



Mr. Raymond Kenneth Harris

June 16, 1950 - March 20, 2024

Affectionately known as "Baby Ray," was born June 16, 1950, to the late Nathaniel Horace and Victoria Smith Harris in Mobile, Alabama, and the family later moved to Fort Walton Beach, Florida. He confessed Christ as his Lord and Savior at an early age as a member of Beulah First Baptist Church, Fort Walton Beach, Florida. Here is where he served and liked singing, and was often asked, by special request, to sing, "How Great Thou Art."

Raymond attended Brooks Elementary School, W. E. Combs High School, and was a graduate in the class of 1969 from Choctawhatchee Sr. High School, Fort Walton Beach, Florida. While in school, Ray extended his musical skills by playing the drums in the marching band.

While in Fort Walton Beach he was employed with Gilmore Moving and Storage and Campbell Moving & Storage companies. Raymond has always been ambitious and marched to his own beat.

In 1979, Raymond moved to Houston, Texas. While there he embarked upon his entrepreneurial spirit by starting Harris Package Delivery Company which he owned and operated for over 25 successful years. He received several Safety Awards. During this time, he assisted other contractors while excelling as an Independent Contractor with FedEx. Raymond met Viola Martinez, the love of his life, in Houston, they entered into Holy Matrimony on December

21,1984 and spent 39 wonderful, exciting years together.

In 2013, the loving couple took to the road in their RV and they traveled across over 45 states exploring their culture, participating in iconic events, and celebrating retirement at its best. In 2016, Raymond and Viola moved to McDonough, Georgia.

Raymond was firm, but yet very compassionate! He loved singing, traveling, dancing, Family Gatherings (he attended all of the Family Reunions) and most of all gardening! You could find him at any given time, working in his yard.

Precious Memories to: : His faithful wife, Viola (Vi) Martinez Harris;

Children: Muiray Brown, Earline Arnold (Zee), Dexsha Lane; Sisters: Victoria Reynolds, Jeanette Cubbage, Shirley Ann Harris, Gwendolyn Watts (Larry), Tonia Feagin, and Janie Franklin (Ronald), Laura Franklin, and Natalie Johnson. Brothers: Lamar Washington, Conrad Washington, Vincent Washington, Ivan Washington, and Jerome McNeil. A host of Grandchildren, Nieces, Nephews & Cousins. Special friends: Glenn Alford, Arthur Jackson, Sam Davis & Herman Stukes. Brothers preceding him in death: Gerald, Bobby, Leslie, and Nathaniel. Friends who preceded him in death: Ray Charles Wilson, Jeppie Samuel, Robert Earl Whitley, Chilly Brice and Willie King (Butch).

Previous Events

Visitation

MAR 30. 12:00 PM - 1:00 PM (ET)

Gregory B. Levett and Sons Funeral Home - Rockdale Location
1999 Highway 138 Southeast
Conyers, GA 30013

Homegoing Celebration

MAR 30. 1:00 PM (ET)

Gregory B. Levett & Sons Funeral Homes & Crematory-Rockdale
1999 Hwy. 138 SE
Conyers, GA 30013

Burial

MAR 30 (ET)

East Lawn Memorial Park
640 McGarity Road
McDonough, Ga 30252

Tribute Wall

MF

“ My prayers and condolences to Ms.Vi and the Harris family and friends. To me Raymond and Ms.Vi were the well dressed stylist power couple. Raymond will be greatly missed by all who loved and knew him. Rest In Heaven Baby Ray.

Mary Fuller-McNabb

Mary Fuller-McNabb - April 03, 2024 at 01:13 AM



CM

“ During this difficult time, I offer my sincere condolences and prayers to the Harris Family. May the beautiful memories give you peace and comfort now and in the future. Sending Love and Blessings ❤️🙏

Christine Moody - March 30, 2024 at 01:25 PM



CH

“ Harris Family:
During this difficult time, The Hines Family offers our Deepest Condolences and Prayers to the Harris Family. On the passing of My Big Brother Friend Raymond Harris.

May you find strength in the memories you shared and the love surrounding your loved one. Take care, and know that you are not alone in your grief. May God wrap his loving arms around you all. God Bless 🙏❤️🙏

Carter Hines

Carter Hines - March 30, 2024 at 10:57 AM

CC

“ We grew up together in Fort Walton Beach. I loved to hear Raymond sing. He had such a beautiful voice. I’m so glad I got to see him last August at our school reunion. That was the first time in that I had seen him in years. Family please know that you’re in my prayers. To be absent from the body is to be present with the Lord.



Cherry Cason - March 28, 2024 at 02:59 PM

MD

My thoughts and prayers are with the family. It was more than fifty years but so happy for the opportunity to see you in August at our reunion. Mary Kidd Davis

MaryKidd Davis - March 31, 2024 at 11:27 PM



“ Island Memories Casket Spray was purchased for the family of Mr. Raymond Kenneth Harris.



March 26, 2024 at 06:33 PM

JH

“ From little kids we lived on Hollywood Boulevard in Fort Walton Beach and I look forward to going to your parents house on Germany Drive spending time with your sisters that was my Saturdays .Raymond has always been like a brother to me and him and my brother Jeppie was good friends and love the sing the song peanut peanut butter when you visit Doug in Cleveland Ohio that made his day when you came home, you came to visit my mother that made her day you will be missed Truly missed by so many people. God has a soldier, Rest on my Brother

Jackie Samuel

jacqueline, Samuel Hart - March 26, 2024 at 04:40 PM

QC

Child hood class mate. He kept Tonia and to continue in school. We had fun A big brother in the neighbor hood He was in Cora class my sister. We were a big families in the neighbor hood. Germany Dr Carson Drive Windon Drive and Hollywood Blvd. Rest in Heaven my Brother.

Queen Scaife Carter - March 28, 2024 at 06:29 PM

KD

“ *My prayers and condolences go out to the Harris family. I saw you in August after many years, not knowing it would be the last time.*

Kathleen Davenport - March 24, 2024 at 08:53 PM

MS

“ *Classmate, it was great seeing you in August during the last school reunion. You remained the same courteous and caring person and always inquired about me, my children and other family members. You always remembered that FWB was home. I take great pleasure in the friendship that we shared over the years. Vi and Raymond’s family: praying for each of you, your stamina, strength, peace, and comfort during this season of loss and challenges. Earth has no sorrow that Heaven does not “feel and Heal.”*

Mary Brown Silva, Classmate



Mary Silva - March 24, 2024 at 04:41 PM

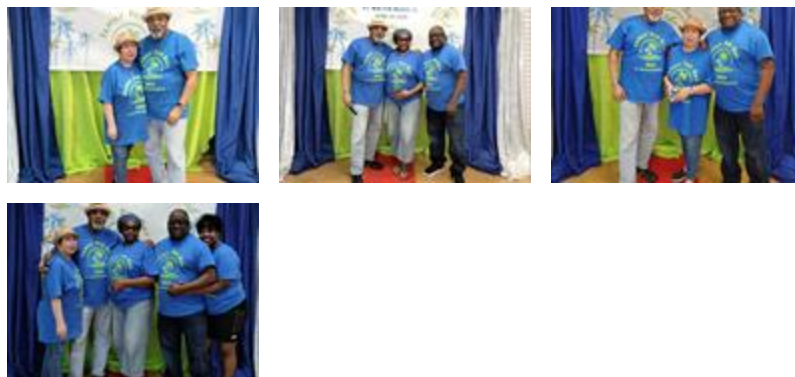


#restDaddy🕊️☐

Earline Salena - March 26, 2024 at 09:40 PM

DC

“ *4 files added to the album RAYMOND K. HARRIS - DERRICK LABRUCE COLEMAN FILE*



Derrick LaBruce Coleman - March 23, 2024 at 10:55 PM

DC

This is more than a notion but God is able to sustain us. Raymond was my first cousin but he was really my big brother. I always looked up to him. I always wanted to dress and drive fine cars just like he did.

Derrick LaBruce Coleman - March 23, 2024 at 10:59 PM

AJ

“ *To Raymond's family: sorry for your loss. I thank God and feel honored to have been touched by his beautiful spirit.*

Arthur Jackson - March 23, 2024 at 12:32 PM

LA

“ *To the Harris family, with heavy hearts I/we the Lovejoy family extend our condolences, it was great to see Raymond again (after so many years) and the pleasure of meeting his lovely wife at the recent school reunion, it was nice to get reacquainted as we reminisced of the old days on our beloved Germany Dr in FWB. So, thankful that we had the opportunity to have shared a conversation as we didn't know it would be our last. Our prayers are with the family.*

Linda Lovejoy Anderson - March 23, 2024 at 01:50 AM

LF

“ *Loretta Fuller Youngblood & Family lit a candle in memory of Mr. Raymond Kenneth Harris*



Loretta Fuller Youngblood & Family - March 23, 2024 at 01:10 AM

RH

“ 2 files added to the tribute wall



ROSILYN HILL - March 23, 2024 at 12:07 AM

RH

“ Raymond K. Harris

Mark Chapter 10

6 But from the beginning of the creation God made them male and female.

7 For this cause shall a man leave his father and mother, and cleave to his wife;

8 And they twain shall be one flesh: so then they are no more twain, but one flesh.

9 What therefore God hath joined together, let not man put asunder.

When I think of Raymond, I think of this scripture. Why? Because he was always attentive to his wife , Vi. They were always together. Whenever I saw him, I saw her. They were never to far apart. I am just an outsider looking in; and that is what I saw.

He showed genuine love, honor and tenderness towards her. Raymond looked protective towards Vi and showed that he was proud of his Queen. So I remember Raymond as the man who showed what it should look like to leave and cleave to your wife. Raymond you left an example for other husbands to follow. How to keep your own wife by your side and make her feel safe in your arms.

So long, Raymond for now. You are traveling the path that we all will take one day. To the family, take comfort in knowing that your brother was an example of a true man, with a swagger that rivals Denzel's. Bye Raymond, Bye-bye.

*Your friend from a distance,
Rosilyn Hill*

ROSILYN HILL - March 22, 2024 at 11:57 PM

AC

“ *My Sincere Condolences to The Harris family.
We grew up together in Fort Walton Beach,
Florida.*



Annie Logan Carson - March 22, 2024 at 01:15 AM

JA

*Our Condolences to the Harris Family. From the Riggins and Johnson
Family of Fort Walton Beach.*

Janice Anderson - March 23, 2024 at 04:08 AM