



Johnnie Harris

March 26, 1935 - October 24, 2021

Johnnie Harris, Jr., affectionately known as “Hoggie”, was born March 26, 1935 (celebrated March 25, 1935) in Sumter County, South Carolina. He departed this life on Sunday, October 24, 2021, at his residence in Pondtown, Maryland. He was the son of Corine and Johnnie Harris, Sr.

The Harris family later moved to Columbia, South Carolina, where Johnnie was educated in the Richland County School System. He attended Booker T. Washington High School, “The Golden Tornados”; then enlisted in the United States Air Force. After leaving the U.S. Air Force, he worked several jobs and later began driving Cement Mixer Trucks with Gillespie & Son, Inc. in Chestertown, Maryland. After 46 ½ years of employment with Gillespie & Son, Inc., working with three generations of the Gillespies, Johnnie retired in 2008. The Gillespie Family often recognized Johnnie and attributed their company’s success to his years of dedicated labor and skills.

Johnnie was a member of Mt. Pleasant United Methodist Church. He loved spending time with his family and traveling “Down South” to South Carolina. He believed in keeping cars well maintained and detailed with sparkling rims and tires. His love for clean, shiny cars was passed on to his son, Vincent. Everyone knew “Don’t Sit on Johnnie’s car!” Johnnie, who adored his family and friends, was a humble, unique, and loving man with an affectionate laugh.

In addition to his parents, Johnnie was preceded in death by his son, Vincent E. Harris; brothers, George Hickman, James Hickman and William Harris, Sr.; only sister Pearl 'Cenia' Isaac; sisters-in-law, Bernice Hickman and Odenner Harris; brothers-in-law, Samuel Isaac, Marvin Lewis and Elder Darnell Henry; and mother and father-in-law, Mr. Harvey and Mrs. Edna M. Lewis.

Johnnie leaves to cherish precious memories, his loving and devoted wife of 50 years Barbara Ann Harris of Pondtown, MD; one daughter, Delores (Brady) Hook of Columbia, SC; four sons, Garry (Lauren) Harris of Dover, DE, Johnnie (Kim) Harris, Jr. and Thurston (June) Harris both of Barclay, MD, and Keith (Shelly) Harris of Granby, MA; sisters-in-law, Judy Lewis, Gwendolyn (Larry) Lewis, Elder Dr. Jacqueline Henry and Letha Devero; brothers-in-law, Bishop Nelson (Elder Barbara) Lewis, and Elder Dwayne Lewis; 38 grandchildren, 65 great-grandchildren, four great-great grandchildren; a special military friend, Austin Grice of Dover, DE; and a host of nieces, nephews, cousins, family and friends living in Delaware, Maryland, Massachusetts, North Carolina, South Carolina, New Jersey, Pennsylvania, New York and California.

Previous Events

Visitation

NOV 5. 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Bennie Smith Funeral Home - Chestertown
855 High St.
Chestertown, MD 21620
(410) 778-2161
<https://www.benniesmithfuneralhome.com/>

Visitation

NOV 6. 9:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

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Funeral Service

NOV 6. 11:00 AM (ET)

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Interment

NOV 6 (ET)

Mt. Pleasant United Methodist Church
Pondtown, MD

Tribute Wall



“ *View and Download the Funeral Program*

Bennie Smith Funeral Home - November 04, 2021 at 04:19 PM



“ *Tasha Warner lit a candle in memory of Johnnie Harris*



Tasha Warner - November 05, 2021 at 08:19 AM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Johnnie Harris.*



November 04, 2021 at 10:29 PM



“ *Damita Henry lit a candle in memory of Johnnie Harris*



Damita Henry - November 04, 2021 at 01:43 PM

DH

Sending prayers for the Harris family. Rest in Heavenly peace Mr. Harris.

Damita Henry - November 04, 2021 at 01:47 PM

GC

“ *Guy & Susie (Sue) Comegys lit a candle in memory of Johnnie Harris*



Guy & Susie (Sue) Comegys - November 03, 2021 at 09:11 PM

DT

“ *Daphine Thomas lit a candle in memory of Johnnie Harris*



Daphine Thomas - November 03, 2021 at 06:25 PM

JH

“ *Joyce Hickman sent a virtual gift in memory of Johnnie Harris*



Joyce Hickman - November 03, 2021 at 04:39 PM

MU

“ *Marie Usilton lit a candle in memory of
Johnnie Harris*



Marie Usilton - October 31, 2021 at 10:14 PM

AB

“ *Alfreda Dennis Bowyer lit a candle in memory
of Johnnie Harris*



Alfreda Dennis Bowyer - October 30, 2021 at 10:31 PM

MS

“ *Barbara &, Family
Sending blessing, thoughts and prayers are
with you!
Melvin Shorter*



Melvin Shorter - October 30, 2021 at 05:29 PM

VD

“ *Vera Dozier lit a candle in memory of Johnnie
Harris*



Vera Dozier - October 28, 2021 at 07:47 PM

RP

“ *Rusty & Geraldine Pauls lit a candle in memory of Johnnie Harris*



Rusty & Geraldine Pauls - October 28, 2021 at 12:57 PM

HF

“ *Helen Fisher lit a candle in memory of Johnnie Harris*



Helen Fisher - October 28, 2021 at 07:14 AM

VE

“ *Barbara Ann & Family, our thoughts and prayers are with you.
Jean, Tricia, Valerie & Wayne*



Valerie Elliott - October 27, 2021 at 03:57 PM

TW

“ *Tasha Warner lit a candle in memory of Johnnie Harris*



Tasha Warner - October 27, 2021 at 03:57 PM

LW

“ *Sending my love and comfort to Mom Barbara. I love you.*

Letonia Wickes - October 27, 2021 at 02:31 PM

RH

“ *Rev. Rosalind Hoxter lit a candle in memory of Johnnie Harris*



Rev. Rosalind Hoxter - October 27, 2021 at 01:52 PM

RH

The Harris family has my deepest sympathy as God gives you comfort and peace.

Rev. Rosalind Hoxter - October 27, 2021 at 01:54 PM

IC

“ *Iris Carter lit a candle in memory of Johnnie Harris*



Iris Carter - October 27, 2021 at 07:44 AM

IC

Family you have my deepest sympathy. Iris

Iris Carter - October 27, 2021 at 07:45 AM

JH

“ *Rest Well Uncle! Until We Meet Again! Love
Joyce Hickman-Hill*



Joyce Hickman-Hill - October 26, 2021 at 09:54 PM

SW

“ *Sylvia Wilmore lit a candle in memory of
Johnnie Harris*



Sylvia Wilmore - October 26, 2021 at 07:14 PM