



## Mr. Ernest Dix Jr.

August 22, 1940 - October 12, 2025

Ernest Dix, Jr. (Mickey to some), passed away on October 12, 2025, at the Patriots Village Veterans Facility in Sumter, SC.

Ernest was born on August 22, 1940, to the late Ernest and Jessie Dicks in Sumter, SC.

In his early years, Ernest lived in Sumter, SC and moved to New York City to join his father. At 17, he asked his parents to give their permission to join the Marines, as he was underage. They agreed and he served honorably for four years.

As a teen, Ernest participated in amateur boxing and was a lifelong fan of the sport.

He also modeled. At the age of twenty-two, Ernest married the late Cora M. Gray and had three children, Michelle Coalmon, Erniece Gray and Ernest Dix, III (Junior).

In 1966, he joined the New York City Police Department as a Patrolman in the Housing Division, primarily serving in Harlem, NY, where he worked for 20 years.

In addition to being a police officer, he served in the National Guard for 18 years.

Post retirement, Ernest returned to his hometown of Sumter, SC.

In addition to his parents, Ernest was preceded in death by his sister, Juanita Pugh and brother, Romeo Hampton.

Ernest is survived by his children, Michelle, Erniece and Ernest. Three grandchildren, Imani McNeil, Jared Coalmon and Jeryce Knight as well as nieces, nephews and other extended family and friends. He also leaves behind his sister-cousins, Marie McDaniel, Frances Hill, and Victoria Mapp.

A memorial service celebrating Ernest's life will be held on Tuesday, October 28, 2025, at 11:00 am at Palmer Memorial Chapel in Sumter, SC. The burial will be at the Fort Jackson National Cemetery in Columbia, SC at 2:00 pm.

# Cemetery Details

## Fort Jackson National Cemetery

4170 Percival Road  
Columbia, SC 29223

# Previous Events

## Public Viewing

OCT **27**. 1:00 PM - 5:00 PM (ET)

Palmer Memorial Chapel - Sumter  
304 South Main Street  
Sumter, SC 29150  
(803) 773-3381  
palmermemorialchapel@sc.rr.com  
<https://www.palmermemorialchapel.com>

## Lie in State

OCT **28**. 9:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

Palmer Memorial Chapel  
304 South Main St.  
Sumter, SC 29150  
(803) 773-3381

## Funeral Service

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OCT 28. 11:00 AM (ET)

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## Burial

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OCT 28 (ET)

Fort Jackson National Cemetery

# Tribute Wall

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“ *Sending our sympathy and condolences and prayers.* ”



Tammy Harrison-Edwards & Family - October 24, 2025 at 06:13 AM

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“ *Earl L Dicks II purchased the Serene Retreat for the family of Mr. Ernest Dix Jr..* ”



Earl L Dicks II - October 23, 2025 at 09:20 PM

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“ *So sorry to hear this. We walked together in Sumter Mall. He will be missed* ”

Angie Parker - October 20, 2025 at 02:57 PM

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“ *My condolences and prayers to the family and relatives and family.* ”



Tammy Harrison-Edwards & Family - October 20, 2025 at 03:21 AM