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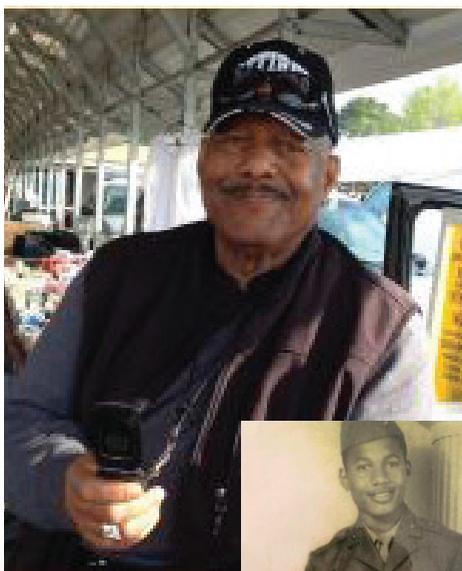
Original Montford Point Marine

Mr. Nathaniel E. Harris

1929 - April 27, 2021

Nathaniel "Nate" was raised in Portsmouth, Virginia by his Grandparents. His loving Grandparents gave him a strong sense of responsibility and work ethic that carried throughout his life. He departed this earthly life on Tuesday, April 27, 2021. Nathaniel entered the United States Marine Corps at a very young age as one of the first African American Soldiers who ultimately helped desegregate the Marine Corps. During his time, he was fortunate enough to meet his wife and grow his family. While serving, he completed his College, Advanced Certifications and obtained various awards: The Montford Point - Camp Lejeune, NC - Congressional Gold Medal, Korean Service Medal, National Defense Service Medal, and the United Nations Ribbon.

Additionally, he received the honor of singing for the Queen of England in the Military Chior. After Nate's retirement from the military, he relocated to Maryland with his family.



He spent several years as a Special Education teacher, while managing other careers. In his early seventies, he retired from teaching and moved back to Portsmouth and started his own business. If Nathaniel was not working, he was an enthusiastic movie goer, chess player, and BB King music lover (one of his favorite artists to 'Groove' to).

Nathaniel protected and guided the people he loved and loved him. He kept high standards of behavior for himself and was always willing to help those in need. His feelings about life, love, and family were expressed in his Word Art: "A man must stand by his word, A man must be committed to having a plan, A hard head makes a soft behind" In his last days, he was surrounded by his daughter, grandchildren, great-grandchildren and friends

