



Celebrating the Life of
Thomas J. Harris

Sunrise
February 19, 1964

Sunset
September 10, 2021

Visitations:

Wednesday, September 15, 2021 - 6:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.

Thursday, September 16, 2021 - 10:00 a.m - 11:00 a.m.

Celebration of Life Service - 11:00 a.m.

Paterson Church of God

351 10th Avenue, Paterson, New Jersey

Min. Lance Brooks, Officiating

Rev. Neil Actable, Sermon

Rev. Dr. Donnie Anderson, Lead Pastor

Reflections of Life

Thomas Jeffery Harris was born February 19, 1964 to parents Wilma Jean Harris of Paterson, NJ and the late Thomas Jefferson Harris, Sr. He was affectionately known to his family as "Tommie." Educated in the Paterson public school system, Tommie graduated from grammar school and John F. Kennedy High School. Tommie will be remembered as an intelligent and deep thinker. He could not idly stand by when anyone was in need. He was especially fond of children, young people and the elderly.

As a young man, Tommie joined the United States Marines. He later was employed in the Radiology Department at Barnert Memorial Hospital, Paterson where he met and pursued his loving wife, Donalyn (Brooks) Harris. Although he excelled in his technical career, Tommie was truly an artist. He was able to express his creativity and love of nature in all its glory while working for Morningside Florist Haledon where he designed and created beautiful floral arrangements. He had an amazing green thumb and could grow anything.

Thomas leaves to cherish precious memories his devoted wife, Donalyn (Brooks) Harris, his loving mother Wilma Jean Harris, his children, Joshua and Nova, grandson, Zion, and "bonus" son, Justin with whom he was very close. He is also survived by his siblings Karen (Christopher) Montague, Daphne Bush, Gina (Rodney) Campbell, Michael (Jessica) Harris, all of Paterson, and Anthony Harris of Troy Hills, NJ as well as a host of aunts, uncles, nieces, nephews, and cousins.

Order of Service

- Opening Prayer& Remarks Min. Lance Brooks
- Congregational Hymn..... When We All Get to Heaven
- Scripture Reading
Old Testament Psalms 46:1-7Nova Harris
New Testament 2 Corinthians 1:3-4.....Megan Montague
- Selection Danielle Brooks
- Tributes
Ryan Harris-Bush, Nephew
Christopher Harris-Bush, Nephew
Brandon Harris-Bush, Nephew
Jeffrey Harris-Bush, Nephew
- Selection Danielle Brooks
- Eulogy Matthew Montague
- Sermon & Closing Remarks Rev. Neil Actable
- Prayer for the family Gladstone Reid

Entombment

Laurel Grove Cemetery
295 Totowa Road
Totowa, NJ 07512

Pallbearers

Anthony Harris, Brother Ryan Harris-Bush, Nephew
Christopher Harris-Bush, Nephew Matthew Montague, Nephew
Jeffrey Harris-Bush, Nephew

Repast

*Immediately after the interment the family will receive close friends and family at
La Neve's Banquet Hall, 276 Belmont Ave Haledon, NJ 07508.*

A Heart of Gold

A heart of gold stopped beating,
Two shining eyes at rest,
God broke our hearts to prove
He only takes the best,
God knows you had to leave us,
But you didn't go alone,
For part of us went with you,
The day He took you home.
To some you will be forgotten,
To others, just part of the past,
But to us who loved and lost you,
Your memory will always last.
-Author unknown

Poem of Remembrance

"What though the radiance which was once so bright
Be now for ever taken from my sight,
Though nothing can bring back the hour
Of splendour in the grass, of glory in the flower;
We will grieve not, rather find
Strength in what remains behind;
— William Wordsworth

Acknowledgment

The family of Thomas Harris expresses their sincere appreciation for all of your prayers, acts of kindness, words of encouragement and condolences expressed during their time of bereavement.

God bless each of you!

Lovingly Mrs. Donalyn (Brooks) Harris

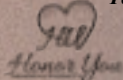
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