

Home Going Celebration
For
Brother Samuel Harris

July 7th, 1932 – February 3rd, 2015



“A real man is one who rejects passivity, accepts responsibility, leads courageously, and expects the greater reward, God’s reward.”

Monday, February 9th 2015 - 11:00 a.m.

Blackwell Funeral Home

1292 Rauhut Street
Burlington, NC 27217

When I Must Leave

*When I must leave you for a little while
Please do not grieve and shed wild tears
And hug your sorrow to you through the years
But start out bravely with a gallant smile
And for my sake and in my name
Live on and do all things the same
Feed not your loneliness on empty days
But fill each waking hour in useful ways
Reach out your hand in comfort and in cheer
And I in turn will comfort you
And hold you near
And never, never be afraid to die
For I am waiting for you in the sky!*

-Helen Steiner Rice



Reflections of the Life of Samuel Harris



Samuel Harris was born

July 7th, 1932 to the late Sam Harris Jr. and Mary Lou Dixon Harris in Wylam, Alabama. At an early age, Sam accepted Christ as his personal savior. During his adolescence years he was

educated at Parker High School in Wylam, Alabama. In his young professional years he worked in the steel mill and later enlisted in the United States Air force while faithfully serving as an Air Policeman (1951). As a young professional he developed quickly by becoming the first black conductor for the Erie Lackawanna railroad while also being a true pioneer for other young black men in that field.

Holy Matrimony was another chapter, when he decided to share his passions with the love of his life, Katie M Harris. Together they became the proud parents of two sons and a daughter.

Sam moved to Jersey City, NJ in the early 60's where he lived until he moved to Williamstown NJ in 1996. He was a member of St. Matthews Baptist Church in Williamstown NJ.

Community activism was a element in his life when he organized and became the President of the Bergen/Lafayette Coalition in Jersey City, NJ as well as the Grant & Rose Avenue Block Association (1980).

During 1985 Jersey City mayor electoral race, Sam became Anthony R. Cucci's Campaign Manager, and later sat on the board as the third African American Democratic Chairman of Jersey City. He was also a Committee Man, Ward F. Leader and Chief Aide to Assembly Joseph Charles in New Jersey.

Entrepreneurial knowledge of many trades gave the gumption to be the Founder and President of 1st KayeMac Mortgage. Passionate for the organization and leadership led him to researching and locating family members while creating the first Chambers Family Reunion Tree. Another proud moment of his was developing and being the originator of the Harris, Grogins Family Reunion.

Reuniting at the heavenly gates will be his parents and siblings Nelson, Clyde, Calvin and Georgia Mae. Cherishing his memories are: his lovely and dedicated wife, **Katie Harris** of Williamstown, New Jersey; his proud sons, **MacArthur Harris** and daughter-in-law, Cheryl Harris of Corona Queens and caring **Samuel H. Harris** of Elizabeth of New Jersey and his devoted daughter, **Samantha Harris** of Far Rockaway, New York; a fond brother and his wife, Cornelius and Judith Harris of Birmingham, Alabama and Harris. Lastly, he leaves caring grandchildren, Sammara, Christian, Ryan, Deondra, Nasheem, Amari, Brandon, Breanna, and Jasmine who so loved their "Pop Pop" and a host of family and friends.

In closing, Sam Harris was a legacy crafter and a leader of many men.

"The lord is my light and my salvation; who shall I fear? I believe I shall see the goodness of the Lord in the land of the living." Psalms 27:1, 3



Order of Service

Processional Glance

Selection James Farmer

The Sacred Word

Old Testament Reverend Michael Chambers

New Testament Reverend Michael Chambers

Prayer of Comfort Dr. Levon Whitt Sr.

Musical Tribute Chenelle Williams

Reading of Obituary Betty Chambers

Reflections from Family and Friends
(Two Minutes Please)

Eulogy Edward Williams

Hymn James Farmer

Recessional

Interment

Alamance Memorial Park Mausoleum
Burlington, North Carolina



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

The Family of the late **Brother Samuel Harris** wishes to express their sincere thanks and appreciation for the many acts of kindness, comforting words, and prayers shown during our time of bereavement.



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