



## Harrel Emerson Acton Jr.

June 2, 1950 - September 21, 2024

Harrel Emerson Acton, Jr., age 74 of Fultondale, passed away September 21, 2024. He is preceded in death by his parents Harrel Emerson Acton, Sr. and Wanda Gale Wheeler Acton. Harrel is survived by his loving wife of 51 years Nancy Key Acton; son, Harrel Emerson Acton, III (Rhoda Serato); grandson, Harrel Emerson Acton IV; siblings Judi Acton Anya Farmer (Jim), Rufus Brannon Acton (Sherry), Carol Acton Bryant (Larry) and Laura Acton Dunne (Joe) as well as a host of nieces, nephews, extended family members and friends. Harrel loved his family deeply. He was a kindhearted man with a good sense of humor. He always had a smile on his face and was always up for a joke. Harrel loved people and never met a stranger. He enjoyed watching his son play sports when he was young. He was one of the fathers who was always present at his son's baseball and football games. Harrel and his son also enjoyed watching football together. He also enjoyed dining out and spending time with his family. He served as a Corporal in the Marines during the Vietnam War where he earned several service awards for his bravery in combat. Funeral services to honor his life will be held at Gardendale Heritage Funeral Home at 11 am on Friday, September 27, 2024. The family will have visitation for one hour prior to service time. Burial with military honors will follow at Oakwood Memorial Gardens. Pastor Larry (Delois) Bolling will officiate.

# Cemetery Details

## Oakwood Memorial Gardens

2100 Moncrief Rd  
Gardendale, AL 35071

# Previous Events

## Visitation

SEP 27. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

Gardendale Heritage Funeral Home  
2214 Decatur Highway  
Gardendale  
Gardendale, AL 35071

## Chapel Service

SEP 27. 11:00 AM (CT)

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# Tribute Wall

DS

“ Donna and Joel Stevenson purchased the *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum* for the family of Harrel Emerson Acton Jr..



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**Donna and Joel Stevenson** - September 27, 2024 at 10:56 AM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Harrel Emerson Acton Jr..



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September 26, 2024 at 12:20 PM

RT

“ Rhonda and Robin Taylor planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Harrel Emerson Acton Jr..

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**Rhonda and Robin Taylor** - September 26, 2024 at 12:20 PM

PB

“ Pamela B. purchased the *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum* for the family of Harrel Emerson Acton Jr..



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**Pamela B.** - September 26, 2024 at 08:48 AM

TB

“ *The Montgomery Crew, Connie Buckalew purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Harrel Emerson Acton Jr..*



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**The Montgomery Crew, Connie Buckalew** - September 25, 2024 at 06:50 PM

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“ *Hydro Modernization and North GA Hydro purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of Harrel Emerson Acton Jr..*



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**Hydro Modernization and North GA Hydro** - September 25, 2024 at 05:50 PM