



Eddie Ray Harbin, JD, LLB

July 24, 1938 - November 27, 2021

Captain Eddie Ray Harbin, USAF, Ret., 83, of Greenville, passed away November 27, 2021, at St. Francis Downtown Hospital.

Born in an agrarian area in the Pleasant Grove community near Greer, he was the youngest son of the late Arthur Harbin, Sr. and Eddie Hughes Harbin, farmers and peach growers. Educated in the public schools of Greer, he received his B.A. Degree in Political Science from The Citadel in 1960 and his Juris Doctor degree from the USC School of Law in 1963. He was a member of the Greenville and South Carolina Bar Associations, the American Bar Assoc., SC Trial Lawyer's Assoc., SC Claimant Attorney's Assoc. and the Greenville Association of Criminal Defense Lawyers. He previously was an associate member of the California and Korean Bar Associations. He was admitted to practice before the U.S. District Court in South Carolina and the Fourth Circuit Court of Appeals. He has practiced law for the past 58 years. He is listed in Who's Who in American Law, 1st Ed. And The National Registry of Who's Who in American Law.

He was a Mason and a Shriner (Former Captain of Hejaz Scooter Unit). He was a member of Sojourners, an Elk and officer of Wade Hampton Civitan Club having been selected "Man of the Year" for the 72-73 year. He was also a former officer of the Greenville County Taxpayer's Assoc.

He served as a Captain and Judge Advocate in the United States Air Force with the Strategic Air Command, Riverside, California, and U.S. Forces, Far East, Japan and South Korea. While in South Korea, he represented the

USAF on the Status of Forces Agreement Treaty negotiations between South Korea and the United States in 1965-66 and signed such on behalf of the USAF. He also served as an original member of the Greenville-Spartanburg Airport Environs Commission and authored the notification/limitations provisions in the deeds transferred in the affected area surrounding the Airport.

He served as Chairman of the Greenville City Republican Party from 1971-75, delegate to the City, County and State Republican Party and executive committeeman to the County Republican Party in 1972-74. He was the sole delegate from South Carolina to the Friends of Nixon conference in 1972. Over the years, he has been involved in several community issues as either chief or primary spokesman.

Surviving are three step-sons, John Hartigan (Joan) of Greensboro, NC, Chris Hill (Ali) of Greenville and Patrick Hartigan (Anastasia) of Augusta, GA, six grandsons and numerous nieces and nephews.

He was predeceased by his wife, Anne McAdams Harbin, two sisters, Florence Bruce and Faye Swafford Tenney and three brothers, Fred Harbin, Arthur Harbin, Jr. and Billy Harbin.

A funeral service will be held 2:00 p.m. Wednesday, December 1, 2021, at The Wood Mortuary Chapel. Burial will follow in Hillcrest Memory Gardens. Visitation will be held 12:00 until 1:45 p.m. Wednesday at the mortuary prior to the service.

Online condolences may be made at www.thewoodmortuary.com.

Cemetery Details

Hillcrest Memory Gardens

14050 East Wade Hampton Boulevard
Greer, SC 29651

Previous Events

Visitation

DEC 1. 12:00 PM - 1:45 PM (ET)

The Wood Mortuary, Inc.
300 West Poinsett Street
Greer, SC 29650
(864) 877-3351
woodmortuary@bellsouth.net

Service

DEC 1. 2:00 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall

CP

“ I’m so saddened to just hear about Eddie Ray’s passing, I always called him that, he was my family’s attorney for years and friends with my late mom and dad. He did a lot of legal work for them as well as me and my brother and sister and I always adored his character and his wonderful stories. He was a man you could put your trust in without question as a friend and an attorney and I feel blessed to have known him. Prayers for the family and friends, a great man!



Candace Poff - May 12, 2022 at 12:05 PM

JS

“ Our mutual friend, Rose, introduced me to Eddie Ray in the late 70's. R. I. P. my friend.

John R Sexton - December 09, 2021 at 01:42 PM

GI

“ Ed,
We are cousins (My great grandmother was Flora Moon Harbin). I just thought about you the other day. I will never forget the time you gave me solid advice as a nurse and as a (future/now) nurse practitioner years ago when we last saw each other. you were very kind and very matter-of-fact and I appreciated that advice. It later served me well, so thank you. I actually wish I had gotten to know you more. May you rest in peace and may your family find comfort in your eternal memory. Thank you. <3



Gina - December 01, 2021 at 10:40 PM

AH

“ *Arzilla Harbin lit a candle in memory of Eddie Ray Harbin, JD, LLB*



Arzilla Harbin - November 30, 2021 at 09:31 AM

PA

“ *Paige lit a candle in memory of Eddie Ray Harbin, JD, LLB*



Paige - November 30, 2021 at 09:03 AM

TW

“ *We are so sorry for your loss. He will be greatly missed. He was a friend of our family for years. May God Bless each and every family member during this time of loss.*



Teddy and Janice Walls - November 29, 2021 at 09:27 PM

JH

“ *Joan M. Harbin lit a candle in memory of Eddie Ray Harbin, JD, LLB*



Joan M. Harbin - November 28, 2021 at 06:04 PM



“ *Blessed Heart was purchased for the family of Eddie Ray Harbin, JD, LLB.*



November 28, 2021 at 05:40 PM



“ *I am so sorry to learn of the passing of a friend. My prayers and sympathy for the family.*

Frances C. Southerland - November 28, 2021 at 09:26 AM



“ *Eddie Rae & I had a friendship that spans decades of many happy memories. His caring love of family, wonderful wisdom & understanding, honesty & humor made him my best friend years ago. He approved my husband prior to our marriage and I embraced Anne when she entered his life. We were like family and I will miss my dear friend tremendously. My prayers & love to family members and dear friends.*

Carole Hardy Kershaw

Carole Hardy Kershaw - November 27, 2021 at 11:24 PM