



Mr. Bruce Anthony Harris

July 29, 1938 - February 3, 2018

Mr. Bruce Anthony Harris, age 79, of Albany died on Saturday, February 3, 2018 at Phoebe Worth Medical Center.

The funeral service will be held at 2:00PM on Wednesday at Kimbrell-Stern with interment to follow at Crown Hill Cemetery. Dennis Heineman will officiate. The family will receive friends from 1:00 to 2:00PM one hour before service Wednesday.

Mr. Harris was born on July 29, 1938 in Brooklyn, New York to the late John "Jack" Harris and Helen Frances Bartnicki Harris. He attended Brooklyn public schools, including William E. Grady High School. During High school, he had several jobs: including shoveling snow, working in an umbrella factory, hanging clotheslines and "running stocks and bonds" on Wall Street. Bruce believed in hard work and education. He always told his children to remember that, "Education is the key and it's something that no one can take from you."

Bruce was a proud Marine Veteran and skilled amphibious assault vehicle mechanic. While stationed in Albany, Mr. Harris met and married his wife Barbara. After serving in the Marine Corps, he began his civil service data processing career at the Treasury Department in Manhattan, NY, and later transferred to the Brooklyn Naval Shipyard. After the Naval Shipyard closed, Bruce transferred back to MCLB Albany to continue in data processing (CDPA). He served in the federal government for a total of 41 years and 11 months. Bruce retired from MCLB in December 1997.

Upon retirement, Bruce's hobbies included gardening and outdoor activities.

He especially enjoyed arts and crafts with his grandchildren.

Bruce attended Eastside Church of Christ and has been an active volunteer in church's food bank.

Bruce was affectionately known as "Papa" to his loving grandchildren: Whitney and Ahmal Coles, Ashleigh & Geramiah Kelly, Thomas & Timothy Hoebeke, Zach, Vivian, Julia & Sarah Harris; Great grandchildren Gideon Coles & Ryan Kelly.

Survivors include his wife of 58 years, Barbara Whatley Harris of Albany; daughters Patricia Harris Welch (Garry) of Worth Co., Teresa Harris Hoebeke (Tony) of Canton, GA; son Michael Harris (Jessica) of Kennesaw, GA; Sisters Joan Nemeth (Jackie) of Forked River, NJ, Elaine Derragon of Long Island, NY, Cheryl Pilatsky (Bob) of St. Augustine, FL; Brothers Alan Harris (Carmela) of Lewiston, TX & Wayne Harris (Bernadette) of Brooklyn, NY; Sister in laws Martha Sumrall of Tallahassee, FL and Patricia Heineman (Dennis) of Bryant, AL.

In lieu of flowers, please donate in memory of Mr. Harris to: The Disabled American Veterans or the Wounded Warrior Project.

Previous Events

Visitation

FEB 7. 1:00 PM - 2:00 PM (ET)

Kimbrell-Stern
1503 Dawson Road
Albany, GA 31707
(229) 883-4152
<https://www.kimbrellstern.com?>

Funeral Service

FEB 7. 2:00 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Mr. Bruce Anthony Harris*

May 22, 2023 at 10:29 AM



“ *Mr. Bruce Anthony Harris*

December 24, 2022 at 02:54 AM



“ *Roses and Calla Lilies (Silk Cemetery Flowers)*
was purchased for the family of Mr. Bruce
Anthony Harris.



February 17, 2018 at 06:09 PM



“ *Guiding Light Bouquet was purchased for the*
family of Mr. Bruce Anthony Harris.



February 06, 2018 at 08:52 PM

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“ Seth Bridges & Worth County Primary School purchased the Florist Choice Bouquet for the family of Mr. Bruce Anthony Harris.



Seth Bridges & Worth County Primary School - February 06, 2018 at 01:46 PM

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“ The Connections Department at Hopewell purchased the Serene Retreat for the family of Mr. Bruce Anthony Harris.



The Connections Department at Hopewell - February 06, 2018 at 12:39 PM

CC

“ Charlie and Maria Chance purchased the Arrive in Style for the family of Mr. Bruce Anthony Harris.



Charlie and Maria Chance - February 06, 2018 at 11:54 AM

EB

“ So sorry to hear of your loss. We have great memories of those years we were neighbors and are so glad that our friendship has passed the test of time. We're praying that you will feel yourselves wrapped in the loving arms of our Lord and Savior and savor the comfort and peace that only He can give. Please accept our sincere condolences and love.

Earl and Leila Beanblossom - February 06, 2018 at 09:43 AM

PH

“ *In memory of my brother-in-law who was known by our family as Johnny. I have always thought of him as a big brother. He has been in my life since I was about 5 years old. I remember him entertaining me and our brother, Thomas. He would tap dance and take us to the Pig and Chik for ice cream. He was the comedian of the family! He loved Barbara and was proud of his children and grandchildren. He was a hard worker. He was a great son-in-law to our parents. He was always willing to help in any way he could. So many great memories! Johnny, you are already missed.*

To Barbara, Patricia, Teresa, Michael, grandchildren and greatgrands, you are all in my thoughts and prayers. Love and hugs to all of you.

Pat Whatley Heineman - February 05, 2018 at 06:09 PM