



Mr. Marion Lampkin III

December 19, 1941 - February 12, 2026

Mr. Marion Lampkin, III, 84, Biloxi, MS formerly of Peoria, IL, transitioned from this life to eternal rest at 5:39 pm on Thursday, February 12, 2026 at Biloxi Veterans Medical Healthcare Center, Biloxi, MS.

Marion was born on December 19, 1941, in Peoria, IL to Marion, Jr. and Ouckevious (Daniels) Lampkin.

Marion graduated from Woodruff High School where he excelled in basketball, football, and track. He later joined the Marines and after returning home from military service he worked for Caterpillar Tractor Company retiring after 30 years. He also served in the Air National Guard retiring after 23 years of service.

Marion gave his life to Christ at a young age. He was a member of Morning Star M.B. Church for over 60 years under the leaderships of the late Rev. John Henry Rodgers, the late Rev. Calvin Hightower, Sr. and the Rev. Cleveland Thomas, Sr. He served as a choir member in the male chorus, young adult choir, trustee and finance department. Marion later joined Zion Baptist Church under the leadership of Pastor Samuel Duren. He enjoyed being a Den Cub Scout Leader, refereeing high school basketball events, coaching the Jr. TNBA (The National Bowling Association) and attending Drake Relays track and field events. Marion was

an avid bowler, pool shooter, dancer, card player (especially Bid Whist). He also had a passion for cutting grass for people in the neighborhood. He also, was a faithful donor of giving blood to the Red Cross for over 20 years.

Marion leaves to cherish his memory, his loving wife Elizabeth "Betty Lou" Lampkin of Biloxi, MS; five children: Vivian Rutherford of Peoria, IL,; Joseph McKinley of Biloxi, MS,; Lisa Lampkin of Las Vegas, NV,; Aleta Derricho of Austell, GA,; and Marion "Shotty" Lampkin, IV of Peoria, IL; two brothers, Mark Lampkin of Vallejo, CA and Marvin Lampkin of San Francisco, CA; one sister, Michelle Watson (JD Watson) of Elk Grove, CA; sister-in-law, Rosemary Clemmer of Peoria, IL; thirteen grandchildren; five great grandchildren; a host of nieces, nephews; special friends, Kevin Kyle, JB Little and Charles Cook; a special thanks to his caregivers; Kendrick Nellum of Peoria, IL, Errol Livingston of Gulfport, MS, Renee Kennedy of Moss Point, MS, All About Best Care Community Residencial Care, Gautier, MS, and other relatives and friends who loved him. He was preceded in death by his parents; one grandchild, Shelisha White and his aunt, Maggie Bradley.

Graveside services were held at 11 am on Thursday, February 19, 2026 at Biloxi National Cemetery, 400 Veterans Ave., Biloxi, MS 39531 with Military Honors.

Rodney D. Swilley-Unity Funeral Home & Cremation Services, 4900 Main Street, Miss Point, MS 39563 was entrusted with arrangements.

A Memorial Service will be held on Friday March 27th 2026 11am at Zion Baptist Church in Peoria, IL. Pastor Samuel Duren will officiate.

Simons Mortuary has been entrusted with local arrangements. Online condolences may be shared at SimonsMortuary.com.

Previous Events

Gathering

MAR 27. 10:30 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

Zion Baptist Church
323 W.Martin Luther King Drive
Peoria, IL 61605

Memorial Service

MAR 27. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (CT)

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323 W.Martin Luther King Drive
Peoria, IL 61605

Tribute Wall

S1

“ 2 files added to the tribute wall



S. D. Anderson, WHS Class 1965 - April 17 at 10:57 AM

S1

“ The Peoria, IL Woodruff HS Warrior Nation mourns the loss of a fellow alum.



S. D. Anderson, WHS Class 1965 - April 17 at 10:42 AM

LS

“ “Condolences” to our family from Charlie and Loretta Simpson



Loretta Simpson - March 31 at 01:53 PM

MY

“ Michael Y. purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Mr. Marion Lampkin III.



Michael Y. - March 25 at 01:06 PM

MY

“ Michael Y. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Mr. Marion Lampkin III.

Michael Y. - March 25 at 01:06 PM

CK

“ Fly high dear Cousin, sending my sincere condolences to my Family.



Carma Kimber - March 24 at 04:07 PM

B(

“ Brenda Cayson (Rudd) lit a candle in memory of Marion Lampkin



Brenda Cayson (Rudd) - March 24 at 03:24 PM

SN

“ *Continue to Rest in Heavenly Peace Cousin*

Sally Nelson - March 24 at 01:00 PM

MY

“ *My deepest sympathies are extended to The Lampkin Family.*

May your many memories and faith be sources strength as you face the days ahead.

Please know that you are in the thoughts and prayers of many.

Michael Young, Washington, D.C.

Michael Young - March 24 at 09:16 AM

PW

“ *Prayers for strength and comfort* 🙏❤️🙏



Patricia Ward - March 09 at 07:16 AM

RW

“ *Richard and Theresa Walker lit a candle in memory of Marion Lampkin*



Richard and Theresa Walker - March 02 at 06:19 PM

JF

“ Sorry to hear of your loss Lampkin Family



Jones Family - March 02 at 03:00 AM

SJ

“ Shawn Jackson-Hughes lit a candle in memory of Marion Lampkin



Shawn Jackson-Hughes - February 27 at 01:28 PM

AB

“ Anita Brown lit a candle in memory of Marion Lampkin



Anita Brown - February 27 at 10:39 AM

EL

“ My condolence, thoughts of love and prayers goes to my relatives. Marion was a great person throughout his entire life and he was a strong support. He will be missed.

Ella Lee - February 26 at 03:55 PM

KC

“ *Kathy Collins lit a candle in memory of Marion Lampkin*



Kathy Collins - February 26 at 02:44 PM

OM

Marion Was Such A Calm Gentleman So Soft Spoken And Kind A Friend Who Is Praying For His Family So Sorry For Your Loss Love Ozell MacNeary

Ozell MacNeary - March 08 at 11:21 PM

EL

“ *Ella Lee lit a candle in memory of Marion Lampkin*



Ella Lee - February 26 at 01:56 PM

VL

“ From the Lois Hightower family
Marion was family to us as we grew up in his home as well as he shared many Sunday after church meals in my parents home in Peoria. There were many card games after dinner. So many celebrations. Sooooo many memories. Thank you 🙏 Marion for the beautiful memories. You were a strong 🦷 Black man to us, a family man, consistent, noble, loyal friend. My sincere condolences 🌸 with blessings, peace and much gratitude.

Verna Smith Laboy

Columbia, MO

Daughter of Frank and Lois Hightower

Verna Laboy - February 26 at 09:50 AM

AS

“ Angela Smith lit a candle in memory of Marion Lampkin



Angela Smith - February 26 at 01:53 AM

MB

“ My sincerest condolences to Betty, Vivian and the entire Lampkin family. Marion was a great neighbor and friend.



Mildred Baldon - February 25 at 09:53 PM

MA

“ *My Heartfelt condolences to the family. Marion was such a beautiful soul. May God surround Sis.Betty with comforting arms. God bless you family*

Marva - February 24 at 06:54 PM

MM

“ *Melvin M. McAfee lit a candle in memory of Marion Lampkin*



Melvin M. McAfee - February 24 at 03:09 PM

B(

“ *Brenda D Cayson (Rudd) lit a candle in memory of Marion Lampkin*



Brenda D Cayson (Rudd) - February 24 at 02:42 PM

LH

“ *My condolences to the family. Marion was a great person he will be missed.*

lee hamer - February 24 at 01:50 PM

EF

“ We are so sorry to hear this this couple watch
Me and brother grow up and my kids and
grandbabies you will be Miss Rest Up on
them beautiful Blue Clouds



Earline Foster - February 24 at 10:33 AM

LH

“ Linda Hardy lit a candle in memory of Marion
Lampkin



Linda Hardy - February 24 at 12:23 AM

SM

“ To Betty and Family
I'm very sorry to hear that Marion has passed. I pray that your
memories of his love and kindness will help to lift you up during this
time of sorrow.

Sue Marks - February 23 at 10:31 PM



“ Sending our condolences from the Danage
Family.



Michelle Sanders - February 23 at 09:52 PM

SW

“ Sonya Wade lit a candle in memory of Marion Lampkin



Sonya Wade - February 23 at 07:30 PM

SM

“ Siobhan Morris lit a candle in memory of Marion Lampkin



Siobhan Morris - February 23 at 04:01 PM

TF

“ The Cornish Family lit a candle in memory of Marion Lampkin



The Cornish Family - February 23 at 02:31 PM

DM

“ R.i.P From the Morris Family



Doris Morris - February 23 at 01:59 PM

SM

“ Mr. Lampkin you were one of the most upstanding and respected men I had the honor of getting to know you and Mrs. Betty had a beautiful family and life together I had and always will have the up most respect for you all may you rest in heavenly peace thank you for your service 🙏🇺🇸💔💙🕊️🙏

Siobhan Morris - February 23 at 01:58 PM

DD

“ Deborah Dailey-Easley lit a candle in memory of Marion Lampkin



Deborah Dailey-Easley - February 23 at 01:57 PM

AT

“ My sincerest condolences to the family 🙏🙏



Antoinette Thornton - February 23 at 01:31 PM

MW

Praying for you and your family'

Maxine Wortham - February 23 at 08:37 PM

OM

Betty Lou And Family So Sorry For Your Loss Love Ozell MacNeary

Ozell MacNeary - March 08 at 11:37 PM

RS

*My sincere condolences to Betty Lou and the Lampkin family. Knew Marion from the old school Taft Homes and we were stationed about 4 blocks away from each other at Camp Pendleton California in the Marine Corp, played basketball in the same regiment . Lamp was a really good all around athlete. He and Jim Pearson, Lamp #26, Jim #27 was two dynamic running backs for the Woodruff Warriors known as " The Terror Twins"; some called them " The Touchdown Twins", both accurate descriptions to opposing defenses. They were both 3 sport varsity athletes who excelled in their sports and were very good friends. Marion was a great person off the athletic field. His father was a highly respected man in our community and raised Marion to be the person he grew up to be.
Rest in peace "Lamp" and Semper Fi brother.*

Raymond & Mary Smith

Raymond Smith - March 10 at 05:31 PM