



Eugene VanHook

September 8, 1936 - November 4, 2020

On September 8, 1936, Eugene, affectionately known as “Dobby”, VanHook was born to Mary Ruth (Butler) and Lewis Napoleon VanHook in Prescott, Arkansas. At the age of 7, Dobby’s parents moved the family to Richmond, California where he began and continued his education in local schools graduating from Berkeley High School in 1954.

After graduation, Dobby volunteered to serve in the U. S. Air Force, serving until he was injured and honorably discharged.. He enjoyed his time of military service where he made many friends, many of which he would invite and bring home to meet his family. He loved and shared his life with his whole family.

Dobby participated in many activities as he was a quick learner being able to catch-on and learn to do things without formal training. He learned to play the piano by just watching his father and aunt Hattie play and was able to successfully play for choirs and group .He came from a musical family and had a beautiful singing voice which would remind you of Charles Brown. He freely gave of his time helping others. He accepted Jesus Christ as his Lord and Savior at an early age and lived a Christian life until his death. He held current membership with Parchester First Baptist Church, Richmond, CA where Rev. Marcus VanHook, Sr. is Pastor.

Dobby was preceded in death by his parents and three of his siblings: Ruby Mae Woolridge, Clotee Willis and Rayfield VanHook. He leaves to cherish his memories remaining siblings: Clarence VanHook (Jeffrey Mae) of Guinda, California; Clarice Williams of Richmond,

California, Shelby Brown of Union City, California, Armistice Bailey of San Jose, California, Florenzo VanHook of Albany, California and Samuel VanHook (Catherine) of Vallejo, California; Children; Cassaundra May (Calvin) of Maple Valley, Washington, Rodney VanHook and Shiela Aranda (Ricky of Richmond, CA; Allegra VanHook Andrews of Chicago, IL and many grandchildren, nieces and nephews and other relatives and friends.

Previous Events

Viewing

NOV **18**. 11:00 AM - 6:00 PM (PT)

Harris Funeral Home Legacy Center
1331 San Pablo Ave.
Berkeley, CA 94702
(510) 525-1331
<http://www.harrisfuneralhomelegacycenter.com>

Service

NOV **19**. 10:00 AM (PT)

Harris Funeral Home Legacy Center
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Interment

NOV **19**. 12:30 PM (PT)

Sacramento Valley National Cemetery
5810 Midway Road
Dixon, CA 95620

Tribute Wall



“ Harris Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Eugene VanHook



Harris Funeral Home - November 18, 2020 at 04:27 PM

BH

I am so thankful and blessed to be a part of the Vanhook family though my husband Leathon HARRIS. Good memories, food, singing and lots of laughter. This is a joy to always remember how the family always celebrated going home. I have good memories of Dobby Thank you. Cookie ❤️❤️❤️100

Beverly HARRIS - November 23, 2020 at 11:16 AM



“ Harris Funeral Home created a Webcast in memory of Eugene VanHook



Harris Funeral Home - November 16, 2020 at 12:38 PM



Niece candace hello.

Samuel Van Hook - November 19, 2020 at 01:55 PM

MB

God speed, Cousin Dobbie. <3

Michele Butler-Robinson - November 19, 2020 at 02:08 PM

PW

God bless Uncle Dobby in his new heavenly home! My prayers to the family and friends.

Paula Warren - November 19, 2020 at 02:10 PM

WS

  *Cousins!* 

wanda Scott - November 19, 2020 at 02:24 PM

AA

Thank you everyone for watching the webcast

Allegra Vanhook Andrews - November 19, 2020 at 02:27 PM

CA

Hi Uncle Sam!

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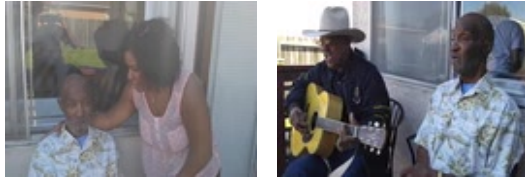
EM

“ *My mom said I was born Eugenia my brother Christopher they broke up when I was born I don't want nothing just to know if this is true his name was on my birth certificate on facebook Mamagina Monday*

Eugenia Monday - October 19, 2025 at 07:02 AM

CA

“ 2 files added to the album Memories Album



Candice - November 19, 2020 at 01:37 PM

RH

Thanks for sharing these videos! they are so very special

Rhonda - November 19, 2020 at 05:48 PM



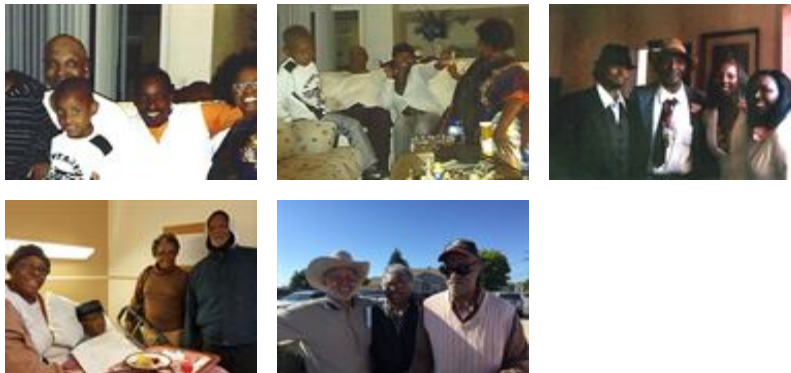
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Harris Funeral Home - November 18, 2020 at 06:45 PM



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Harris Funeral Home - November 18, 2020 at 04:15 PM



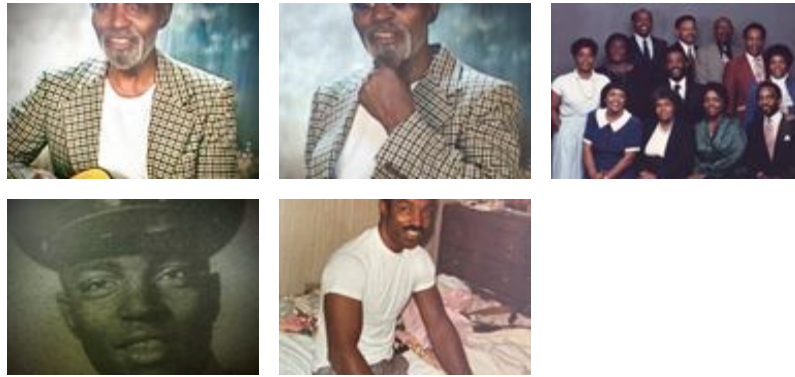
“ *Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Eugene VanHook.*



November 18, 2020 at 10:54 AM



“ *17 files added to the album Life Tributes*



Harris Funeral Home - November 17, 2020 at 08:54 PM



“ *Kenny and Lynora Bayless purchased the Strength & Solace Spray for the family of Eugene VanHook.*



Kenny and Lynora Bayless - November 17, 2020 at 04:29 PM

LH

“ *LaWanda Harris lit a candle in memory of Eugene VanHook*



LaWanda Harris - November 16, 2020 at 02:56 PM

LH

I will always remember "Uncle Dobby" fondly. He was my Dad Leathon Harris' first cousin, but I called my elder family members Aunt or Uncle. He was always kind and would give me a big hug when I saw him. I will miss him!💕💕

LaWanda Harris - November 16, 2020 at 03:04 PM

AA

Thank you for Sharing this memory. I appreciate your well wishes cousin.

Allegra Van Hook Andrews - November 17, 2020 at 01:45 PM

SH

We will truly miss Dobby. He was a fun filled loving cousin. He always had a smile and enjoyed laughter. RIP dear cousin. Love Robert and Sarah VanHook

Sarah Van Hook - November 17, 2020 at 08:03 PM

WS

“ *Wanda Scott lit a candle in memory of Eugene VanHook*



wanda Scott - November 15, 2020 at 04:35 AM