



Noel Kent Harris

September 9, 1960 - January 4, 2018

Noel Kent Harris departed this earthly life on Thursday, January 4, 2018, at the Providence Health Hospital in Columbia, South Carolina. Born in Spartanburg, South Carolina, on September 9, 1960, he was the oldest of three children born to Elsie Mae Porter White and the late Calvin Earl Harris.

In August of 1968, the Harris family moved to Columbia, where he continued his education in Richland County School District Two. He graduated from Spring Valley High School in the Class of 1978. He served his country in the United States Army and was later employed as a truck driver with the Thomas and Howard Company. At a young age, Noel played the piano, organ, and the saxophone; thus began his journey as a lifelong musician, allowing him to perform on the East Coast with the renowned “Newcomers” of the House of Prayer Church to All Nations in Spartanburg, South Carolina, and later he played keyboards, the saxophone and sang in several bands, including: Ricky and the Codas; The Midnight Blues; Soul Dynamics; Soul Explosion; First Chance; Every Living Soul; and Amtrakk Band. His talents also allowed him to perform in Japan on the U.S.S. O’Brien. In his spare time, he enjoyed teaching and sharing his God-given talents with other proteges: Ti’Erre Harris; Alphonso Gary; and Azaiah Jones. His favorite passions were sharing his big heart of love, listening to music, family gatherings (especially Thanksgiving); eating wild game (deer, possum, rabbit, coon); fishing; playing with granddaughter (Nyla Joi); discussing politics with his mother (Elsie White

and Granny-Mama Aliece Moore); and watching sports (football: Denver Broncos and Carolina Panthers; basketball: Cleveland Cavaliers; baseball: St. Louis Cardinals).

Noel accepted Christ as his Lord and Savior and was filled with the baptism of the Holy Ghost in February of 2009. For several years, he was a member of Power of Change Christian Church in Cahokia, Illinois, and later became a member of Jones Memorial AME Zion Church, where he remained faithful and continued to trust God as his healer.

He was a genuine, big-hearted, gregarious, caring, and loving spirit. He had a memory like an elephant, and he raised the bar for healthcare in the nursing home, which resulted in better quality of service. He played the role of chaplain, where he ministered through song and the Word to staff and to residents. He was elected Residential Council President of the White Oak Nursing Home in Mt. Vernon, Illinois.

He leaves to cherish precious memories his mother, Elsie Mae Porter (Rev. Dr. Reid R., Jr.) White; his sister: Alicia Colette Harris; his brother, Lexington "Lex" Earl Harris; a special niece, Phaedra Harris-Smith; his sweetheart, trophy, and caregiver Darlene Harris Moore; stepmother, Rev. Jacqueline Carter-Harris; special children : LaDrena Henderson, E. Jelani Henderson, and Justin Whitfield; a granddaughter, Nyla Joi Westbrook; a grandson: Azaiah Jones; half-brothers and sisters: Mitchell (Eva) Burney, Camille Frierson, Kimberly White; stepbrothers and sisters: Reid R. White, III, Renee (Darren) Allen, Kendra Bailey, Rev. Cory Rustin, Kimberly (Lonnie) Morrow; special friends/brothers: Mack Hollis, Alex Isaac, and Antoine Young; and a host of nieces, nephews, other relatives and friends.

Previous Events

Public Viewing

JAN 10. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

Jones Memorial AME Zion Church
2400 Barhamville Rd
Columbia, SC 29204
(803) 254-8786

Celebration of Life

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Tribute Wall



“ Noel Kent Harris

October 04, 2023 at 11:33 AM



“ Peggysmith lit a candle in memory of Noel Kent Harris



peggysmith - May 09, 2018 at 08:57 AM



“ I will remember your smile and your willingness to give us advice and support when we needed it.

Shirley Schubert - January 18, 2018 at 11:23 PM



“ Noel “Kent” Harris was a remarkable, loving, kind, smart, talented, gifted, and sweet man. He had a big heart and loved him some Darlene “Harris” Moore! I will truly miss him and I know that he is home now so I won't be sad because the Bible says rejoice! There will be moments for many who loved him but God is a promise keeper and His peace does surpass all understanding. So family and friends be encouraged to stand on God's promise (if you believe) for that Peace Promise is a “sure thing” and you have HIS word on it! Much Love! Joyce J. Moore~



Joyce J - January 15, 2018 at 11:44 PM

DM

Thanks so much Sis! 🥹

DARLENE MOORE - January 17, 2018 at 11:35 AM

DM

So true!

DARLENE MOORE - January 17, 2018 at 12:00 PM

DD

“ We will Miss your happy laugh and smile and enthusiastic hello every time we talked to you, we enjoyed all the time we had in your life you was a very sweet, kind big hearted man its true, loved God and music and an inspiration to all that was blessed to know the man you was, your pain free now and Celebrating in Heaven above. Prayers and condolence to all his family and friends, he never met a stranger or had a negative word to say about anyone, we will Miss you Greatly, love you Noel, its not goodbye its just until we all meet again <3



Dee Dee - January 13, 2018 at 11:06 AM

DM

Thank you Dee Dee. Every word is true!

DARLENE MOORE - January 17, 2018 at 11:36 AM

DM

“ NOEL

I'll always remember when you made me laugh. You told me that you were leaving memories for me that would always last. I never thought the day would come that you would leave and be gone. You slipped away Noel without saying so long. I was expecting you to bounce back like you always would do; but instead you bounced out into eternal life all brand new. I know that you are in a better place of rest and I must confess that you truly passed your test. Noel you fought a good fight and you kept the faith, so count it all joy that you've finished your race. I can count over 30 + things that you and do it with pain and at least three times the knock of death at the door calling your name. You told me that you were tired and you felt that your time was about to expire; but I didn't want to hear it because it wasn't my desire. But I know I must yield to God's perfect will so I'll cry with my heart and my hand until God mends it back together again. So sleep on Noel Kent Harris, My Love, My Treasure, My Cuddy Bear, My Advisor, My Biggest Supporter and My Best Friend. I'll see you in glory where Love, Joy and Peace will never end.
By Darlene Harris Moore



DARLENE MOORE - January 12, 2018 at 01:02 PM

DV

Beautifully written

Dee Dee Voyles - January 12, 2018 at 04:25 PM

DM

Thank you!

DARLENE MOORE - January 12, 2018 at 05:02 PM

DA

*Amen...Rest well Noel
Sending prayers of peace and comfort to you Darlene and family and friends..*

Dawn - January 12, 2018 at 07:11 PM

SA

Cuz some people will never know the pain you feel until they lose someone so dear and near you know I have lost many this is beautifully written as beautiful as you are praying that God heals you're going to hard love you always

Sabrina - January 12, 2018 at 07:33 PM

SA

Sorry for the typo didn't catch it it wouldn't let me erase it that was supposed to say your Wounded Heart love you always

Sabrina - January 12, 2018 at 07:35 PM

MF

*WITH HEARTFELT SYMPATHY
SO SORRY FOR YOUR LOSS
PLEASE KNOW THAT YOU
ARE IN OUR THOUGHTS AND
PRAYER WE LOVE YOU THE MITCHELL FAMILY!!*

MARLO & DARRELL MITCHELL/ FAMILY - January 12, 2018 at 07:49 PM

SN

He looks and sounds like he was like a wonderful man, I know if you received him, he most certainly was. I know that if he was even half the wonderful person I know you to be then I know he has a Glorious Place in Heaven. I love you Sis. Darlene. And I just pray God holds you and Family in the hollow of his hand. May your Husband, Rest In Peace In Heaven.

Sis. Ida Zore,(Neal) - January 13, 2018 at 09:24 AM

AT

My deepest condolences & Prayers go out to You ,his fmly & everyone who knew & loved him . I'm Still Lost for Words ! This Poem is Beautifully Written!

Aletha Thomas - January 15, 2018 at 02:01 AM

DM

Thank you everyone for your sweet words, kind thoughts and compliments. Noel will truly be missed. He had such a big heart full of love for everyone he met! No more pain and everything to gain in Glory!

With each New Day, I'm trusting God to heal the hurt and take away the emotional pain that we Experience when we lose a Loved one. Continual prayers for the family and I.

Thank you everyone...

Smooches 🤔 Hugs 🤗 Love 💕

DARLENE MOORE - January 17, 2018 at 11:45 AM

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I'll see you in Glory where you Love, Joy and Peace will never end.

By Darlene Harris-Moore



DARLENE MOORE - January 12, 2018 at 06:05 AM

AY

“ To the family of my friend.....
I will never forget our long talks, prayers and just being the best of friends to one another. Kent was my A1 who has help grow into the young man that I am today. Words cannot express how I feel right know. Sorry I could not make the trip down to pay final respects in person. But I know if I continue to live right, one day, we will be able to talk with the father, chat with the Son, tell em' all this world that we came from.
I will see in the morning my friend.....

Antoine Young
804-317-8890

Antoine Young - January 10, 2018 at 09:54 AM

DM

*Beautiful Antoine,
Thank you so much!*

DARLENE MOORE - January 12, 2018 at 04:45 AM

DF

“ Darise Graham and Family purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Noel Kent Harris.



Darise Graham and Family - January 09, 2018 at 11:52 PM

TH

“ MY CONDOLENCE TO THE HARRIS FAMILY FROM THOMAS HASKETT HE WILL BE MISS VERY MUCH HE WAS OUR SAXPHONE PLAYER IN THE BAND THE SOUL DYNAMICS WE HAD A WONDERFUL TIME TOGETHER MY NEWCASTLE HOMEBOY MAY YOU REST IN PEACE

THOMAS HASKETT - January 09, 2018 at 05:05 PM

DM

Thank you so much!

DARLENE MOORE - January 12, 2018 at 04:46 AM



“ *Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Noel Kent Harris.*



January 09, 2018 at 04:02 PM

RS

“ *My prayers of comfort for you Mrs. Elsie and your family.*

*If we live, we live to the Lord; and if we die, we die to the Lord; so then, whether we live or whether we die, we are the lord's.
Rom. 14:8*

Rev. Elizabeth Wine

Rev. Elizabeth Wine, Columbia, SC - January 09, 2018 at 11:01 AM

MW

“ *Rest In Heaven my friend, my classmate SVHS Class of '78 Vikings for life and one of the Kings of Newcastle. My sincerer condolences to the Harris family.*
Mary S. Walker

Mary S. Walker - January 09, 2018 at 09:34 AM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Noel Kent Harris.*



January 09, 2018 at 01:10 AM

MC

“ *Michael Coghill lit a candle in memory of Noel Kent Harris*



Michael Coghill - January 08, 2018 at 09:28 PM

MM

I remember Kent from high school very well. So sorry to hear of his passing.

Michael Money - January 10, 2018 at 11:07 AM



“ To Mrs. Elsie, Dr. Reid, Lex. Collette. Kent was such a loving, funny, and talented man. We would laugh and talk for hours on the phone. I am deeply saddened that you are gone my friend but knowing that you are no longer in pain and I will see you again makes it a little easy. I promise to rent that camper, take that trip to the beach, and fish just like we planned. Until I see you again I know that you are at peace.



Toyura Strong - January 07, 2018 at 09:13 PM