Fred Lee Harris' Reflections of His Parents

As I look back over my life, I was a happy child, because I had a twin brother, Ted. I had someone I could talk and play with around the house. Daddy wasn't up for a great deal of playing. Daddy soon cut that out and I received a lesson on how to use a mule and plow to help work in the fields and gardens. I didn't want to become a farmer so I went to school and graduated. I was thinking school was going to help me stay out of the garden, but it didn't!! Daddy had a job for me to do when I came home from school. Even though, Daddy had gone to work, I still had chores to do. I wasn't satisfied with living on the farm for the rest of my life. So when my cousins visited from Washington, DC and Maryland, they would tell me of the city life. Despite Momma and Daddy's advice, I felt I was of age and I took off to Washington, DC anyway and nothing could stop me. Washington, DC went well for a while and the road got a little rough and rocky and problems came my way. I didn't think I could return home because I wanted to be a man and went against what my parents wanted me to do. I thank God for a praying Momma and Daddy that never stopped asking God to take care of me in the big city. Things got so bad that Momma and Daddy sent my older brothers to get me from Washington and bring me back home. Thank God my parents saw things I couldn't and knew things I didn't. That's why I have remembered they were my parents and I was the child. I have tried to instill in my children, Tiko and Towanda to listen and respect adults. I am thankful Momma and Daddy did not give up on me.

The legacy of Jack and Connie Mae Mackey Harris continues to live on through their eighth born, Fred.

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Acknowledgements Of Kindness We, the family of the late Mr. Fred Lee Harris, would like to

extend sincere gratitude and special thanks to all who graciously and generously gave of themselves to our family. Your gifts, expressions of love, and prayers have been comforting to know that there are so many friends who have shared their kindness and given support. We appreciate each of you for your caring and sharing. They will never be forgotten. Continue to remember us in your daily prayers that the Lord will strengthen

us in the days to come. God's Blessings Upon Each Of You! The Harris Family

Mr. Fred Lee HARRIS Sunrise

September 14, 1952

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A CELEBRATION OF LIFE IN LOVING MEMORY OF

Sunset April 20, 2022

Home Going Services Wednesday, April 27, 2022

12:00 Noon

New Hope Missionary Baptist Church 2393 New Hope Road Heath Springs, South Carolina 29058

Reverend Willie J. Duncan, Pastor

THE REFLECTIONS OF LIFE Mr. Fred Lee Harris

THE OBITUARY

"For I am now ready to be offered, and the time of my departure is at hand. I have fought a good fight. I have finished my course. I have kept the faith; henceforth there is laid up for me a crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous judge, shall give me at that day; and not to me only, but unto all them also that love His appearing." II Timothy 4:6-8

On September 14, 1952, Fred Lee Harris, the eighth child of 17 children was born to the late Mr. and Mrs. Jack (Connie Mae Mackey) Harris. His journey was completed (humbly and peacefully) on Wednesday, April 20, 2022, at Atrium Health Carolinas Medical in Charlotte, NC. He was reared in a Christian home, and he understanding as well, knowing the importance of salvation. Fred accepted Christ at an early age and was baptized (and became a member) at New Hope Missionary Baptist Church in Heath Springs, SC. He was educated in the Lancaster County School District and attended Hillside Elementary and High School in Heath Springs, SC, and graduated from Andrew Jackson High School, "Class of 1971," in Kershaw, SC. After graduation, he worked for Springs Industries, Inc., in Lancaster, SC. Then Fred resided in Maryland and Washington, D.C., areas, and later years he journeyed back to South Carolina to his home in Heath Springs, SC.

In his younger years, at every opportunity he had Fred did extensive traveling. Because of his mother, Ma Sweet, she instilled in him how to be a man and not to depend on anyone. Fred was a mastermind at cooking and loved to experiment with different recipes. He found enjoyment in planting flowers, and they brought him much peace and serenity. Also, Fred always wanted everything organized, neat and clean! He also carried this concept of neatness to his outer appearance.

Due to staying abreast of the current and past news in society, Fred always enjoyed reading encyclopedias and watching historical events. Fred's love for numbers made him very infatuated with clocks and watches. He was well-versed with details and had an exceptional memory... a mind of an elephant!

Fred was a man of few words, but tall in stature with a heart of gold. His love for his family was endless. He had a caring and giving spirit. His laughter and smile will forever be etched in our hearts.

Fred was blessed with two wonderful and devoted children: one son, Mr. Tiko Campbell of Lancaster, SC, and one daughter, Ms. Towanda Campbell of Fort Mill, SC; and five beautiful grandchildren: Ms. Qweosha Anthony of Raleigh, NC, Mr. Tyveion Campbell of Rock Hill, SC, Little Miss Gariah Mackey, Little Master Garion Mackey, and Little Miss Garica Mackey, all of Fort Mill, SC. He was the most caring and playful grandfather.

He was preceded in death by: one sister, Ms. Betty Lou Harris, and five brothers, Mr. Jack Buster "JB" Harris, Mr. Willie Davis Harris, Mr. Henry Harris, Mr. Leon Harris, and Mr. James Harris.

Fred's wonderful life will forever be cherished by his devoted family and children. He is also survived by his ten siblings: seven brothers, His Twin Brother, Mr. Ted Lee Harris of Heath Springs, SC, Mr. Rayford (Sarah) Harris of Heath Springs, SC, Mr. Leonard (Katie) Harris of Lancaster, SC, Mr. Oscar (Linda) Harris of Heath Springs, SC, Mr. Herman (Linda) Harris, Mr. Leo (Rhodica) Harris, and Mr. Eugene (Michelle) Harris, all of Lancaster, SC; and three sisters, Mrs. Katherine (Tim) Harris Seegars of Fort Mill, SC, Ms. Sarah Harris Lang, and Reverend Darlene (Rev. Ricky) Harris Haile, both of Lancaster, SC. Fond memories will also be left with four aunts: Ms. Roberta Harris of Buffalo, NY, Mrs. Celeste Harris of Cleveland, OH, Mrs. Janie Powell of Smithville, TX, and Mrs. Patsy Bufford Mackey of Lancaster, SC. He leaves to cherish great memories especially to his dedicated, devoted and wonderful caregivers; nephew, Mr. Jason Harris and two nieces, Ms. Tullasha Cunningham and Ms. Crystal Haile. Fred would tell all of his nieces and nephews how proud he was of them for their many accomplishments. Also, he leaves a host of extended family and friends in the community.

The 23rd Psalm

The Lord is my Shepherd - That's Relationship! I shall not want - That's Supply! He maketh me to lie down in green pastures - That's Rest! He leadeth me beside the still waters - That's Refreshment! He restoreth my soul - That's Healing! He leadeth me in the paths of righteousness - That's Guidance! For His name sake - That's Purpose! Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death -That's Testing! For Thou art with me - That's Faithfulness! Thy rod and Thy staff they comfort me - That's Discipline! Thou preparest a table before me in the presence of mine enemies - That's Hope! Thou annointest my head with oil - That's Consecration! My cup runneth over - That's Abundance! Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life - That's Blessing! And I will dwell in the house of the Lord - That's Security! Forever - That's Eternity!

THE HOLY SCRIPTURES Old Testament..... Rev. Douglas Chambers, Associate Pastor New Hope Missionary Baptist Church, Heath Springs, SC New Testament......Rev. Eddie L. Moore, Pastor St. John Missionary Baptist, Camden, SC

MUSICAL SELECTION The Harris Family......Nieces & Nephews

Order of Celebration Service REVEREND WILLIE J. DUNCAN, OFFICIATING Pastor of New Hope Missionary Baptist Church

> PRELUDE Mr. Antonio Blair

PROCESSIONAL **Clergy And Family**

INVOCATION Rev. Willie J. Duncan, Pastor

MUSICAL SELECTION "I Won't Complain" ~ Mr. Davaris Hughes

PRAYER OF CONSOLATION Rev. George Mingo, Pastor St. Paul Missionary Baptist Church, Lancaster, SC

> REFLECTIONS Ms. Tullasha Harris Cunningham

TRIBUTES Rev. George Mackey, Associate Pastor New Hope Missionary Baptist Church, Heath Springs, SC

> ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS Mrs. Michelle Harris Crosby

MUSICAL SELECTION The Harris Family ~ Nieces & Nephews

WORDS OF INSPIRATION Rev. Ricky Haile, Pastor New Zion Missionary Baptist Church, Lancaster, SC

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