



## Mr. Harrison Dixon

August 20, 1939 - March 7, 2026

Mr. Harrison Dixon passed away on Saturday, March 7, 2026 at his home in Opelika, AL. There will be no public visitation for Mr. Dixon on Friday, March 13, 2026.

Harrison Dixon, a loving and devoted husband, educator, mentor, and servant of God and his

community, was born on August 20, 1939, to the late Bertha Patterson in Opelika, Alabama. He

peacefully passed away on Saturday, March 7, 2026. He attended J. W. Darden High School and graduated in 1968. After graduating, he attended Alabama State University, where he received a bachelor's degree in Elementary Education. He began his teaching career in Metter, Georgia. After working there for two years, he moved to Warren, Ohio, where he met and married Shirley McClendon. Following their marriage, they moved to Dayton, Ohio, where he served as an elementary school teacher and girls' basketball coach.

During his tenure, he attended Miami University in Oxford, Ohio, where he received a master's

degree in educational administration and was later hired as a principal.

His dedication to young people extended beyond the classroom. He loved young people and worked

diligently to serve as their mentor. His life's commitment was to do all he could to support,

encourage, and secure scholarships for the continuation of their education. It was also important to

him that they understand the value of “giving back.”

Harrison was also an avid golfer and worked with young people who were interested in the sport.

Following his retirement from the Dayton Public School System after thirty years of service, he

served as a golf coach at Alabama State University. Harrison and Shirley moved back to Alabama

following her retirement from the Dayton Public School System.

He was a Life Member of Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity, Inc., a Life Member of the Alabama State

University National Alumni Association, a member of the Lee County Chapter of the Alabama State

University Alumni Association, and a member of the Auburn Chapter of the One Hundred Black

Men of America. He was also a member of the J. W. Darden Foundation.

Harrison was preceded in death by his sister, Mozell Jordan, and his brothers, Jesse L. Dixon and

Henry Dixon. He leaves to cherish his memory his wife of sixty years, Shirley Dixon; his sister, Ethel

Crews of Gurnee, Illinois; and his nieces and nephews: Deidre Nikole Dixon of Rex, Georgia; Bertha

(Eddie) Huguley of Columbus, Georgia; Ivan (Jessica) Dixon of Columbus, Georgia; Marcus

(Christy) Dixon of Atlanta, Georgia; and Betty (Larry) Banks of Opelika, Alabama; along with a host

of great nieces and nephews, in

-laws, extended family members, and friends.

He loved God, and he loved his family.

# Cemetery Details

## Evergreen Cemetery

1409 Monroe Avenue  
Opelika, AL 36801

# Previous Events

## Lie in state

MAR 14. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

Greater Peace Missionary Baptist Church  
650 Jeter Avenue  
Opelika, AL 36801  
<http://www.greaterpeacechurch.org/>

## Service

MAR 14. 11:00 AM (CT)

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# Tribute Wall

ST

“ Sarah Thomas lit a candle in memory of Harrison Dixon



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**Sarah Thomas** - March 14 at 06:13 PM

DC

“ Harrison, better known to us as our founding father, is a beacon of light to ALL of us. The Traveling Girls Bid Whiz Group was founded in 2014 by Harrison. One day when Shirley was reminiscing about the good old days when we would meet at each other's houses once a month to play Bid Whiz, Harrison suggested to her that we reunite every two years somewhere because we were now spread out all over the country. Thanks to you Harrison, true, loving friends have reunited and re kindled their Girlfriend Bond. We love you to pieces. R.I.H. our Founding Father until we meet again. The Traveling Girlfriends, Ayon, Aloha, Carrie, Sarah, Shirley D., Shirley K., Doris J., (And as Always R.I.H. Martha Ann)

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**Doris Cameron** - March 14 at 05:07 PM

DC

“ Harrison, better known to all of us as our Founding Father, was a shining beacon in our lives. The Traveling Girls Bid Whiz Group was founded in 2014 because of a suggestion to Shirley by Harrison. We were a group of friends who would be at each other's houses once a month to play Bid Whiz. One day when Shirley was reminiscing about the good old days, he said why don't you meet up every two years somewhere as now we were all spread out. It has been wonderful Harrison , and it is all because of you that loving, true friendships were reunited. Your girls ALL love you to pieces. R.I.H. our founder until we meet again. ( Aloha,Ayon, Carrie, Sarah, Shirley D, Shirley K, Doris J. ( And as always R.I.H.) Martha Ann

Doris Cameron - March 14 at 04:36 PM

GW

“ Always happy to see y'all at our Dadeville branch, so sorry for your loss, Mrs. Dixon. Wishing you peace and comfort now and days ahead. GLORIA



G G Williams - March 13 at 09:08 PM

VA

“ To the man I called Daddy Dixon. You will always be remembered for the love and kindness you showered my family. I will never forget the love we both shared for Ole Bama State. I love you and Mama Dixon unconditionally. I will always remember you. Rest well Daddy Dixon.

Love always,  
Valerie,  
Alliyah,  
and Mattie

Valerie - March 11 at 10:15 PM

SH

“ *Harrison Dixon and I taught at Fairview Intermediate School in Dayton, Ohio. My condolences to Shirley and the entire family.*

Sharon - March 11 at 04:40 PM

LC

“ *Linda J Carter lit a candle in memory of Harrison Dixon*



Linda J Carter - March 10 at 07:42 PM

KW

“ *My condolences and heartfelt sympathy to the Dixon family. Prayers for peace, strength and comfort. Blessings*



Karen L. Williams - March 10 at 06:41 PM

WB

“ *To the Dixon Family , God , Faith , Family, Love, Respect , Memories shared and Received , Give a hug Today, Tomorrow, For a life Time, with a Smile. Family Love and Guidance ( priceless) most of all Memories, it was an honor to have met him , Thoughts and Prayers From The Bryant's And Calloway Family*



Winson Bryant - March 10 at 10:12 AM

GM

“ Gwendolyn Mitchell lit a candle in memory of Harrison Dixon



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**Gwendolyn Mitchell** - March 10 at 08:14 AM

CF

“ Clarence Taylor and family purchased the Beautiful Dreams for the family of Mr. Harrison Dixon.



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**Clarence Taylor and family** - March 10 at 03:45 AM

CT

“ So sorry to hear about the passing of Harrison. I hadn't seen him since 2024, and I tried to stay in touch with him and just last week I heard that he was in the hospital, and so so sorry to hear of his passing. We were classmates and lifelong friends. To Shirley and Ethel, you have my heartfelt condolences, and take comfort in knowing that he is free now, I know that God is, and always has been with you through these sad times and he will not leave you now. Rest in peace Termite, rest in peace. Clarence Taylor

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**Clarence Taylor** - March 10 at 03:23 AM