



Luke J. Harris Jr.

July 16, 1945 - September 18, 2021

Luke J. Harris, Jr. of Dover, Delaware, went home to be with the Lord Saturday, September 18, 2021. He was 76 years old.

Luke was born in Nansemond County, Virginia (currently known as Suffolk, VA) on July 16, 1945, to the late Luke J. Harris, Sr. and Harriet Bagley Harris. Growing up, Luke spent most of his summers in Philadelphia with his Aunt Mabel and Uncle Joseph Taylor. After the loss of his father, Luke moved in with his aunt & uncle and finished his schooling in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

In 1965 Luke joined the United States Air Force. Soon after in 1966, Luke met Miriam Celestine Spellman and they were married in 1967, in Ellendale, Delaware. From this union four sons were born. During his time in the Air Force the family was stationed at Dover AFB in Delaware, McGuire AFB in New Jersey and Yokota AFB in Japan. In 1974, Luke and his family returned to Dover AFB, where he finished out his military career. Luke retired from the Air Force in 1985 as a Master Sergeant, after 20 years of service. Luke gave his life to Christ after returning from Japan and joined New Shiloh FBH Church, where he later became a deacon.

After retiring from the USAF, Luke started his own business as an auto mechanic. God saw fit to bless this venture and Luke transitioned his business into a tow company - Harris Towing Service - becoming the FIRST (and for a

long time the ONLY) Black owned tow company in the state of Delaware. All four of his sons worked with their father at some point and time and were trained in the towing business. In 2009, Luke retired from his business and handed over the reins to his eldest son. The business is still operational to this day and known as Harris Towing Group.

In addition to his parents, Luke was preceded in death by his sister, Clara Boone and his brother, Randy Harris.

Luke was a wonderful husband and the best father, grandfather, great-grandfather, and uncle. He leaves to cherish his memory, his wife of 54 years, Rev. Miriam Celestine Harris; sons, Jonathan (Syreeta), Michael (Carla), Joseph (Melisha) and Luke Anthony; sisters, Mary Best and Dorothy Harris; brothers, John Harris and Wesley Harris; 11 grandchildren; 10 great-grandchildren; one aunt; and a host of nieces, nephews, cousins and his church family at New Shiloh.

Previous Events

Visitation

SEP 30. 3:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Bennie Smith Funeral Home - Dover
717 W Division St
Dover, DE 19904
(302) 678-8747
info@benniesmithfuneralhome.com
<https://www.benniesmithfuneralhome.com/>

Visitation

OCT 1. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

Pentecostal Church Of God (Lincoln)
9163 Greentop Road
Lincoln, DE

Funeral Service

OCT 1. 11:00 AM (ET)

Pentecostal Church Of God (Lincoln)
9163 Greentop Road
Lincoln, DE

Interment

OCT 1 (ET)

Delaware Veterans Cemetery (Millsboro)
26669 Patriots Way
Millsboro, DE 19966

Tribute Wall

TI

“ *Tish lit a candle in memory of Luke J. Harris Jr.*



Tish - October 12, 2021 at 11:58 PM

RY

“ *Jon, We will all meet together up ahead when go to meet the Lord or He returns for us. Until then, please accept our compassionate thoughts and prayers for you and your family.*
Pastor Glen and Sharon Yunghans

“The Lord is good, a strong hold in the day of trouble and he knows them that trust in him.” Nahum 1:7

Rev. Glen A. Yunghans - October 01, 2021 at 04:25 PM

CC

“ *We pray that God will shine His light on you and pour out His sweet amazing grace to comfort you throughout this time. Miriam and family you will be remembered in our prayers!*
Lorraine Tomlin and Family

Cheryl Cephas - October 01, 2021 at 11:53 AM

RN

“ *Praying for you and the family!*

Rev. Emma Nesbit - October 01, 2021 at 11:40 AM

CE

“ Our thoughts and prayers are with you today my family! Wish I could be there to hug you all in person, but definitely lifting you in prayer today and for the days ahead! Love you my sweet cousin, Celeste and my entire Delaware family! 🙏🙏🙏🙏💕💕💕

Cousin Cherrie Ervin - October 01, 2021 at 10:10 AM

JF

Luke sleep well, will see you 8n the resurrection, this is your cousin Josephine Franco next door to your Brother Thorton,you do not know or feel a thing according to the Scriptures Ecclesiastes 9:5 you are sound asleep you know nothing when you wake up we will see each other.Sleep well will see you in the resurrection.

Josephine Franco - September 01, 2022 at 10:41 PM



“ Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Luke J. Harris Jr..



September 30, 2021 at 02:55 PM

HS

“ On Behalf of Deacon Harold Smith Sr. Of the New Jerusalem FBH, Church of God of the Americas, along with the Smith Family, send expressions of love and encouragement. We do not sorrow as others sorrow, but we know we have a Hope that is beyond the grave. Our hope is In Jesus. We are praying continually for you.

Harold Smith, Sr - September 30, 2021 at 12:30 PM

WY

“ With love, Kay Yarnall purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of Luke J. Harris Jr..



With love, Kay Yarnall - September 29, 2021 at 10:25 PM

PG

“ Rev. Miriam. I was so shocked to hear of your husbands passing. While death doesn't set well with us, we know he is where we will all be going soon, to our heavenly abode. Thank God for his walk with the Lord and for the many years you had together. Praying as You move through the days ahead. God is with you.

Pastor Patrucia Green - September 29, 2021 at 08:38 PM

DB

“ Luke ,

Me and Marsena are going to miss you and your visits to Baltimore . You and the family were always very kind to us (and still is). God Bless the Harris family during this difficult time and I pray that he will provide comfort.

Derek & Marsena Barber

Derek Barber - September 29, 2021 at 04:00 PM

MF

“ *Maralyn M. Jones and Family purchased the Medium Dish Garden for the family of Luke J. Harris Jr..*



Maralyn M. Jones and Family - September 29, 2021 at 02:59 PM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Luke J. Harris Jr..*



September 29, 2021 at 02:40 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Luke J. Harris Jr..*



September 29, 2021 at 01:52 PM

VK

“ *Vivian P King purchased the Arrive in Style for the family of Luke J. Harris Jr..*



Vivian P King - September 29, 2021 at 12:39 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Luke J. Harris Jr..*



September 29, 2021 at 09:26 AM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Luke J. Harris Jr..*



September 29, 2021 at 09:03 AM



“ *Mr. Harris was definitely a kind hearted man. My prayers are with Mrs. Miriam and all of his loving family.*

Kynise Simms - September 27, 2021 at 05:10 PM



“ *Luke was my first Shift Chief when I arrived in August 1981 at Dover AFB. Luke drove the Sierra 7 truck on Swings, and after retirement owned a gas station and towing service (Harris Towing) located directly across the street on what was once Rt 113. When I was VP at Mary-Del Hartley LL in 2010 he sponsored a team. He surprised the kids by putting them on of his flat bed rollbacks for the opening day parade. I knew him to be a kind man ! RIP Luke, I will miss our chats.*

Tim Hahn - September 24, 2021 at 08:48 PM

RW

“ Prayers and condolences to Miriam and the family.

Rev. Jean Wylie



Rev. Jean Wylie - September 24, 2021 at 04:57 PM

DI

“ Diane lit a candle in memory of Luke J. Harris Jr.



Diane - September 24, 2021 at 03:25 PM

RW

“ Rev. Cynthia Daniels Williams 🙏

Rev. Cynthia Daniels Williams - September 24, 2021 at 08:36 AM

RW

“ Sending my deepest sympathies and condolences to you, Cousin Celeste(Miriam) and family in the passing of your husband Luke. Praying your strength and comfort in The Lord Christ. 🙏❤️



Rev. Cynthia Daniels Williams - September 24, 2021 at 08:35 AM

SN

“ *Mr. Harris will be admired tremendously by many of us in the community for his kindness and professional manner of dealing with his customers for many years through Harris Towing Services This head of this good business and great family had a kind heart. God bless the family and business. I remember how the business and family supported us at Faith Elementary School. Many thanks and honor.*

Sally Richardson Nichols - September 23, 2021 at 05:42 PM

DJ

“ *So sorry for our loss of such an upstanding Dover resident and our friend. Brother Luke and Pastor Miriam Harris we're firm pillars of support to the former (1982-2012) Faith Elementary and Middle School of Dover, and precious friends to the Joneses. God comfort the family and admirers with a treasure trove of good memories. Comfort Blessings,
David and Oclivery Jones*

David L. and Oclivery Jones - September 23, 2021 at 05:29 PM

EL

Carla my sympathy to you your husband and the rest of the Harris family may his soul rest in perfect peace my prayers are with you all.

Eku and Leticia - September 30, 2021 at 01:38 PM

PW

Our Condolences to the Harris Family, Holy Spirit Comfort them in this season. Phil Washington & Family

Philip Washington - October 01, 2021 at 06:56 PM