



Thomas Alan Harris

February 14, 1941 - July 8, 2020

Thomas Alan “Tom” Harris, 79, of Memphis, Tennessee passed away on July 8, 2020. Tom was born in Memphis on February 14, 1941 to Violet Jewell (Henley) and Thomas Clifford Harris. He was preceded in death by his beloved wife of 54 years, Nancy C. Harris. As a member of the church of Christ, Tom bestowed his love for God and his fellow man to his family. He leaves his children, Timothy Alan Harris (Doreen) of Drummonds, TN, Thomas Mark Harris (Gregg A. Coats) of Memphis, TN, and LeAnn H. Argo (Bradley) of Collierville, TN, grandson, Zachary Alan Harris, his “baby brother”, Terry L. Harris (Brenda) of Southaven, MS and brother-in-law Richard C. Curry (Virginia) of Prosper, TX.

Mr. Harris was a 1959 graduate of Southside High School, a 1961 graduate of Freed-Hardeman College, and received his Bachelor of Business Administration in Sales Marketing from Memphis State University in 1965. He worked as a claims adjuster and supervisor for Maryland Casualty Company, Tenco Services, and retired from FedEx as a cargo claims agent. Upon retirement, Mr. Harris became a substitute teacher for Shelby County Schools. Tom’s servant heart and love of children helped many students from kindergarten to 12th grade.

Tom loved aviation and was a licensed private pilot and former captain in the USAF Auxiliary Civil Air Patrol.

He was also a licensed amateur (ham) radio operator holding call sign N4TPH. Tom loved his family, loved children, loved animals, loved his friends at the local pipe/tobacco shop and he never met a stranger.

A private celebration of life for Tom will take place at a later date. Donations in memory of Tom may be made to the Memphis Humane Society, <https://memphishumane.org/donate/> or to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital, <https://www.stjude.org/give/memorials-and-dedications.html>. The family would also like to thank LostNMissing.org.

Tribute Wall

LR

“ So So Sad To hear This Year Later My Heart Goes Out To His Kids & May He Rest & Peace Wit His wife Such a Great Loving Care Man Always Happy scan His Daughter Please Contact me Send Love ❤️

LaQuanda Rivers - October 15, 2022 at 10:39 PM

DB

“ To the Harris children: we loved and highly regarded your precious parents, Tom and Nancy. They were the first people to befriend us when I moved from a farm in Middle TN to the big city on Netherwood. We were so saddened when Billy googled your dad's name and learned of his passing last July..We shared some fun times with your parents many many years ago. Your daddy loved his family like no other. RIP Tom Harris, we'll never forget you and your sweet Nancy.

Billy and Diane Bell

Diane Bell - January 15, 2021 at 11:40 AM

LA

Thank you Diane and Billy. I remember some of the memories with you but I was so small and young. I will never forget my MAMA and DADDY always bringing your names up. Lost our MAMA JUNE 2018 to Parkinson's, but my Daddy. my PRECIOUS DADDY. MY 1st love as I was his only girl, and his baby girl. Tim. Mark and I are living a constant night mare as we wait for the Grand Jury to Indict the perpetrator. What really saddens me most is our Precious Daddy would have been 80 Years old this past Valentine's Day, as this was such a big deal to him but it was taken from him in such the wrong way but we find comfort he is now with our MAMA and our grandparents in everlasting life and watching over us. My Daddy's downfall was being nice to anyone. Pray we get a Grand Jury Indictment soon. Pray the accused finds God in his heart and pleads guilty to avoid a trial.

*God Bless,
LeAnn Harris Argo*

LeAnn Argo - February 26, 2021 at 05:07 PM

KH

“ My heart breaks having lost another family member but rejoice knowing we'll again be together in heaven. Tom was a great cousin, with precious memories of us Harris cousins spending so many great times together at Papa And Mama Harris' farm, running around like little Indians so many years ago. My love and condolences pour out to my family during this challenging time.

Ken Harris, Port St Joe, FL



Ken Harris - August 18, 2020 at 09:31 AM



From Tom's daughter "LeAnn" thank you for this memory. My brothers and I played many time at our Great Grand Parent's Papa and Mama Harris farm (your Grandparents)like you did with my Daddy. My Daddy instilled in me and my brothers the importance of carrying on family traditions and never forgetting, sorry about your brother Joe. I'm like you, we will be reunited in everlasting life again. Memories never die.



LeAnn Harris Argo

LeLe Argo - September 28, 2020 at 04:33 PM



“ Mr. Harris worked with with me at Central as substitute teacher. He loved bringing candy to the students! He loved to spoil them. He would talk to me about his late wife, his children and grandson! You could tell how much he adored them. I'll never forget he brought me dinner because I had to stay late for parent teacher conference one evening! He was so nice and kind. I was hurt by his passing. As the saying goes some people you meet for a reason a season or a lifetime. I believe I met him for the reason of showing me they kindness and live counts. Rest in Heaven Mr. Harris 🙏

Peggy Taylor - August 05, 2020 at 08:51 PM



God Bless you Peggy!



*LeAnn H. Argo
Tom's baby, his daughter.*

LeLe Argo - September 28, 2020 at 04:29 PM

RI

“ Tom and I met many years ago in a drugstore that I managed in Memphis. We quickly became friends and he shared many interesting stories with me. His stories of aviation captivated me, and he couldn't wait to share his world with me from the heavens above. One weekend he took me flying and when the tow plane cut the cord, I finally realized what he meant by the peaceful, safe, and quiet sky far from the hectic world below us. I'll never forget the experience that he made possible. Tom was a kind, gentle human being that left us far too soon. I'm thankful that I can call him my friend. My prayers for his family during this very difficult time. Rick

Rick - August 03, 2020 at 08:01 PM

DK

“ I grew up at the South Parkway Church of Christ (which later moved to Oak Acres in Whitehaven). I remember the Harris family and the Curry family like it was yesterday. We made memories at church gatherings at the Wonder Bread party room. We had many laughs at Halloween at the Andersons around the bonfire! There are more good memories I have had since this happened that I cannot even begin to list them all. My heart broke when I heard the final news. There are many things no one can take from us. The Love of our friends, the Love of the Lord, and the hope for the great reunion we will share some day! God bless you all and keep you strong at this time. Love, Cordelia Faulkner aka Dee Kepler.

Dee Kepler - August 03, 2020 at 03:55 PM

LA

“ *The most amazing Daddy ever. My brothers and I are so blessed that God made you, our Daddy. Rest in Heaven with Mama. I know you are rejoicing seeing MamaJew and Papacliff, your parents and so many loved ones before us and I know you've caught up with all our pets from times gone by. I love and miss you so much my Daddy. I promise that my brothers and I will be your voice and get you justice. You were the nicest person on earth and unfortunately that was your demise. I feel you with me and can't wait to see you again when it's my time. God continues to bless me, my brothers, your brother and the rest of the family and friends on this earth until we meet again.*

Always your precious baby girl,

LeAnn Harris Argo

LeAnn Harris Argo - August 03, 2020 at 03:31 PM

SW

“ *We knew all the Harris family from our early days at Oak Acres COC. We would like to extend our sympathy to the family. So sorry about Tom. He was definitely one of a kind. Loving thoughts to all.*
Ron and Rose Swicegood

Swicegood - August 03, 2020 at 02:59 PM