



## William L. Harris

January 20, 1944 - January 20, 2008

William L. Harris, age 64, of Cross Plains, was ushered into heaven on Sunday, January 20, 2008, at St. Thomas Hospital in Nashville after a courageous battle with cancer. Funeral services will be held Wednesday, January 23 at 11:00 am at Mt. Carmel Baptist Church in Cross Plains with Dr. Bill Owen officiating. Burial will follow at the Mt. Carmel Cemetery with family and friends serving as pallbearers. Visitation was held Tuesday, January 22, 2008 from 2:00 pm until 8:00 pm in the chapel of Austin & Bell in Springfield and will be held at Mt. Carmel Baptist Church on Wednesday from 10:00 am until the time of service at 11:00 am.

Mr. Harris served his God, his country, his community, and his family wholeheartedly. Bill was a long-time Sunday School teacher and deacon at Mt. Carmel Baptist Church. He enlisted in the Marine Corps to serve in Vietnam prior to returning to earn a degree in English at Austin Peay State University. Bill was known throughout the community as a role model and ever-present support to those who knew him. To his family, he was a devoted husband, Daddy, Papa, and above all, Best Friend.

Bill is preceded in death by his parents, Valjean and Evelyn Harris and his brother, Rusty, of Clarksville. He is survived by his loving wife of nearly 37 years, Dianne Harris of Cross Plains; daughters, Tonya (Aaron) Bradshaw of Cross Plains, Dr. Christine (Randy) Coker of Vancleave, MS, and Sarah (Sean) Alexander of Gallatin; four grandchildren, Colin Michael and Liam Harris Alexander and Cameron and Lacey Bradshaw; two sisters, Gloria (Bill)

Brinton of Nashville and Vicki (Jimmy) Woods of Baxley, GA; and aunts, Virginia (Fort) Birdwell and Mary Annette Hutchinson of Clarksville and several nieces and nephews.

The family requests memorial contributions be made to the Anne Swann Scholarship and the J.B. Ousley Scholarship Funds at Mt. Carmel Baptist Church in Cross Plains.

Austin & Bell Funeral Home is in charge of these arrangements.

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