



Nathaniel Harris

October 20, 1938 - April 15, 2025

Nathaniel Harris was born in Wilson, North Carolina on October 20, 1938 to the parents of Ambrosia Harris and Sarah Darden Harris. He was the third born of the Harris' five children: John, Catherine, Nathaniel, Delores and Viola. Growing up, Nathaniel was affectionately known as "Little Joe," because he was so small compared to the other kids. He was always a hard worker, holding jobs in his youth as a tobacco cropper, a newsboy, and most memorably, at a local creamery. The siblings eagerly awaited "Little Joe" to finish his shifts at the creamery, because he'd often return home with ice cream, although it had melted by the time he made it home. He was known to selflessly give every cent he earned to their mother to help the household.

Nathaniel completed his formal education at Charles H. Darden High School in Wilson, North Carolina, where he received the accolade of "most compassionate" in the yearbook. After graduation, he served in the United States Army for a term of three years. His next chapter led him to follow his older brother, John, to Newark, New Jersey, for work. This is where he met the love of his life, a carhop at the White Castle Restaurant. Her name was Claudia Mae Smitherman, but that did not remain her name for long. Nathaniel and Claudia were married in 1961 and remained inseparable ever since.

Nathaniel and Claudia began their family with the birth of their son, Dwaine,

on May 25, 1960. They spent many years together at their home in South Plainfield, New Jersey. In his free time, Nathaniel enjoyed playing golf and fishing on his boat with his son. His family was expanded further with the addition of his two grandchildren, Sasha Harris, in 1989 and Davon Harris, in 1994.

Nathaniel worked at the Prudential Insurance Company for over 25 years and was fortunate to retire at the age of 55, at which point he and Claudia relocated to their present home in Duluth, Georgia in 1995. With the majority of their immediate family remaining in New Jersey, Nathaniel and Claudia frequently embarked on the 12-hour car ride to New Jersey for many holidays to be with their son and grandchildren, which were some of Nathaniel's fondest memories. The family enjoyed traveling together to many places, such as the Bahamas, Cancun, Orlando, Myrtle Beach, and Hilton Head. They enjoyed many laughs, meals and experiences together. Nathaniel was a dedicated husband, father, and grandfather, supporting his family through college, moves, health challenges, and so much more. Nathaniel was known for his outward kindness and generosity, often seeking ways to help others.

Nathaniel made his transition into his heavenly eternity on April 15, 2025. Nathaniel was preceded in death by his parents, Ambrosia Harris and Sarah Darden Harris; his brother, John Harris; and many other loved ones. He is survived by his beloved wife, Claudia Harris; his son, Dwaine Harris; grandchildren, Sasha Harris (David) Williams and Davon Harris; his siblings, Catherine (Nathaniel) Roberson, Delores Ashley and Viola (Richard) Sanders, as well as many close relatives and friends. While he is deeply missed on Earth, the family finds solace knowing that Heaven gained an angel.

Celebration of Life Services will be held on Saturday, April 19, 2025 at 11:00 AM at our Gwinnett Chapel, 914 Scenic Hwy Lawrenceville, GA 30045. Visitation will be held on Friday, April 18, 2025 from 12:00 PM - 8:00 PM with

at our Gwinnett Chapel 914 Scenic Hwy Lawrenceville, GA 30045. Services entrusted to Gregory B. Levett & Sons Funeral Home, Gwinnett Chapel, 914 Scenic Hwy Lawrenceville, GA 30045 770-338-5558.

Previous Events

Visitation

APR 18. 12:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Gregory B. Levett and Sons - Gwinnett Chapel
914 Scenic Hwy
Lawrenceville, GA 30045

Celebration of Life

APR 19. 11:00 AM (ET)

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Tribute Wall

JL

“ Claudia, Dewayne, Sasha and family we are deeply moved for your loss, Nat had such a beautiful spirit, he was humble, loving and love to laugh, he will always dwell in your hearts. Love the Langford family 🙏

john and kim Langford - April 19, 2025 at 10:10 AM

NO

“ Ngozi O. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Nathaniel Harris.

Ngozi O. - April 19, 2025 at 09:27 AM

EM

“ CLAUDIA I SORRY FOR YOUR loss!! He WILL BE missed...Find comfort at Revelations 21: 3,4.

EDITH MCCLAMY - April 18, 2025 at 05:57 PM

SE

“ To the Harris Family, Lorraine and I would like to express our sincere condolences for your loss. I have known Mr. Harris for many, many years and my fondest memory is of him beating me on my own pool table.

Saloam and Lorraine EI - April 18, 2025 at 12:39 PM

SS

“ Saloam S. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Nathaniel Harris.

Saloam S. - April 18, 2025 at 12:29 PM

VM

“ *What a wonderful life story. Prayers and love being sent your way.*

Virginia (Ginny Barton) Matijasick - April 18, 2025 at 11:31 AM

BP

Nate and Claudia were my long time neighbors and friends of my (late) husband, Mel and me when they lived on Edgar Avenue in South Plainfield, New Jersey. So many good memories. May he rest in peace, and may God watch over you Claudia, in all the days to come

Barbara Pleasant - April 18, 2025 at 11:43 AM

BS

“ *We got to know Nate and Claudia when they helped us select and then hang draperies ... several times over the years.*

That relationship grew and we became friends. Besides their professionalism and many talents, they were kind, honest and ALWAYS happy and pleasant. They were a great team!!

Nate had a special way, and he was always even tempered and positive. He also enjoyed golf and when we played, he was competitive; but never too serious, and always fun.

*He will be missed by many. We are truly sorry for the family loss.
Barbara & Wilson Snyder*

Barbara & Wilson Snyder - April 18, 2025 at 11:21 AM

JS

Claudia it's with my deepest sympathy for the loss of your beloved Nathaniel. I hope you will find great memories of your life together and the happiness we all remembered at our cookouts and holiday parties. Keep in touch. Sincerely Jean.

Jean strand - April 28, 2025 at 01:43 PM

DS

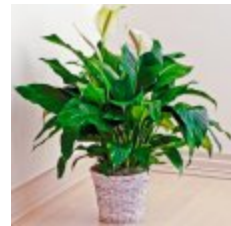
“ Claudia..... Reggie and I are deeply saddened to hear of Nate’s passing. Whenever we were visit my sister Sheila in Georgia everyone would always say call Claudia and Nate. I will forever cherish the memories of our laughter and beautiful fellowship at every visit. We love you and we’ll always consider you a friend of the Greenlee and Williams’s family!
Rest in peace, soldier!
Reggie and Debbie (Williams) Lanier



Debbie (Sheila’s sister) - April 18, 2025 at 10:17 AM



“ Floor Plant for Sympathy was purchased for the family of Nathaniel Harris.



April 18, 2025 at 09:49 AM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Nathaniel Harris.

April 18, 2025 at 09:49 AM

WH

“ With Love Upholstery house purchased the White Sympathy Standing Spray for the family of Nathaniel Harris.



With Love Upholstery house - April 18, 2025 at 09:23 AM

WH

“ With Love Upholstery house planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Nathaniel Harris.

With Love Upholstery house - April 18, 2025 at 09:23 AM

TF

“ The Dollar-Nolan family purchased the Calm & Comfort Bouquet for Sympathy - Florist Choice for the family of Nathaniel Harris.



The Dollar-Nolan family - April 18, 2025 at 09:15 AM



“ Classic Sympathy Dish Garden was purchased for the family of Nathaniel Harris.



April 18, 2025 at 09:08 AM

VP

“ *A Memory of Nathaniel Harris – The Most Helpful Neighbor with the Brightest Smile*

When I think of Nathaniel Harris - we called him Nate very affectionately - three things immediately come to mind: his incredible helpfulness, his sharp sense of humor, and that unforgettable, always-ready big smile.

Nate was the kind of neighbor who made life easier and lighter for everyone around him. No matter what you needed—whether it was a tool, a hand, or just a good laugh—he showed up, often before you even had to ask. He had this amazing way of turning chores into cheerful moments, and his wit could brighten the darkest day. Nate knew every single family on our block. When he was in his front yard, tending his lawn, he would always wave at every neighbor passing by. And all neighbors waved back at him. Nate wasn't just a neighbor—he was a true friend, a steady presence, and a source of joy. His memory lives on in every smile, every act of kindness, and every story shared on our street. We were all better for having known him, and we miss him deeply.

Vijay Panchal - April 18, 2025 at 09:06 AM

CH

“ *Nate was one of the "good guys". Always kind, generous, loved his Claudia, his family and respected his friends, and always ready to reach out to help and a great sense of humor. You will be missed our friend, Chery and Dee*

Chery - April 18, 2025 at 08:58 AM

TB

MISSING YOU LIKE CRAZY!! NO ONE COULD TOP YOU FUN WAYS SO ENTERTAINING! CONDOLENCES TO CLAUDIA AND FAMILY! ROBERT AND TERESA BROWN!!

Teresa M. Brown - April 18, 2025 at 12:22 PM

DC

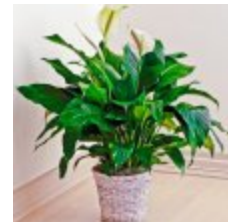
“ Diane Cash purchased the Classic Sympathy Dish Garden for the family of Nathaniel Harris.



Diane Cash - April 18, 2025 at 07:51 AM

DM

“ Darrell Morgan purchased the Floor Plant for Sympathy for the family of Nathaniel Harris.



Darrell Morgan - April 18, 2025 at 07:08 AM

LD

“ To Claudia and Family, my heart is so heavy hearing of Nate’s passing to his heavenly eternity. Nate was so smart and able to rectify any needs for my drapery and window treatment installs that he and Claudia helped me with for over 10 years before I moved to Florida. He was funny, so kind, and a hard worker. He and Claudia were so supportive of me and my business, we were also friends and enjoyed many a meal together. I know Nate is playing golf and loving the beauty he sees now.

Lisa D’Aoust - April 18, 2025 at 06:19 AM

GS

“ To all Family Members , I am so sorry For your Loss. Nate was the most kind person I ever knew . Such a gentle and humble soul, full of love. Always giving advice, he was the best grandfather to my baby girl Sasha. Nate will be forever missed. Love Pat

Gloria Showell - April 17, 2025 at 07:53 PM

MB

Nate, was a such a first class man, he has such style, & a winning personality. Always smiling & ready to help with anything needed. He had such a big heart & touched so many lives. He will be missed by so many.

My condolences to the family.

Monica & Jay Bysinger

Monica Bysinger - April 18, 2025 at 08:11 AM



“ *Red & White Mixed Half Casket Cover was purchased for the family of Nathaniel Harris.*



April 17, 2025 at 06:27 PM