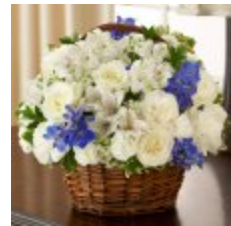
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M.E. Fisher Funeral Home, Inc. - May 23, 2020 at 01:19 PM



“ *Peace, Prayers & Blessings - Blue and White was purchased for the family of Mr. Larry Leon Stephenson.*



May 21, 2020 at 04:36 PM



“ *Teddy lit a candle in memory of Mr. Larry Leon Stephenson*



Teddy - May 21, 2020 at 07:28 AM



“ *Healing Tears - Blue and White* was purchased for the family of Mr. Larry Leon Stephenson.



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May 20, 2020 at 05:02 PM



“ *Jacqueline Dixon*  
*You will be Truly Missed*



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**Jacqueline Dixon** - May 20, 2020 at 01:06 PM



“ *Patricia Harris lit a candle in memory of Mr. Larry Leon Stephenson*



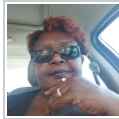
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**Patricia Harris** - May 20, 2020 at 07:13 AM

DO

“ To My Dad Andrew, Aunt Mabel & all my cousins in Virginia. I was so saddened to hear of the passing of my first cousin, Larry. For me, he was always a kind presence when I came to visit in the summer. He was mannerly because our Grandmother Lilly expected it. I never felt like a stranger because he always made me feel welcomed. The last time we were all together was His Brother/Uncle my Dad Andrew's 80th Birthday celebration. He shared his love for him and how much he emulated him, his older twin. I pray the many days you made beautiful for others, are as many as you had while on earth. Now Rest in Heaven with our Aunt your Sister, Amanette . Love forever, Cousins Donna & Ron (NJ)

Donna - May 19, 2020 at 04:42 PM



My Nephew💖Friend💖Roadie💖My Ride or Die💖He lived Unconditional Love towards Everybody😔😔His Presence in My life I'll Miss the most💖My heart aches but I'm not too sad because He's in a much better place💖💖💖Rest Easy my friend🌹 Gone but NEVER Forgotten

Terry Willams - May 20, 2020 at 05:46 PM

KB

“ Uncle Larry we are going to miss your smile, your cool demeanor & your presence overall. You were always kind and had a way with words to comfort those in need of comfort. To Aunt Lois, Tory & Stephan I am praying that God will embrace, comfort & uplift you during these most difficult & trying times. Uncle Larry will surely be missed & I hope to see him in the resurrection!  
Love Your Niece  
Kisha B

Kisha Blizzard - May 19, 2020 at 03:52 PM

HM

“ Henry Mitchell sent a virtual gift in memory of Mr. Larry Leon Stephenson



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**Henry Mitchell** - May 19, 2020 at 03:39 PM

GR

“ Andrew, I'm so sorry to hear of Larry's passing. He was always kind to me. My thoughts and prayers to you and the family with deepest sympathy. Also to Lois Stephenson, please accept my condolences.



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**Gracie** - May 19, 2020 at 12:40 PM

EB

“ My prayers and condolences to the family.

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**Ernestine Bell** - May 18, 2020 at 10:56 PM

BD

“Larry was a great guy. He overcame challenges in his life and went on to serve others as a nurse. He loved people and was a welcoming person. In high school, Larry sang with the Soul Squad, was well liked and always was walking and smiling. He could be entertaining with The Group at Mrs. Davis' house where he was always welcomed. We will miss him like you, his family, will. He will never be forgotten because he left footprints in our minds and hearts.



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**Beulah M Davis** - May 18, 2020 at 03:51 PM

AC

“My prayers to the Terry family.



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**Annette Crawley** - May 18, 2020 at 01:41 PM

CJ

“Connie Judge-Jones lit a candle in memory of Mr. Larry Leon Stephenson



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**Connie Judge-Jones** - May 18, 2020 at 02:53 AM



“ *Larry was a very pleasant person and always dressed very well. He was my classmate from Huntington High School, Class of 1970 and sang in a group called The Soul Squad. My prayers and condolences are with the family. Rest in peace Dear Viking!*



Paula McGowan - May 17, 2020 at 09:46 PM



“ *Larry rest in peace my dear you are such a good friend we grew up in the same neighborhood always compassion pleasant and friendly to everyone may you find peace now with the father God bless love you friend for ever you may be gone but not forgotten amen 🙏❤️🥰*

Patricia Harris - May 16, 2020 at 06:32 PM



*Rip my Brother*

William Perkins - May 18, 2020 at 07:30 AM



*I was so saddened when I heard about your passing my thoughts and prayers are with you and your family. You have my deepest sympathy, gone but never forgotten ..... Mr. & Mrs. Wyoming Gilliam.*

veronica gilliam - May 22, 2020 at 03:38 AM