



## A Tribute from the Family

*Love is a gift from God, a blessing that He alone allows us to share. No matter what we attempt to do in life, it is God who makes the decision of how we will live, whose life we will touch and the impression we will leave inside the hearts of all those we meet. Everyday is another opportunity to live life to the fullest, sharing the best part of all God created you to be. Our prayer for everyone is that you will live and share the best part of yourself with everyone you meet, just like Flick did and then ask God to grant you the serenity to accept the things you cannot change; the courage to change the things you can; and wisdom to know the difference.*

Mr. John Harold Hardy was born in born Philadelphia, Pa. on September 29, 1955, and was the son of the late Herbert and Margaret McKee Hardy. Flick, as he was affectionately called, passed away on Thursday, September 24, 2009, at the Presbyterian Hospital in Charlotte.

He was a graduate of Statesville High School and was honorably discharged from the United States Navy. His last employment was with the Iredell County School System. In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by his sister, Betty Jean Hardy Daniels; several aunts and uncles including Champ and Lucille S. McKee, who reared him. He was united in marriage to Wanda Stevenson Hardy, who survives.

Left to cherish the memory of his life in addition to his loving and devoted wife, Wanda are two daughters, Dimishi (Brian) Long of Statesville and Angel M. Hardy of the home; two God sons, J. David Moton, Jr. and Matthew B. Moton, both of Raleigh; two brothers, Herbert (Evangeline) Hardy, Jr. of Philadelphia, Pa. and William (Darlene) Knox of Atlanta, Georgia; one sister, Barbara Wray of Philadelphia, Pa.; two grandchildren, Kay Lynn Long and Jonathan Long, both of Statesville; his father-in-law, Raleigh Stevenson of Statesville; brothers-in-law and sisters-in-law, Randolph Stevenson, William (Tracy Speaks) Stevenson, Raleigh “Rock” Stevenson, and Robert Stevenson, all of Statesville, Sharon (Calvin) Easter of Charlotte and Bernardeane Moton of Statesville; a host of nieces and nephews including six special nephews, Calvin “C.J” Easter and Keyonte Easter, both of Charlotte, Phillip Stevenson of Raleigh, Quan Turner, Kalab Stevenson and Michael (Kay) Daniels, all of Statesville; a special niece, Dawn Gardner of Raleigh and Shanika Cotton of Statesville; many cousins including Tourean Hardy of Philadelphia, Pa. and Constance Adams of Statesville; Special Navy family, Kenneth Corbin of Philadelphia, Pa., Ronald Clark of Mobile, Alabama, Gary Spencer of Little Rock, Arkansas, Marvin Lynch of Cleveland, Ohio, Elijah “Tutt” Oliver of Lake Charles, Louisiana; Mark Coleman, Mike Duff and Comazel Caldwell of Madison Wisconsin and Able; special friends like brothers, Billy Overby, Charles Blackwell, Keith Keaton, Tim Wasson, Bert Overby, Doug Houpe, Billy Waddell; Terry Jean Holmes and Kenneth Grant; a special friend like a sister, Kay Knox of Statesville; and a host of aunts, uncles, cousins, other relatives, church family and friends.

The Family

## Diamond Flick... A HardY man.

Approximately 53 years, God released a “Diamond Brick” from **the Carolina Blue Skies and the Heavens up above.** It landed in a lake somewhere near South Philly and the Three Rivers Stadium. 53 year later, the impact of the splash can be felt worldwide. Each one of us represents a ripple from the “Diamond” splash, because he touched each one of us in a special way. That Brick changed his name to Flick and moved to Statesville, N. C. and became the “Pride of Garfield”. He illuminated the neighborhood and then the World as he sailed the seven seas as a Navy Shipman.

Upon his return to Statesville, he met the **love of his life**, Wanda Kaye Stevenson. The two married and God granted them two beautiful gems: a Dimishi Marie and an Angel called Monet. He was the Godfather to David and Matt, and inspired Calvin and Keyonte to excel in everything. John-John and Kaylynn were two sparkling jewels in his eyes, yes, “Hardy” was a husband, father, brother, friend, cousin, mentor, sailor, uncle, deacon, bro-in-law, coach, boxer, comedian, grampy, doctor, tarheel, steeler, truck driver and a phenomenal story teller.

God granted him the unique gift of gab. He could tell a story and you could see the impact of the characters as if you were there. He was a walking historian and a man of wisdom. He could recall, recite and remember any and everything. Several years ago, his sister Betty became ill and before she went home to be with the Lord, she had a premonition (vision) that she and Johnny were riding down the road in a truck. Johnny would be driving and she would be riding in the passenger seat (riding shotgun).

Well, according to the faithful prayer warriors, Kaye, Sharon, Mable, Bernardeane, Sheila, Faye and Maureen, Hardy said, “he was ready to go HOME.” He gave them the directions to take 77 North and he pointed towards Heaven. So as you look to the **Carolina Blue Sky toward Heaven up above**, imagine a “Diamond Flick” driving a truck on the Streets of Gold to his new address in eternity, where there are many mansions. Thanks for the joy which you have bestowed upon us. Rest in Peace, Bro-in-law.

Calvin

## Miss Me But Let Me Go

*When I come to the end of the road  
And the sun has set for me,  
I want no rites in a gloom-filled room.  
Why cry for a soul that is free?  
Miss me a little, but not too long  
And not with your head bowed low,  
Remember the love that we once shared  
Miss me-but let me go.  
For this is a journey that we all must take,  
And each must go alone,  
It's all a part of the master plan  
A step on the road home.  
When you are lonely and sick of heart,  
Go to the friends we know.  
And bury your sorrows in doing good deeds,  
Miss me-but let me go  
Submitted with love by the Family*

## The Family Visitation

2:00 p.m. until 3:00 p.m.

The Processional  
The Moments of Sharing (*Friends may visit with the family*)  
The Viewing of the Celebration Video  
The Remarks (*limit two minutes please*)

## The Order of Service

The Invocation

The Solo: “*There Is No One Else*” ..... Ms. Erica Marshall

The Scripture Readings  
Old Testament..... .. Pastor Timothy Bates  
New Testament .....

The Prayer of Comfort .....

The Duet..... Ms. Crystal Davis and Ms. Taylor Davis

The Acknowledgments

The Commemorative Presentation .....Funeral Director

The Special Reflections ..... Mr. Tim Wasson

The Solo: “*Choose To Encourage Yourself*” ..Ms. Brittany Campbell

The Eulogy .....Pastor Glenn J. Usry

The Recessional Selection

## At The Belmont Cemetery

*The Gathering of the Christian Community  
The Ritual of Consignment  
The Veterans Service  
Iredell County Veterans Service Council  
The Prayer of Benediction  
The Final Departure*

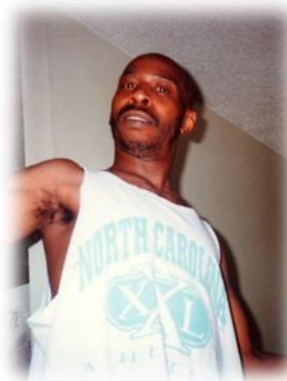
## Casket Bearers

Billy Overby, Charles Blackwell, Keith Keaton,  
Tim Wasson, Bert Overby, Doug Houpe,  
Billy Waddell; Terry Jean Holmes  
Kenneth Grant and Buster Watts

## Flower Bearers

Friends





# A Celebration for the Life of Mr. John "Flick" Hardy



## With Sincere Gratitude

*Our Family deeply appreciates the many acts of sympathy you have shown to us during the illness and passing of our loved one. . The beautiful cards of sympathy, your prayers, visits and your presence today warms our hearts. We are confident that our loss is heavens gain. Continue to lift our family in prayer. Thank you and may God richly bless each of you.*

*The Family~*

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 28, 2009  
3:00 P. M.

CHRISTIAN OUTREACH OF THE PIEDMONT  
STATESVILLE, NORTH CAROLINA

REVEREND GLENN J. USRY, PASTOR  
OFFICIATING

