



Orlando Harrison Mariner Jr.

February 4, 1943 - December 31, 2020

Orlando Harrison Mariner, Jr., of Snow Hill, passed away on Thursday, December 31, 2020 at TidalHealth-Peninsula Regional in Salisbury, Maryland. He was born on February 4, 1943 in Pocomoke, a son of the late Orlando H. Mariner, Sr. and Sarah Frances (Trader) Mariner.

He is survived by his wife of 57 years, Ethel Mae Mariner; a son, Orlando H. "Mike" Mariner, III and his wife, April of Snow Hill; grandson, Jesse Mariner; brothers, Richard and Jerry Mariner; sister-in-law, Mary Ann Melson; special niece, Carol Hudson; special nephew, Robert "Bobby" Franklin; and several nieces and nephews.

Harrison worked for the Maryland Department of Agriculture for 55 years. He loved his family, especially the time spent with his grandson, Jesse. They always enjoyed building with Legos together.

Services will be private.

In memory of Mr. Mariner, contributions may be sent to Coastal Hospice, P.O. Box 1733, Salisbury, MD 21802 or to the Snow Hill Volunteer Fire Company, P.O. Box 83, Snow Hill, MD 21863.

Arrangements are in the care of Short Funeral Home in Delmar. Online condolences may be sent to the family by visiting www.shortfh.com.

Tribute Wall



“ *Orlando Harrison Mariner Jr.*

January 29, 2023 at 01:28 PM



“ *I had the good fortune to be associated with Harrison through the MD Dept of Agriculture. Harrison was a rare breed of individuals who stepped beyond their origins of mechanics and machines into the highly complex world of computers and satellite technologies involved in modern mosquito control practices. Not only that, but there wasn't any thing he couldn't fix nor any part he couldn't fabricate in his shop. He was one of a kind.*
Michael Cantwell, MDA retired

mike cantwell - January 21, 2021 at 09:20 AM



“ *My thoughts and prayers go out to the family. I have lost a good and faithful friend, will miss our talks and laughs. A good man and true friend!!*

Jim Williams - January 17, 2021 at 06:35 PM



“ *Mark Steininger lit a candle in memory of Orlando Harrison Mariner Jr.*



Mark Steininger - January 10, 2021 at 06:51 PM

MS

“ Pops, you are my hero! You were my second father and still am. You did so much for me and the family was behind me 100 percent. I'm not innocent but you never turned you back on me. You helped with our race car which I will never forget. And even in my worst days with severe back problems, you got me a job in Snow hill with the state until I got disability. I miss you so much and will forever love you and the family forever. God bless and RIP.

Mark Steininger - January 09, 2021 at 10:15 PM

AW

“ Harrison was definitely a jack of all trades and we will not know what to do without him at mosquito control I am so sorry for the Mariner family. He talked about you guys all of the time. About how happy he was that he still had Ethel with him even through her disease. How much he loved having Jesse spend the weekends with them and building Lego sets and teaching Jesse how to work on equipment. Harrison has taught me a lot and I will miss him very much.

Alicia Walsh

Alicia Walsh - January 08, 2021 at 12:57 PM

KR

“ I have known Harrison and Ethel for 20 years since I have been with Mosquito Control. He and Ethel made the perfect couple. Harrison was one of the nicest most helpful person I have ever known. He will be Sincerely Missed.

Karen Richardson

Karen Richardson - January 07, 2021 at 08:57 AM

MT

“ *A great man.*

Mark Taylor - January 07, 2021 at 08:37 AM

TO

“ *Tara Owens lit a candle in memory of Orlando Harrison Mariner Jr.*



Tara Owens - January 06, 2021 at 10:19 PM

EO

“ *I'm so very sorry to hear of his passing. My thoughts and prayers are with Ethel and the family.*
Ellen Bounds Owens

Ellen Bounds Owens - January 06, 2021 at 02:22 PM

JB

“ *Dear family,*

I will always remember Harrison and Dad planting gardens and doing woodworking and remodeling together. He was part of our family and a good friend. He will be missed greatly.

Jeanie Brown Bozman

jeanie bozman - January 06, 2021 at 12:01 PM

MD

“ *My condolences to the Mariner family. I had the privilege to drive to Salisbury and meet with Harrison and Ethel, to finalize his Jan 2010 retirement from MDA after 47 years. He didn't stay away long, and we hired him back a few months later to help out in the spray season - this lasted another ten years! He leaves a legacy of hard work and lasting contributions to the department, along with many cherished memories to the mosquito control team.*

Mary Darling - January 05, 2021 at 08:48 PM

KH

“ *May all of the fond memories you share keep him alive in your heart and soul forever and ever. My heart goes out to the entire mariner family during this time.*

Kelly L Henry - January 05, 2021 at 03:49 PM

KA

“ *Kim Arnold lit a candle in memory of Orlando Harrison Mariner Jr.*



Kim Arnold - January 05, 2021 at 03:05 PM

KB

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Kyle Brinson - January 05, 2021 at 01:07 PM

KB

“ I worked with Harry for fifteen years and got to know him very well. Many conversations were had sitting around his desk on a cold winter day, while eating peanuts from the tools salesman. He knew so much about various tools and engine repair, learning over the years and starting out working at a bicycle shop. I always bragged to people that Harry could build a generator from an old commode, a paperclip and a rubber band! He was creative and could build or manufacture so many things. I learned a lot from him, not just about how to use tools but also about life. I will miss him a lot. My heartfelt condolences to the family. Harry spoke a great deal of his family, as they meant the world to him. He was so proud of his grandson, Jesse, and valued time spent with him. Oh how he bragged about Jesse! His son was the pride and joy that all fathers see in their children and Harry was so proud of the man that Mike had become. He had the fondest memories of his wife Ethel. He spoke so highly of her. He loved her tremendously and kept her close in his heart. He bragged about how great of a cook she was, and how much she was a guiding angel in his life. His family gave him great purpose in life. He cherished them so much and they made him a happy man.

Kyle Brinson - January 05, 2021 at 11:33 AM

JK

OHM thats what I have in my cellphone to call Harry. We had a very good working relationship and he taught me everything I know as far as ULV sprayers fir Mosquito Control. Harry was a 21st century "Macgyver" He could fix anything. He was a good friend who on occasion we would share a McDonald's breakfast before the rest of the staff arrived. The conversation always went to his beloved Ethel. He loved her so much it was hard for him to see her Alzheimers progress. He adored his grandson Jesse. He would go get him & Ethel breakfast before he went to work.. Harrison loved to tinker on Club Cadet lawn motors, and when Blessing of the Combines rolled around he was ready to show off his spifed up lawnmotors. I will miss Harry very much and send me deepest condolences to his family.

Jeani Kerley - January 05, 2021 at 12:56 PM

LR

“ It's hard to put into words how much we will miss Harrison. He was such a gentle, kind man, with so much knowledge. There was more than one time I know I woke him up at night with an issue with my sprayer, but he never got upset with the late calls, he just took it in stride and told me how to try to fix it. I knew he liked donuts so when I would come to the office I always made sure I had donuts in the box he liked to eat. He would tell me I'm not suppose to eat these...as he took a bite. Harrison will be missed in many ways by many of us who have had the pleasure of knowing him. I feel blessed to have met him and called him my friend. Linda & Dick Renfro

Linda Renfro - January 05, 2021 at 11:15 AM

DS

“ Ethel, Mike, April, Jesse and family, we are thinking of you and keeping all of you in our prayers. Harrison was truly a kind, honest, hard-working and gentle man who loved his family deeply. I worked with Harrison for many years and not only was he a coworker, but he became a close family friend who will be missed greatly. Over all of these years, we shared many great times and conversations together during which he would tell me about the fun times he shared with all of you. I hope you will find comfort in the many fond memories you have of him. With deepest sympathy, Dan, Kari and Nathan Schamberger

Daniel Schamberger - January 04, 2021 at 10:05 PM

CW

“ I will miss seeing Mr. Harrison drive by our house, always waiving. I will remember seeing Jesse sitting in the big chair as his Pop-Pop pulled him with the lawnmower. Jesse was always smiling and, of course, waiving... just like Mr. Harrison. Frank and I will miss our neighbor and all the kindness he showed so many.

Connie West - January 04, 2021 at 07:09 PM

CT

“ I only knew Harrison through my son-in-law, Dan Schamberger who absolutely thought the world of Harrison. He worked with Dan for many years. I remember Ethel making my daughter and Dan's wedding cake. Such wonderful people. Please know our thoughts and prayers are with all of you! Dale and Christine Trader

christine Trader - January 04, 2021 at 05:33 PM