



William Howard Harris Sr.

April 2, 2019

William Howard Harris, Sr., 82, went from labor to reward on Tuesday, April 2, 2019, peacefully in his home with loved ones by his side. Born in Seneca, South Carolina (Oconee County) to the late Dollie Mae Brown (Smith) and Booker T. Harris. William was raised in Lancaster County after his family migrated North to Columbia, Pennsylvania. He was married to the late, Loretta Mae Boynes-Harris, where they shared 48 years of marriage.

He was a proud graduate of J.P. McCaskey High School in Lancaster, Pennsylvania. William was a veteran of the United States Air Force, where he was stationed in Taipei, Taiwan working towards peace and resolution. After his time serving, he returned to Lancaster, Pennsylvania, where he worked at Flexsteel Industries for 43 years, and later retired as a quality control inspector. William attended Phrear School of Theology for a year, where he gained deeper knowledge and praxis in Biblical and Church Studies.

William served in the Central Baptist Association for over 30 years. After years of service, he became president of the Central Baptist Association Layman Ministries, and later became the Pennsylvania State Baptist President of the Layman Movement Ministries, where he served for four years.

He served as a dedicated Deacon Emeritus at his home church, the Ebenezer Baptist Church in Lancaster, PA where he was a member since 1952. He

served in the Food Bank Ministry for over 20 years. William was a member of the Senior Choir and active with Sunday School. He participated in Demonstrators Against Drug Dealing (D.A.D.D.) and was an encourager of community upliftment and neighborhood clean-ups in the Southeast sector of Lancaster. Everyone knew William was a proud and passionate Philadelphia Eagles fan.

William is survived by two children, William Howard Harris, Jr., wife Vanessa and Alicia L. Harris-Lundy; a sister Rosa M. Smith, sisters-in-law, Rose Cooper and Elder Mary Bair, seven grandchildren Brandon Stewart, Phillip Harris, wife Kathryn, Tanay Lynn Harris, Sherell Harris, Jamaal Lundy, Tre' Lundy and Darian Lundy, Jr., and a great-grandchild, Amon Jelani Wooten. William cherished his cousin, Rebecca Gantz, who he grew up with and shared a special bond. He will be missed by a huge host of nieces, nephews and cousins, whom he loved and adored. Additionally, he will be missed by a dear and special friend, Nettie Miller Cross.

Relatives, friends and community are respectfully invited to attend William's Life Celebration Service on Friday, April 12, 2019 at 12:30 p.m. at the Ebenezer Baptist Church, 701 N. Lime Street, Lancaster, PA, with Rev. Roland P. Forbes, Jr. officiating. Friends are welcome for the viewing hour beginning at 11:00 a.m. Interment will immediately follow the service at Conestoga Memorial Park.

Previous Events

Viewing

APR 12. 11:00 AM - 12:30 PM (ET)

Ebenezer Baptist Church
701 N. Lime Street
Lancaster, PA 17602

Celebration of Life Service

APR 12. 12:30 PM - 1:30 PM (ET)

Ebenezer Baptist Church
701 N. Lime Street
Lancaster, PA 17602

Tribute Wall



“ *William Howard Harris Sr.*

October 22, 2023 at 11:34 PM



“ *Deacon Harris was a great man who will be missed by many. Our family was truly blessed by knowing and sharing with him and his family.*

Rev.Dr. Aaron & Jean Willford - April 12, 2019 at 11:57 AM



“ *Verna George-Joseph lit a candle in memory of William Howard Harris Sr.*



Verna George-Joseph - April 12, 2019 at 08:15 AM



“ *James & Bonnie Morant lit a candle in memory of William Howard Harris Sr.*



James & Bonnie Morant - April 10, 2019 at 09:24 AM

LH

“ To Mr Harris Family,



I am so sorry to read of him leaving this life here on earth; but oh glory to gain eternal life is something we all strive to obtain. So much love in the Harris Family. Growing up, in school with you both, I will always remember that your DAD had such a radiant smile and always had an encouraging word or words of advice.

His love for GOD and his family is pure and what a legacy. Our parents never really teach how to live without them. For me, I choose to remind my loved ones the way to live on without someone is to treasure every moment you have with your loved ones, takes pictures/videos, even now silly snap chat photos to capture the many memories, the laughter, the songs, that you will always have this to cherish.

I had the pleasure of seeing Mr. Harris several times over the past two years at his home church which I often visited. My heartfelt condolences to the family. GOD BLESS

Lisa Homsher-Lewis - April 08, 2019 at 11:04 AM



“ *Being from Pittsburgh I grew up among rivers, as a child I would walk the river banks and notice at times heavier waves hitting the shore... I soon learned that these waves were caused by an earlier unseen ship that had passed by... Bill was a neighbor who I didn't know as well as I now wished, but I did know him, and Bill like that unseen ship is known to me as much by the waves that he left behind... YOU are those waves the legacy of a great ship now passed..*

You Bill's family and friends are now those waves..

Yes, I know Bill was a Blessed man.. When I see the quality not just of his life but of the glory of the ways he has left behind!

Because Christ Cares for me!

Gary

GaryRuth McFeaters - April 07, 2019 at 05:07 PM



waves not ways..above

GaryRuth McFeaters - April 07, 2019 at 05:09 PM



*Thank you Gary & Ruth!
-WJ*

Will Harris - April 07, 2019 at 07:48 PM



William Howard Harris Sr.'s legacy lives on through the light that shines through the life of William Howard Harris Jr. Although I never knew the Mr. Harris Sr, his godliness is evident in his son's witness. Will (Jr) is my friend and I grieve the loss of my friend's father. My condolences to all of the Harris family as they grieve the loss of their brother, father, and grandfather. God be with you until you meet again...! Dallas Wolgemuth

Dallas Wolgemuth - April 08, 2019 at 11:34 AM

VG

Sending Condolences to the Family . Mr William Harris was on of the calm spirited person I have ever met.

Verna George-Joseph - April 09, 2019 at 08:29 AM

MR

“ *Madge L. Robinson lit a candle in memory of William Howard Harris Sr.*



Madge L. Robinson - April 07, 2019 at 11:49 AM