



Mr. John Richard Harris Sr.

July 23, 1931 - July 13, 2020

John Richard Harris Sr., known to his family as “Rich”, was born on July 23, 1931, to Augustus “Beck” & Hilda Harris. John was the oldest of 9 children. He grew up in Gonzales Texas He Graduated from Edwards High School in 1948 and went on to attend Prairie View A&M University, where he enrolled in ROTC and after receiving his Bachelor’s Degree, he joined the United States Army as a Commissioned Officer but had to wait 1 full year before receiving his commission, because he was only 20 years old. Rich decided to make a career in the Army and retired as a Colonel in August 1979.

During his time in the military, Rich met and married the love of his life, Ella Verthina “Bert” Chaison, in 1955. They had one son, John R. Harris Jr. and were happily married for 48 years until her homegoing in 2003.

Colonel John Richard “Rich” Harris Sr. went home to be with the Lord, on July 13, 2020. He will forever be remembered by his son, John R Harris Jr. and John’s wife, Jeanette B. Harris, his 3 grandchildren, grandson Jonathan Harris, granddaughter Wendy Johnson and granddaughter Karen Johnson. 2 great-grand sons Donovan & Dominic Harris and 2 great-grand daughters Sheria Johnson-Wynn & Zhakerria Thaxton. He leaves behind 2 brothers, Leonard C. Harris (Porcha) and August Al’Uqdah. 2 sisters, Alice M. Barfield and Barbara M. Kibbe (John). And John will also be forever remembered by his numerous nieces, nephews, extended family and dear friends.

Interment will be at a later date, at Arlington National Cemetery.

Tribute Wall



“ Jefferson Funeral Chapel created a Webcast in memory of Mr. John Richard Harris Sr.

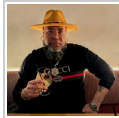


Jefferson Funeral Chapel - July 14, 2020 at 01:41 PM

JS

My prayers are with you family. A beautiful service!!

Joshlyn Stephens - July 16, 2020 at 01:52 PM



Thank you Uncle Rich for being such a great example of refinement and class. You paved the way for many and I salute you. God bless your soul! Kiss grandmother for me!

Ruben Morales - July 16, 2020 at 02:10 PM

TJ

My family and I will miss you so much. When we spent time with you we felt so happy. I can never forget the first time I saw you with Jonathan as a baby holding him and making him laugh. As he grew into a toddler, a teen, and became a man you were always there when he needed you. He loves you so much. Your love wasn't limited to just Jonathan you accepted and loved my daughter, Karen and her daughter Zhakerria as if they were your very own family. Then surprise along came your 2 great grandsons, Donovan and Dominic. Just how much love can a person have to give I'm not sure but you again wrapped your arms around them and smothered them with your love. They gave you the name "Big Grandpa". When they came to visit they always wanted to go see "Big Grandpa". They would talk to you about any and everything and you patiently listened and laughed. You were always so attentive to what the children had to say. You were the best grandfather and great grandfather in the world. We couldn't have asked for anyone better than you. You are at peace now and we are happy knowing that. "Big Grandpa" know you were loved so much and will be truly missed. Love you, Terri and family

Terri Johnson - July 20, 2020 at 10:03 AM



“ *Mr. John Richard Harris Sr.*

October 27, 2022 at 09:45 PM

GW

“ *Dear Mr. & Mrs. John R. Harris, Jr. and Family,*

We were saddened to learn of the passing of your wonderful father and our dear friend, John Harris, Sr. -- a true class act and a gentleman. We are so sorry for your loss, and we're keeping you in our thoughts and prayers. Among many terrific memories, we will remember enjoying his company at our poker table. He May God bless your family with the comfort and peace of loving memories.

*With deepest sympathies,
General & Mrs. Harvey Williams*

General & Mrs. Harvey Williams - July 26, 2020 at 06:16 PM

MD

“ Your cousins Mike, Marilyn, and baby Billy up in New York are thinking about you all and love and miss you. Although we didn't see each other often, Uncle John was always such a special and supportive figure in my life growing up. I'll always cherish the memories of his warmth, kindness, and the role model he set for me growing up. We're thinking of the whole family in this difficult time!
-Mike

Mike Dauphin - July 17, 2020 at 04:21 PM

LM

“ To The Harris Family,
We are saddened to hear about the passing of Colonel Harris. We first met at the Command & General Staff College Class of 1967 and continued a relationship with the family upon arrival in the Washington DC area. Our prayers and blessings to the family.
With warm regards,
Lloyd & Virginia Milburn

LLLOYD E MILBURN - July 16, 2020 at 03:08 PM

SH

“ I didn't get to spend much time with dad, I remember our first meeting was at graduation, no one introduced us so I introduced myself. I remember going up to him and saying " I know your Johns dad cause you look just like him, he laughed and said "I think john looks like me" I said true but your cuter. he laughed and we hung out chatting while everyone was taking pictures. He was a warm friendly kind man. When Barbie would tell me he wasn't doing great, I would say a prayer for him, and continue to ask her if he's doing better, and what did the doctor say?. We no longer need worry about what the doctors has to say, he's well now and sitting with god. He will be truly missed by all.

Shyann Gordon

Shyann - July 16, 2020 at 02:32 PM

CM

“ On behalf of the Metro Card Club, Catherine and I extend condolences and sympathy to the Harris family. John was a good friend, and a true gentleman whose departure to his heavenly home leaves a void in our ranks. Hopefully, our prayers will provide some comfort and support at this time.

Clarence and Catherine Miller

Clarence Miller - July 16, 2020 at 01:00 PM

DJ

“ Our prayers and thoughts are with the family....Uncle John shared priceless knowledge of his college experience, military knowledge, and never ending growth of knowledge, wisdom. Always willing to share and make time for family. His mark dwells deep within our home.

Love,
Isaac, Demetria, Zachary, and Joshua Johnson

Demetria Johnson - July 16, 2020 at 12:50 PM



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Demetria Naimah - July 16, 2020 at 01:41 PM



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Demetria Naimah - July 16, 2020 at 01:41 PM

RL

“ I only met Colonel Harris one occasion and that was when Portia Harris (my sister-in-law) visited his home. I as a retired (Lt. Col USAF) enjoyed greatly our meeting. Of course we had a good discussion about which service (Army or Air Force) was the best. We ended the discussion by agreeing that when called upon both services answered the call of our Nation. May his journey to be with our Lord be as successful as was his life here on earth. Lt. Col (ret.) Roger Lewis

Roger W Lewis - July 16, 2020 at 12:46 PM

KW

“ John,

I have nothing but good memories of you. The kids still talk about you and Bert picking them up from daycare and eating at Wendy's . They loved that. We will miss you.

*Love,
Rickie, Kim, Rickie Jr and Eddie Williams*

Kim Williams - July 16, 2020 at 12:45 PM

WJ

“ *I will always cherish my memories of spending the summers when I was in law school with Bert and Uncle John. Johnny, you have my deepest condolences!!*

William Michael Dauphin, Jr - July 15, 2020 at 01:14 PM

GL

“ *Sending up prayers for you and your family. I will always remember how special your Dad was to me.*

Glenda

Glenda - July 15, 2020 at 01:07 PM



“ *Bountiful Memories Casket Spray was purchased for the family of Mr. John Richard Harris Sr..*



July 15, 2020 at 11:28 AM



“ *Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Mr. John Richard Harris Sr..*



July 14, 2020 at 11:02 PM



“ *Logan and I are sending our love and prayers to you at this sad time. I know we have been far apart but you all have never been far from our hearts. We love you and pray Uncle John is at peace with no pain in heaven now. -Christine and Logan*

Christine Dauphin Lacy - July 14, 2020 at 10:57 PM



“ *Medium Dish Garden was purchased for the family of Mr. John Richard Harris Sr..*



July 14, 2020 at 01:31 PM



“ *To John, Jr., Jeanette and the Harris Family, Jim and I send our heartfelt condolences to you. We have loved John and Bert for many years. They were truly dear friends. Please be comforted in knowing that, “sorrow may last for a night, but joy comes in the morning”. We will keep u in our prayers that God will comfort you as only He can. Love, Jim and Yvonne McCall*

Jim and Yvonne McCall - July 14, 2020 at 01:09 PM