

A Celebration of the Life of
John C. Harris

Sunrise

July 31, 1939

Sunset

February 14, 2011

Funeral Service

Monday, February 21, 2011 - 7:00 p.m.

Mt. Moriah A.M.E. Church

116-20 Francis Lewis Boulevard • Cambria Heights, NY 11411

Rev. Robert R. Lowe, Senior Pastor

Dea. George Francis - Dea. Carlyle Harrison, Officiants

Mr. Armel Johnson - Mr. Tyrone Mormon, Musicians

Order of Service

Musical Prelude

Processional

Invocation

Hymn Of Celebration

"Blessed Assurance"

Scripture

Old Testament - Ecclesiastics 3:1-9

New Testament - John 14: 1-7

Prayer of Comfort

Musical Selection

Ms. Claudia Johnson

Reflections

2 minutes each please

Cards, Telegrams , Condolences

Obituary

Musical Selection

Ms. Cheryl Johnson

Eulogy

Committal

Viewing

Benediction

Recessional

Interment

Calverton National Cemetery

Calverton, New York

(please turn on headlights and hazards for cemetery procession.)

Reflections of Life

John Charles Harris, Sr. was born in Passaic, NJ on July 31, 1939 to the late John Thomas and Charlena Harris. He was the first born of three children. John received his education in the NYC Public School system, attending Edward W. Stitt JHS and George Washington HS.

He entered into the armed forces, serving as a medic in the Army. In 1962, he married Llenore Ann Isles, who preceded him in death. This union produced two children, John, Jr. and Donna. Later on, a relationship with Patricia DeCuir produced his third child, Todd. He worked several jobs during his life, including Bankers Trust, American Totalizer, American Express and United Methodist Church.

Family was very important to him. Birthdays, cookouts and picnics were always a reason to get together. He loved his extended family, which ranged from the children he coached to his oldest friends. He was never at a loss for words, often giving advice from personal experiences. Many of the younger generation looked to him for guidance and leadership and he did not disappoint. He had the knack of mixing wisdom and humor (his "Pearls of Wisdom") which made everyone around him feel relaxed and comfortable.

John loved children and sports. He was active in the Cambria Heights Sports Association, where he coached boys basketball. He was also an active member of the men's softball league and later became the commissioner. Many Sundays he could be found in Cambria Park shooting the breeze with friends. He also loved bowling. John bowled in the Strivers Seniors league as well as Cambria Heights Mixed, where he held the position of Vice President.

Most of all, he loved life. Never to let grass grow under his feet, you would always find him going somewhere or doing something. He loved to be active. In 2009, he was involved in a car accident that left him hospitalized until his recent departure from this earth. Even faced with that tragic event, his lust for life never wavered. His spirits were up and the jokes kept coming. That's the way he would want to be remembered.

Leaving behind to celebrate his life are: his children, John (Tammy) Harris, Jr. (Queens Village, NY), Donna Harris and Todd Jason Harris both from Jamaica, NY; his siblings, Cornelius (Neil) Harris (Monticello, NY) and Le (Duchess) Harris-Bass (Cambria Heights, NY); his grandchildren, Tanisha Harris (Jamaica, NY), Jayson Harris (Brooklyn, NY), Jaylyn Harris and Tamara Paupaw (both of Queens Village, NY), Tiahra Prosper (Queens, NY); his great grandson, TreVon Harris-Williams (Jamaica, NY); his longtime companion, Tina Dodson (Jamaica, NY) and many loving nieces, nephews, cousins and friends.

I'm Free

Don't grieve for me, for now I'm free
I'm following the path God laid for me
I took his hand when I heard Him call
I turned my back and left it all.
I could not stay another day.

To laugh, to love, to work or play.
Tasks left undone must stay that way,
I found that peace at the close of day.

If my parting has left a void,
Then fill it up with remembered joy.
A friendship shared, a laugh, a kiss,
Oh, yes these things I too will miss.

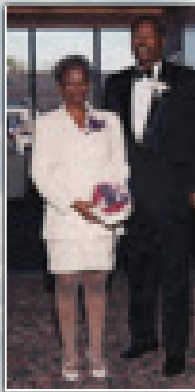
Be not burdened with times of sorrow,
I wish you the sunshine of tomorrow.

My life's been full, I savored much.
Good friends, good times, a loved one's touch.

Perhaps my time seemed all too brief,
Don't lengthen it now with undue grief.

Lift up your heart and share with me,
God wanted me now, He set me free!

-author unknown



Acknowledgement

With grateful hearts the family of the late **John C. Harris** acknowledges with deepest and sincerest heartfelt appreciation all acts of kindness, services provided, sources of comfort, thoughtfulness and respect shown to them during their bereavement. May God richly bless each of you for your outpouring of love and dedication.

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