



Joe "Joseph" Harris

September 14, 1944 - January 5, 2025

On Sunday, January 5, 2025, Joe "Joseph" Harris was peacefully called home by God, surrounded by the love of his family.

Born in Greenville, NC, Joe was a proud Marine who served in the Vietnam War—HOO RAH! He was not only a devoted family man but also a savvy entrepreneur, founding several successful businesses, including The Rib Crib in Allentown, PA, Harris Brothers™ Trucking, and Harris & Holmes Catering in Rahway, NJ. Joe was passionate about sports, playing in the senior basketball league and bowling, and was an avid fisherman who loved being out on the ocean.

Known for his stern yet loving demeanor, Joe's™ presence left a lasting impression. Beneath his strong exterior was a kind soul who deeply loved those around him and was loved in return.

A funeral service will be held on Monday, January 13, 2025, at 1:00 p.m. at Gibbs Funeral Home, 412 Bern St, New Bern, NC 28560. Visitation will take place from 12:00 p.m. to 1:00 p.m. prior to the service.

Interment will follow at Pine Lawn Memorial, 4488 US 70, Kinston, NC 28504.

For further information, please get in touch with Gibbs Funeral Home at 910-

581-2904.

Tribute Wall

JJ

“ I thank my God for the Joe Harris that i personally knew. A friend that was closer than many brothers. The man of God that gave me my first introduction to the Savior Jesus Who two months later set me free from sin's grip on my life. Rest from your earthly labor my brother until we meet Our Lord in the air, 1Thes.4:13-18.

James Johnson - January 13, 2025 at 12:00 AM

ST

“ I'm so sorry to learn of Mr. Harris' passing. I first met him whilst I was working @ Seymour Johnson AFB Commissary. He came through My checkout register and (of course) I had to check his ID Card. Discovering that he was a Retired Marine, I let him know My Daddy was a Retired (dec'd.) Marine. WE HIT IT OFF IMMEDIATELY. EVERY TIME he came in the commissary, he would 'scope' me out and come to/through My line. After I moved into another position, still @ the commissary, I would see him whilst I was out on the floor. He would mention his family and how they are, and come to find out that he knew a Cousin of mine as well in Greenville, N.C. When I left the commissary and ventured into another employment, I would call him to check on him and vice versa. He had one of the 'sweetest' smiles, that would 'make My day'. It's been @ least a year since I'd spoken to him, but My Cousin would hear from him that he would tell her "I've got to call her". My Marine Mr. Joe Harris---"Thank You for your service and rest easier"!



Susan J. Thompson - January 11, 2025 at 12:00 AM

SH

“ Rest in Heavenly Peace. You will be missed!!

Sheryl - January 11, 2025 at 12:00 AM

AC

“ Please accept my heartfelt condolences for the loss of one of GOD'S soldiers. May peace and comfort abound in your hearts as sweet memories of your love one sustain you. Joe had such a loving and giving spirit. I reflect upon the cherished days that we shared at H. B. Suggs High School in Farmville, North Carolina. He has left an unforgettable legacy of which his family can be proud. Much love to the family, and may GOD continue to bless each of you most abundantly. Rest in peace dear friend!! Gone but never forgotten.

Alice Faye Langley Norwalk, CT - January 10, 2025 at 12:00 AM

JJ

“ The Edward's family sends there deepest sympathy. My name is Jimmie L.Edward's Jr of Fountain N.C. now living in New York. Joe and I was childhood friends we attended Elementary school in Falkland, N.C. We both attended H B Suggs High school in Farmville N.C. we both graduated in 1964.I can picture Joe walking down the halls of H B Suggs with his streight walk and his half smile.He was a sports person, good in football ðŸˆ basketball ðŸ€and was an average fishman .ðŸŸ I will miss my friend and classmate. My friend you have cross the gold line and made your last hoop you have baited your last hook.God needed another flower for his garden. Sleep.on my friend. We love you but God love you best.

Jimmie L. Edward's Jr - January 09, 2025 at 12:00 AM

EH

“ My heart felt sympathy and condolence to the Harris family. May God grant you peace, comfort and strength during this difficult time. Rest In Peace Joe Harrisâ€¦.

Emish Faye Harris-Williams and Jesse Harris - January 09, 2025 at 12:00 AM

NO

“ My prayers and love go out to Aunt Minnie and the children. I will miss Uncle Joe. Natalie Owens



Natalie Owens - January 09, 2025 at 12:00 AM

TS

“ RIP Cousin! Take your rest! We will see you again



Toni Staton - January 09, 2025 at 12:00 AM

SP

“ Iâ€™m so sorry to hear of your passing Uncle Joe. Although I hadnâ€™t seen you in some time, I only have fond memories of you. May your rest in peace â€¦ Love to Aunt Odessa, Yvette, Mickey, Jenny, and Joey â€¦

Shadonna Price-Veney - January 08, 2025 at 12:00 AM

MH

“ Prayers of peace and comfort to you Yvette and the Harris family. Robert and I give our deepest sympathies and condolences to your family. Love you lil sister

Monica Hueston - January 08, 2025 at 12:00 AM

MZ

“ Sending love and peace to you all during this difficult time. â€¦

Megan Zimmermann - January 08, 2025 at 12:00 AM

TC

“ My friend rest well and you will be miss. Joe we had some good time together when we was on the bowling team together. So my brother take your rest.

Thomas J Carmon - January 08, 2025 at 12:00 AM

GH

“ I miss that fine cooking and BBQ my cousin would fix at the Family Reunions in Greenville. It will never be the same not seeing your smile and laughter. Rest in Heavenly Peace Cousin, you will be missed 🙏🏾

George Harris - January 08, 2025 at 12:00 AM

KG

“ You will be sorely missed Cousin Joe!! You helped dad, when he needed someone the most. He thought of you more like a brother than a cousin. Your bravado, words, and smile would light up a room. My thoughts and prayers are with our family during this time. We love you Harris family! Rest Well Joe!! Hoo-Rah!! 🙏🏾🙏🏾🙏🏾🙏🏾🙏🏾🙏🏾



Kimberly Gorham-Bolt - January 08, 2025 at 12:00 AM

CD

“ Prayer of peace and comfort to the Family, and, as well as others who knew and loved our cousin Joe. The Roundtree Family Reunion.

Connie Daniels-Brown - January 08, 2025 at 12:00 AM

MF

“ My, my Lord, we been knowing Joe since we were teenager and he was high school & into service. The Harris family have been in our lives forever and we come to love one another. Joe was also my sister-in-law brother and cousin of my husband. So it was a constance visit between the families. He was a well manner man, love life, fishing, great conversation and cherish his friends. To my extended family, we feel your pain. Itâ€™s not a list because God called him home, to rest from his aches and pain. Our Condolences, prayers and love to you all.

Maggie/Bernard Golette and Family - January 08, 2025 at 12:00 AM

KG

“ Cousin Joe you will be missed!! The impact you had on my dad, and helping him sort through his VA journey I will never forget. You and dad were like brothers. The respect and admiration that you commanded left many in awe! Your smile would light up a room. Thank you for letting us love on you, even for just alittle while. I love you family!! The Gorham family sends their condolences to a beloved husband, friend, brother, cousin, uncle and most importantly a dad!! Hoo-Rah!! ðŸ«;ðŸ«;ðŸ«;ðŸ«;ðŸ«;ðŸ«;

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