



Johnnie Ellis Harris

January 10, 1923 - August 2, 2014

Johnnie Ellis Harris age 91 of Springfield passed away on Saturday, August 2, 2014 at the Henry County Medical Center. Funeral services will be conducted on Tuesday, August 5, 2014 at 12:00pm at the Austin & Bell Funeral Home in Springfield with Bro. Steve Freeman and Bro. Bob Cook officiating. Burial will follow in the Robertson County Memorial Gardens with Military honors.

Visitation will begin on Monday from 4-8pm and Tuesday from 10am-12pm at the funeral home. He was a member of Grace Baptist Church, the last surviving Original founding member of the Robertson County Choral Society; performed Handel's Messiah of the 51st year in April 2014; coached the Lions Club 13-15 year old Baseball Team for 35 years in which he had a diamond named in his honor; was the Choir Director at Grace Baptist Church for 25 plus years; worked for Commerce Union Bank for 39 1/2 years as well as several other banks in the community; made rank of Staff Sergeant earning 3 purple hearts and 1 Bronze Star for his actions at the Battle of the Bulge in the European Theatre during WWII; went to Austin Peay State University and Murray State for two years; was a member of the Springfield Lions Club and Minstrel for 60 plus years; member of the American Legion for 50 plus years. Johnnie was born on January 10, 1923 in Robertson County to the late James Thomas and Sarah Davis Harris. In addition to his parents he is also preceded in death by a son, Jimmy Harris; brother, James Harris; sisters, Frances Randolph, Bernice Elliott, Louise Chaudoin and Annie McCarroll. Survivors include his wife of 67 years, Anne G. Harris of Springfield; son, Johnnie "Chip"

Harris Jr. of Springville, TN; daughter, Jayne Harris and husband Donald Brown of Pegram, TN; grandchildren, John Christopher Harris, Nikole Elmore, John Ellis Harris III; great-grandson, James Christopher Harris. Pallbearers will be Bobby Payne, Bobby Draper, Don Head, Scott Bagwell, Ron DeBerry, Alan Pratt and Larry Pratt. Honorary pallbearers will be Dan Borthick and members of the Lions Club. The family request that donations be made to the charity of your choice. AUSTIN & BELL SPRINGFIELD is in charge of arrangements.

Tribute Wall

AP

“ I fondly rememberr Johnnie and his involvement with the choral program at Springfield Baptist Church and the activities of the lions club. My deepest sympathy to Ann and family.

Alice Marie Ellis Pae - August 07, 2014 at 10:28 PM

AM

“ Ms Ann, just wanted you to know that we love you, Jane and Chip very much and think of you often with the warmest memories. I'm so sorry about Mr. Harris and hope you find comfort knowing he's gained his reward. Mother sends her love as well.

Amelia Morton - August 06, 2014 at 03:06 PM

JW

“ Johnnie Ellis Harris

John Weaver - August 05, 2014 at 01:22 PM

DB

“ So sorry for your loss. Johnnie and my sister Ann had many great times at the bank. He was a very special man and did a lot for the community. He will be missed. God Bless you all.

Donna Crabtree Bruce - August 05, 2014 at 08:16 AM

JC

“ I am so sorry to hear of Mr. Johnny's passing. He was an awesome choir director and a man that I admired in my youth! He used to call me every week to tell me what I needed to play that Sunday in church. I wrote it down in the hymnal and I have that hymnal with all the services marked in the back. It is a treasure of mine to this day. He also headed up the youth choir during that time and he was always encouraging. God gained another great voice in his choir! My condolences to the family.

Jeannie Osborne Crowder - August 04, 2014 at 08:27 PM

BP

“ I am so sorry for your loss...May God hold you so close during this difficult time.

Becky Pearson - August 04, 2014 at 07:06 PM

NL

“ Anne and Family, I think Mark Reeves stated well what many of us feel about Johnnie. He was always friendly and kind to me. My prayers for comfort and peace are with you.

Nancy Williams Lewis - August 04, 2014 at 04:17 PM

JC

“ Mr. Johnnie reached Glory Land...Hallelujah! He received his crown of life and entered into a life of no tears, no pain and forever praising before the throne of God. How awesome it is that he is able to personally tell Jesus thank you for all his many blessings. His memory will forever remain.

Judy Reaves Coleman - August 04, 2014 at 03:56 PM

MR

“ My sincere condolences go out to the Harris family. I was fortunate enough to play baseball for Mr. Harris 25 or so years ago. He was a great coach, but an even better person. It was always a pleasure getting to see him around town or at the state basketball tournament. I know he had a tremendous impact on so many people over the years. Our prayer for the family is for comfort. Mr. Harris's full life and eternal reward can be celebrated by all who knew him.

Mark Reeves - August 04, 2014 at 09:54 AM

TM

“ Praying for your comfort and peace during this difficult time. Nikole, your Normam Binkley family is thinking of you! You have our love and support.

Tameka Marshall - August 03, 2014 at 11:12 PM

JC

“ My prayers are with your family in the loss of Mr. Harris. I hope the memories you have bring you comfort and peace as you move forward without him.

Janet Coke - August 03, 2014 at 10:58 PM

AG

“ I am very sorry to hear of Mr. Johnnie's passing. I have such fond memories and special times at the Harris house which on many weekends was my second home. I will cherish the memories of those fish dinners and many laughs during the local Minstrel. He will certainly be missed and I hope as a family you all can obtain peace with reflections of wonderful memories of ways he touched all our lives.

Amber P. Gregory - August 03, 2014 at 09:45 PM

BR

“ *I am so sorry for your loss. He was a wonderful man and will be missed by many. You are all in my thoughts and prayers.* ”

Brielle - August 03, 2014 at 06:30 PM