



Charley Ray And Martha Jean Harris

May 17, 2021

Charley Ray Harris, age 85, and his wife, Martha Jean, age 84, of Joelton, Tennessee, entered into the presence of Jesus within minutes of each other while holding hands on Monday, May 17, 2021 at Skyline Medical Center in Nashville.

Funeral services for both will be conducted at 1 o'clock pm, Saturday, May 22nd, at New Hope Free Will Baptist Church in Joelton with Bro. Corey Minter, Bro. David Royalty, and Rev. Roger Senechal officiating. Honorary pallbearers will be Christopher Harris, Blake Harris, Robert Lee Hand, Doug Crocker, Carl Chambliss, Bruce Chambliss, Scotty Chambliss, Mark Chambliss, Buddy Harris, Dale Turrentine, Don Amos, Gary Chance, Ray Pillow, David Simpson, Doug Vann, and Gilford Walker.

Following the funeral services, their remains will be cremated and a private family burial at a later date.

The family will receive friends at the church on Saturday, May 22nd, beginning at 11:00AM until the hour of service at 1:00PM.

Mr. Charley Ray was born in Joelton, Tennessee on March 21, 1936 to the late Charley Burnis "Cotton" & Eunice Bell Turrentine Harris. After college, he taught for three years at Glencliff High School in Nashville. He then began his

banking career at Whites Creek Bank & Trust where he eventually became Vice-President. Afterwards, he opened and designed United Citizens Bank in Ashland City. Upon leaving there, he opened, along with Jerry Garrett and Winfield Dunn, First Cumberland Bank in Madison. After this, he continued his career in mortgage lending and enjoyed working at Pebble Brook golf course.

Mrs. Martha Jean was born in Nashville, Tennessee on December 20, 1936 to the late Ernest Edwards & Laura Mae Hand Williams. She was a homemaker, and owner/operator of Ashland City Office Supply & Hallmark Cards that supplied books to Cheatham County Schools. She enjoyed crafts and created Memories in Glass.

Mr. & Mrs. Harris were married for sixty-five years and were both members of New Hope Free Will Baptist Church.

In addition to his parents, Charley Ray is preceded in death by sisters, Sue Helen Osborne, and Bonnie Ruth Vann. He is survived by brother, William Richard "Buddy" Harris.

In addition to her parents, Martha Jean is preceded in death by brother, Ernest Edwards Williams, Jr.

Additional survivors include sons, Dale (Suzann) Harris, Richard (Lisa) Harris, daughter, Laurice (Bill) Crocker; grandchildren, Christopher (Anna Louise) Harris, AnnaGee Harris (Gerry Senechal), Blake Harris; great-grandchildren, Anne Catherine & Colt Harris; step-grandchildren, Tom (Kathryne) Crocker, James (Anita) Crocker, Doug (Dana) Crocker, and their families.

If so desired, memorial contributions may be made to The Nashville Steam Preservation Society, www.nashvillesteam.org

AUSTIN & BELL FUNERAL HOME in Pleasant View is in charge of these arrangements. 6316 Highway 41A, Pleasant View, Tennessee 37146 (615) 746-4433 www.austinandbell.com

Previous Events

Visitation

MAY **22**. 11:00 AM - 1:00 PM (CT)

New Hope Free Will Baptist Church
1285 New Hope Rd
Joelton, TN 37080

Funeral

MAY **22**. 1:00 PM (CT)

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Joelton, TN 37080

Tribute Wall

ME

“ One could travel the world over and not meet a nicer couple than Mr. & Mrs. Harris. Whenever you saw them in the community or at a school event, you could tell they were genuinely warm and loving individuals.

Mark Ellis - November 12, 2021 at 08:13 AM



“ My mom used to be Charlie Ray and Martha Jean's sister in law. She was married to EJ and his widow. Her name is Armida and lives in TX now. She wanted me to write this note and say that she is sorry to hear of their passing. Prayers and love sent. Judy Lowe for Armida

Judy Lowe - September 25, 2021 at 01:01 PM

LC

Thank you!

Laurice harris crocker - March 12, 2025 at 08:17 PM

NJ

“ We are so sorry for your losses. We will never forget such special folks. We love your family.
Jim and Nan Smith



Nan and Jim - May 22, 2021 at 01:12 PM

KC

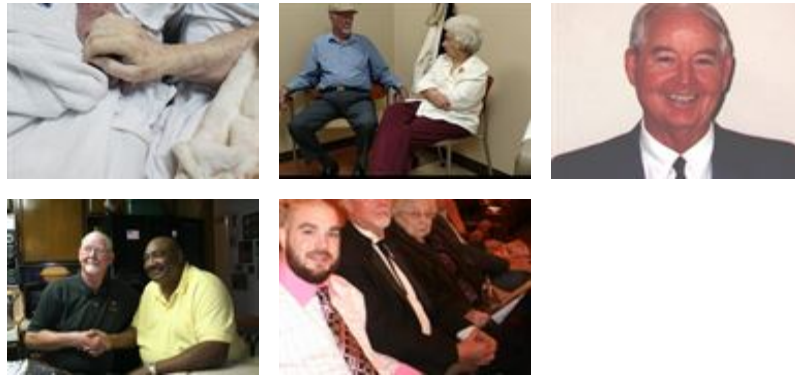
“ Ken & Cindy purchased the A Full Life for the family of Charley Ray And Martha Jean Harris.



Ken & Cindy - May 21, 2021 at 11:29 PM



“ 101 files added to the album LifeTributes



Austin & Bell Funeral Home - May 20, 2021 at 06:58 PM



“ Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Charley Ray And Martha Jean Harris.



May 20, 2021 at 11:21 AM

SS

“ Martha Jean and I grew up together. She was my cousin. We spent many hours in the playhouse behind her house. When we spent the night out there, Aunt Laura would bring us hot chocolate the next morning. Martha and Charley were both sweet gentle people. They are now together for eternal life. I will miss you.
Shirley Williams Solomon

Shirley Solomon - May 19, 2021 at 06:15 PM

AC

“ Charlie and Martha would light up a room upon entry. They had a unique way of making everyone feel special and loved. Martha was so quiet, but she has the most expressive eyes that sparkled like diamonds when she talked about her family. Their love story was as unique and rare as they. No surprise that God let these two angels come in together. My prayers and thoughts are with all that will certainly feel a major void.

Anita Cantrell - May 19, 2021 at 04:21 PM

LC

Thank you! --Laurice

Laurice Crocker - May 21, 2021 at 10:20 PM

DR

“ David And Marilyn Read lit a candle in memory of Charley Ray And Martha Jean Harris



David and Marilyn Read - May 19, 2021 at 03:30 PM

DR

A friend from our Highschool years. Very pleasant memories!

David and Marilyn Read - May 19, 2021 at 03:33 PM



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May 19, 2021 at 02:51 PM