



## Richard Oliver Hardy

January 28, 1936 - April 27, 2023

### Obituary

Richard O. Hardy was born on January 28, 1936 and departed this life on April 27, 2023 at his granddaughter's home in Salisbury, Maryland. Richard was born to the late Richard A. Hardy and Harriet Ellis. He was eighty-seven (87) years old.

Richard was born and raised in Salisbury, Maryland. He attended Salisbury School in Salisbury, Maryland. Richard did venture out to Philadelphia, Pennsylvania during his younger days, where he met his wife, Mildred Hardy. Richard started his career at Pacifico Ford as a painter in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. He eventually relocated back to Salisbury, Maryland and retired from the company Good News in the early 1990s.

In Richard's spare time, he loved to read his Bible. He also loved having long conversations with his family members. As a result, he would eventually get the nickname "Professor." Richard loved painting and shellacking everything, LOL, even down to his shoes. Additionally, he loved doing yard work. But the everlasting thing he loved the most was GOD. He was a very simple man, and it took nothing to make him happy.

He is survived by: his two daughters, Denise Epps and Rochelle Hardy; his

two sons, Richard Hardy, Jr. and Ernest A. Smith, Sr.; son-in-law, David Hurst; daughter-in-law, Mary Jo Smith; two sisters, BettyMae Ellis and Doris Dickerson and a host of nieces, nephews, grandchildren, great grandchildren and great great grandchildren.

Richard was preceded in death by: his wife, Mildred Hardy; his three sons, Anthony Hardy, Craig Hardy and Lawrence Hardy; brother-in-law, Brooks Dickerson; son-in-law, Myron A Epps; brothers, Bill Ellis and Hollis Ellis and two sisters, Rosalie Hackney and Ann Hardy. .

Lovingly Submitted ~ The Family

# Previous Events

## Visitation

MAY 13. 9:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

Bennie Smith Life Celebration Center  
901 West Isabella Street  
Salisbury, MD 21801

## Funeral Service

MAY 13. 11:00 AM (ET)

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# Tribute Wall



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**Bennie Smith Funeral Home** - May 12, 2023 at 05:02 PM



“ *Your family was, our first friends, when we moved to the neighborhood. Thank you, for the LOVE, Counsel, and Friendship!!! I LOVE YOU! Missy, Kiana, and Rochelle, Yall already know! My Beautiful Family. We LOVE YOU! SO saddened right now! IKeep thinking of all the fun we all shared!*

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**Jacqueline Waters** - May 10, 2023 at 07:09 AM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Richard Oliver Hardy.*



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May 10, 2023 at 07:05 AM