



William A. Harris Jr.

November 18, 1940 - January 1, 2021

Brother William Arville Harris, Jr., was born November 18, 1940, in Camden, Delaware, to the late William A. Harris, Sr. and the late Dorothy A. Harris, the third of eight children, four boys and four girls. William peacefully received his wings and began his eternal life with our Lord and Savior on January 1, 2021. He was 80 years old.

William attended Star Hill Elementary School, Booker T. Washington Junior High School and graduated from William Henry High School in Dover, Delaware, in 1959. He later went to engineering and drafting school. He worked initially as an electrician before joining the Dover Police Department in 1970, as one of their first African American police officers to join their force, making history. He served the community in that capacity for six years before joining Delaware State College as an electrician. William remained with the college as a senior electrician for 22 plus years, before retiring in 2002. In 1978, William joined the Masonic Lodge of Delaware, where he became a Past Master and Assistant Grand Organist of Delaware. Along his journey with the Masons, he was promoted in position to a Past Grand Master.

William joined New Jerusalem Baptist Church in the early 1980's with Reverend Clifton V. Holmes. He later joined Beacon Lighthouse Church with Pastor, Dr. Myrtle Scott, where he became Minister of Music and remained a member until his passing. William played for a multitude of churches and

choirs throughout the area, spanning many years. He was always adamant that you sing on key and never hold a note too long!! He was saved and he loved the Lord!

In 1962, William married his childhood sweetheart, Lillian Lorraine Caldwell. William loved to call her Lorraine. Through their lifelong union, came two beautiful and adored daughters, Donna Y. Mason and Tina L. Harris.

While he was here, William enjoyed playing the piano and organ, boxing, race car driving, shooting pool, playing sports and watching numerous sports! And everyone knows, for him, the best football team to ever play was...his Philadelphia Eagles!!

We can't forget him with his video camera, recording at everyone's family barbecues! Just when you thought you had gotten away from him, there he was, recording you and announcing that you were eating everything up, didn't contribute, stealing food and putting it in your purse or pocket, or that you were too close to fit you in the camera!! Just terrible!!

In addition to his parents, William was preceded in death by his brothers, the Presiding Elder Emmett Harris (DE) and the late Bishop John Harris.

William leaves to cherish is memory, his beloved wife, Lillian Lorraine Harris; two daughters, Donna Y. Mason of DE and Tina Harris of VA; two beloved grandchildren, Amani C. Mason and Robert T. Mason; four sisters, Annabell Saunders (DE), Dr. Myrtle Scott (DE), Willa Moore (DE) and Elder Doretha Quail (DE); dearest and youngest brother, Deacon Norman Harris (DE); sister-in-law, Virginia Harris; and a host of nephews, nieces, great nephews and nieces, cousins and lifelong friends.

William is free from the troubles of this world. How deeply and profoundly we

will miss him. He left us with such precious memories and he shall never be forgotten.

We Love You, William!!

Tribute Wall

RB

“ *Condolences to Mrs. Lorraine Harris & family. Praying God's comfort over you all.*

Rev. Veronica Baynard - January 15, 2021 at 07:32 PM

SS

“ *Mrs Lorraine, Donna, Tina, Amani and Robert Jr, sending my sincere heartfelt sympathy and condolences. Mr Harris was a friendly and loving man, I know he will be missed but he is in the arms of our savior. Praying for your strength and blessings. We don\u2019t see each other much but I still have much love and respect for your family. Weeping may endure for a night but joy comes in the morning . Love you all.Chester and Stephanie Lynn Scott*

Stephanie Scott - January 15, 2021 at 04:13 PM

MP

“ *The Harris Family Heritage Group extends our deepest condolences to our Cousin Lorraine Harris; Donna and Tina; and Amani and Robert, during this time of great loss. We grieve with you, for we lost the patriarch of the Harris family. Sleep well, Cousin William. Rest in the Lord.*

Martha Aexander Paskins - January 14, 2021 at 11:03 PM

AB

“ *Cousin Lorraine and family, May God hold all of you close to his heart and fill you with his deepest love and peace. The Boyer Family: James, Audrey, Michael & Troy. Wilmington, DE*

Audrey Boyer - January 14, 2021 at 11:53 AM

DA

“ Sister Lorraine and Family, Our thoughts and prayers are sent from our family to yours during this time. Lights have dimmed a little, here on the Hill, but have never gone out. The Star still shines on among us. Peace be with each of you. Abrams-Rojas Family

Dorphine Abrams-Rojas - January 13, 2021 at 09:10 PM

EF

“ Lorraine, So very sorry to hear of the passing of your husband, William. You, two were a loving couple, from our days at William Henry High. My thoughts and prayers are with you and your family. Eunice (Wayman) Fountain

Eunice FOUNTAIN - January 13, 2021 at 02:05 PM

HS

“ Lorraine and Family: Our thoughts and prayers are with you. God bless you. Donna and Bob

Heartfelt Sympathies Store - January 13, 2021 at 09:54 AM

EH

“ Mrs. Harris and family, you have our deepest condolences. William is in a much place. He was an excellent friend. May the Lord continue to bless you and your family. Ed and Aletha C. Hutchinsp

Edward Hutchins - January 11, 2021 at 10:00 PM

JB

“ Aunt Lorraine and to my cousins Donna and Tina, My sincere condolences to the family. We are praying for the entire Harris family. May God's peace be with our families daily during this time. God bless our families daily. Love you so much! Love, Grace & Mercy - Sincerely, Janell (Harris) Barganier & Rodney Barganier in Decatur, GA

Janell Barganier - January 09, 2021 at 11:39 AM

BD

“ With sincere sympathy to the family of a quiet, gentle man who truly loved the Lord. Peace and blessings to you in your time of sorrow. He will be missed. Prayerfully, Sis. Brenda Dodd and Family

Brenda Dodd - January 08, 2021 at 10:07 AM