

The Life

Sunrise October 28, 1934

Sunset February 10, 2015

William E. Hardy

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"Billy"

Reflections of Life



## Mr. William Edward Hardy better known as "Billy Hardy"

was born on October 28, 1934. He was the 9<sup>th</sup> child of 10 children, born to the late Clifton Hardy and Emma Bishop in Roxobel, N.C.

Billy was raised in Bertie County and attended Bertie County Schools. In his early 20's, he moved to Paterson, New Jersey. Shortly after his arrival, he enlisted in the United States Army, serving with the 3<sup>rd</sup> Infantry Division.

After serving his country, he worked at Murray's Furniture Co. in downtown Paterson. During his employment, Billy came to the realization he had a natural talent for

preparing, sanding and retouching things to make them look new.

Being a people person and well-liked and loved by many, he could be found hanging with his buddies and listening to jazz and blues music. On occasion, he would even set it off by playing a tune on his saxophone or a piano.

Over the years, he found work in auto body shops utilizing his restoration skills. Word travels fast in the city. As such, "Billy" became a household name and was deemed the one to take your ride to when dents, scrapes and crashes occurred.

It wasn't long before Billy became a self-sufficient entrepreneur, opening his own auto body shop, "Hardy's Auto Body Shop", which he ran successfully for an astonishing 50+ years!

Billy was preceded in death by his parents, Clifton F. Hardy and Emma Bishop Hardy, sisters; Margaret Jane Lee, Emery Wilkins, Annie Mae Walton, Lucy Jacobs, and Barbara Garris, brothers; Roscoe N. Hardy, Curtis C. Hardy, and Felix Hardy.

Billy departed this life on Tuesday, February 10, 2015.

He leaves to cherish his memories, his son, Daniel Barnes and daughter-in-law, Sylvia Barnes of Ahoskie, NC; one grandson, Jason Barnes (Ashley); three great grandchildren, Keniya, Jayla and Alijah; one sister, Janet A. Farmer (Willie) of Greenville, NC; two sisters-in law, Magdaline Hardy and Ruth Hardy of Roxobel, NC; one brother-in-law, Robert E. Lee, Sr. of Lewiston, NC; and a host of nieces, nephews, relatives and friends. Wednesday, February 18, 2015 - 12:00 Noon

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Order of Service

Prelude

Processional

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Scripture Readings Old Testament New Testament

**Prayer of Comfort** 

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Acknowledgements & Remarks

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Words of Comfort Rev. Robert Walton Woodville Plains Baptist Church • Lewiston, NC

Recessional

## Final Disposition

Cedar Lawn Crematory Paterson, New Jersey

Asleep

I've closed my eyes and fallen asleep, So there's no reason for you to weep: This is a debt we all must pay. You will see me again someday. I've endured pain and sometimes sorrow, Now I don't have to worry about tomorrow. But life for you must go on, You must not worry because I'm gone. You stood beside me all the way, When I was down, you knew what to say ... You always told me, "get some rest," Let me sleep now, I've done my best. So please let me rest in peace, The tears you're shedding soon will cease. You'll soon realize this was meant to be. I thank God because He came for me.

-Author unknown

## Acknowledgement

The family of the late **William E. Hardy** wishes to acknowledge with deep appreciation the many expressions of love, concern and kindness shown to their family during this hour of bereavement. May God Bless and Keep You!

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