



Mr. Harry W. Harris Jr.

February 23, 1944 - May 26, 2026

Harry W. Harris Jr., 82, passed away peacefully on Tuesday, May 26, 2026. He was born on February 23, 1944, in Brinkley, Arkansas, to the late Harry and Josie Mae Harris Sr.

Harry spent his early years in Peoria, Illinois, where he attended Woodruff High School and graduated with the Class of 1963. During his high school years, he was a standout football player and was well known for his athletic ability on the field. Following graduation, he relocated to Flint, Michigan, where he began a career with General Motors. Through his years of dedicated employment, Harry exemplified a strong work ethic and commitment to providing for his family.

Harry was a quiet and thoughtful man who enjoyed learning about new experiences and emerging technology. He had a natural curiosity about the world and appreciated opportunities to explore and discover new things. He was known for his love of family, his kindness toward children, and his talent as a gardener. He also had a lifelong appreciation for automobiles and took pride in being a dependable provider for those he loved. Harry was a man of few words but many actions. He expressed his love and care not through grand speeches, but through his hard work, and willingness to help others.

Harry leaves to cherish his precious memories: his children: Darrell C.

Compton of Danville, IL; Harry Harris III of Flint, MI; Derrick(Angela) DeWayne Harris of Peoria, IL; Lewan Harris of Flint, MI; Shanita Connor of Indianapolis, IN; and Ivory Edwards of Flint, MI; two sisters, Darlene (Eddie) Washington of Peoria, IL, and Yolanda Wright of Chicago, IL; one uncle: Ralph Davis of Peoria, IL; one aunt, Minnie Williams of Peoria, IL; 26 grandchildren; 33 great-grandchildren; and a host of nieces, nephews, cousins, other relatives, and friends who will cherish his memory and miss him dearly.

Harry in addition to his parents, Harry Harris Sr. and Josie Mae Harris, was preceded in death by one grandson: Malik Harris.

A Celebration of Life Service will be held on Saturday, June 6, 2026, at St. Paul Baptist Church (114 W. Forrest Hill Ave Peoria, IL 61604) at 11:00 a.m. with visitation commencing one prior at 10:00 a.m. Pastor Deveraux Hubbard will officiate.

Harry will be laid to rest at Parkview Cemetery.

Harry's family would like to thank the staff of Bickford Cottages and Vitas Hospice for the care they provided over the years. Harry's legacy of hard work, devotion to family, and quiet strength will continue to live on in the hearts of all who knew and loved him. "Well done, good and faithful servant."

Arrangements were made especially for the "Harris" family and professionally directed by T.W. Parks Colonial Chapel. Live streaming can be viewed by clicking the link for TW Parks Facebook page at: https://www.facebook.com/tw_parkscolonialchapel.

Cemetery Details

Parkview Cemetery

2001 N. University
Peoria, IL

Previous Events

Visitation

JUN 6. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

St.Paul Baptist Church
114 W. Forrest Hill Ave
Peoria, IL 61603

Celebration of Life

JUN 6. 11:00 AM - 1:00 PM (CT)

St.Paul Baptist Church
114 W. Forrest Hill Ave
Peoria, IL 61603

Tribute Wall

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“ Teresa, Yamiah and family purchased the Gable Gift Box for the family of Mr. Harry W. Harris Jr..



Teresa, Yamiah and family - June 05 at 10:22 PM

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“ Teresa, Yamiah and family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Mr. Harry W. Harris Jr..

Teresa, Yamiah and family - June 05 at 10:22 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Mr. Harry W. Harris Jr..

June 05 at 05:45 PM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Mr. Harry W. Harris Jr..



June 04 at 05:30 PM

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“ Casey and Jacob Harris purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of Mr. Harry W. Harris Jr..



Casey and Jacob Harris - June 03 at 09:53 AM

MP

“ Mancy Pittman lit a candle in memory of Mr. Harry W. Harris Jr.



Mancy Pittman - June 03 at 12:18 AM

DW

“ To the bereaved family, Our deepest condolences and prayers. May you all find peace and comfort in the absence of your loved one as he rest in the arms of his Savior.



Minister Craig and Darlene Williams Family

Darlina Williams - June 02 at 06:44 PM

PM

“ My condolences and prayers 🙏 to Harris Family 🕊️ and to My Nephew Darrell Compton From Pam Byrd Moton



Pam Moton - June 02 at 09:22 AM

ED

“ To all the Harris families you have my deepest condolences in this difficult time. Look to the hills from whence all your help come from.



Excelento Davis - June 02 at 07:38 AM

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“ Excelento Davis sent a virtual gift in memory of Mr. Harry W. Harris Jr.



Excelento Davis - June 02 at 07:32 AM

FR

“ Felicia (Lisa) Reeves-Nunn lit a candle in memory of Mr. Harry W. Harris Jr.



Felicia (Lisa) Reeves-Nunn - June 02 at 06:20 AM

VB

“ To Lanwan Shinita Ivory Dewayn and others you have my sincere condolences and I will be praying for a safety travel



Virginia BullockGray - June 01 at 10:37 PM



“ To MY FAMILY I LOVE YALL & GOD got it from here□□□

Latrika Cagle - June 01 at 06:46 PM



“ To the Family of: Mr. Harry Harris Jr.- I was sorry hear that he had passed. I know that he is the land of , "no more". I pray God will comfort you as you contend with your loss. He will be missed and fondly remembered by all who knew and loved. Farewell "Handsome" Harry from the "Brain"!



Vickie Kingcade-King - May 30 at 04:30 PM



“ From Betty, Willie, & the Larry Family purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Mr. Harry W. Harris Jr..



From Betty, Willie, & the Larry Family - May 29 at 07:50 PM



“ Cuz u resting in peace with the family

Baker - May 29 at 11:00 AM

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“ To The Family of Mr. Harris Jr. I send my prayers for you all , My heart is heavy yet my soul rejoices. .No more pain, or suffering ... Mr. Harris has finished his course and now rest in the bosom of Our LORD And SAVIOR JESUS CHRIST..... My visits with him were always peaceful, & sometimes quiet ; either reading of a scripture , & prayer... As well me telling him Jesus loves you & so does your family.... He knew that he was loved .. That matters... Psalm 116:15 [confirms] Precious in the sight of the LORD is the death of his saints...! Deacon Phillip E. Hickman... ST.PAUL



Phillip E. H ickman - May 29 at 08:39 AM