



MSgt Lawrence Corley

November 16, 1928 - September 5, 2022

LAWRENCE CORLEY, 93, departed this life on Monday, September 5, 2022, after an extended illness. Lawrence, the youngest of seven children was born November 16, 1928 in Lexington, South Carolina to the late John Wesley Corley and Martha Allen Corley.

Lawrence was a member of Turner Memorial A.M.E. Church, where he participated in many church functions, and served on a number of auxiliaries which included: the Finance Committee, Trustee Board, Sunday school and a Class Leader. The church also honored him by naming him "Man of the Year."

He graduated from Lake View High School in West Columbia in 1947, where he was a standout football player. He continued his education at Allen University before joining the United States Air Force. He married his high school sweetheart Iline Washington and to this loving union of sixty one years, four children were born.

In 1969, Lawrence retired as a Master Sergeant from the Air Force finishing his career as a Flight Engineer on the C-130 Hercules Aircraft. During his time in service, he was assigned to several stateside bases, including Pope Air Force Base in North Carolina and Shaw Air Force Base in South Carolina. He also had a number of overseas tours of duty to the Azores, Alaska, France, Republic of Congo, Spain and multiple temporary duty tours to South Vietnam.

Post retirement Lawrence became an entrepreneur by owning and operating a well-known local business on Harden Street for over 15 years. It was affectionately known as “The little store with the BIG heart.”

Many activities brought Lawrence peace and joy including card tournaments, stamp collecting, tinkering on cars, and photography. He was a huge community advocate involved in organizations such as Save Our Community Club which donated annual food baskets for Holidays and children’s toys at Christmas. Lawrence also organized and served as President of the Highland Park Community Club establishing an annual corporate-sponsored community picnic.

Lawrence was preceded in death by both parents, his six siblings, a son-in-law Frank Merchant and daughter-in-law, Elyn Rosick and his beloved bride Iline W. Corley.

Those left to cherish precious memories are his four children: Sandra L. Corley Merchant, Lawrence A. "Larry" (Anna) Corley, Jr., Velma D. Corley, Anthony F. "Tony" Corley; seven grandchildren: DeAndra Green (James) Parker, Lawrence A. “Trey” (Casey) Corley, III, Erin Corley, Christopher "Chris" Corley, Brittany Merchant (Cory) Bazemore, DaVaris Hatten and Aileen Corley; two great-granddaughters, DeNia Green and Corinne Bazemore; and one great-grandson Avery Bazemore, one nephew Kelvin Ivery and a host of other relatives and dear friends.

Previous Events

Public Viewing

SEP **13.** 1:00 PM - 5:00 PM (ET)

Palmer Memorial Chapel - Columbia
1200 Fontaine Place
Columbia, SC 29223
(803) 786-6300
palmermemorialchapel@gmail.com
<https://www.palmermemorialchapel.com>

Celebration of Life

SEP **14.** 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (ET)

Turner Memorial AME Church
1122 Monticello St
West Columbia, SC 29169
(803) 796-0018

Interment

SEP **14.** 1:00 PM - 1:30 PM (ET)

Fort Jackson National Cemetery 1:00 PM
4170 Percival Road
Columbia, SC 29223

Tribute Wall



“ MSgt Lawrence Corley

October 04, 2023 at 11:33 AM



“ Family Of Mrs. Toleda Knox Addison lit a candle in memory of MSgt Lawrence Corley



Family of Mrs. Toleda Knox Addison - September 19, 2022 at 08:24 PM



“ Family Of Mrs. Toleda Knox Addison lit a candle in memory of MSgt Lawrence Corley



Family of Mrs. Toleda Knox Addison - September 18, 2022 at 11:29 PM



“ May time and cherished memories help to gently ease your sorrow, giving you hope and strength with each new day.

"May the Peace of the LORD be with you Always,"

Cynthia & Desmond Goines

Cynthia T. Goines - September 14, 2022 at 10:06 AM

EB

“ MSgt Lawrence Corley Family: It is sad to think you have lost someone so special, and though we can't know all you are going through, we want to tell you that we care and hope that loving memories of all you shared will help to comfort you. With our sympathy,
Highland Park Civic Club, I. Mazetta Alston, President

Elizabeth S. Bronson - September 13, 2022 at 02:32 PM

DA

“ RIP MSGT Lawrence Corley

The Hatten family



David - September 12, 2022 at 10:54 PM

RF

“ Sending our love and sincere condolences across the miles. Our prayers are with the family... Gardenia Sligh; Melvin & Cordelia Postell; Darrell Sligh; Bianca Sligh; Stephen & Elizabeth, Solomon and Shepherd Jones.

Ralph (decd) & Gardenia Sligh Family - September 12, 2022 at 07:11 PM

TF

“ The Ralph (decd) & Gardenia Sligh Family purchased the Lovely One Spathiphyllum Plant for the family of MSgt Lawrence Corley.



The Ralph (decd) & Gardenia Sligh Family - September 12, 2022 at 07:07 PM

KM

“ Kelvin, Tracey, Nikki, Colin and Mikayla purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of MSgt Lawrence Corley.



Kelvin, Tracey, Nikki, Colin and Mikayla - September 12, 2022
at 07:06 PM

IB

“ Sorry for your loss, Prayers gone up for the family...



Irene Bradley - September 11, 2022 at 09:45 PM

US

“ Uncle Richard and Aunt Ophelia Slack purchased the Beautiful Heart Bouquet for the family of MSgt Lawrence Corley.



Uncle Richard and Aunt Ophelia Slack - September 11, 2022
at 08:23 PM

VA

“ Mr. and Mrs. Victor Adams send sincere heartfelt condolences and deepest sympathy to MSGT Lawrence Corley's family. We will continue to keep the Corley family in our prayers during this time of tremendous loss.



Victor Adams - September 11, 2022 at 04:19 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of MSgt Lawrence Corley.*



September 10, 2022 at 07:45 PM



“ *Though there are no words to ease your pain, remember that he is now in heaven, in God's loving arms where he is now at peace. My prayers and sympathy to you and your family.*



“For though I am absent in body, I am with you in spirit, rejoicing to see your good order and the firmness of your faith in Christ.”

Colossians 2:5

“I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith.” 2 Timothy 4:7

Ret-MSG Tammy Harrison-Edwards & Family

Tammy Edwards - September 10, 2022 at 01:36 AM



“ *Hazel Belton lit a candle in memory of MSgt Lawrence Corley*



Hazel Belton - September 09, 2022 at 02:39 PM