

The Life Celebration of Lionel Harris



FIRST SMILE
OCTOBER 5, 1939

LAST BREATH
MAY 2, 2021

SERVICE

SATURDAY 8 2021

12:00 AM

RUDOLPH WHITE JR., SENIOR PASTOR
CHRISTIAN BIBLE CHURCH
3222 TEXAS PARKWAY
MISSOURI CITY, TEXAS 77489

PASTOR RUDOLPH WHITE JR., OFFICIATING
PASTOR NATHANIEL BAGGS EULOGIST

IN LOVING MEMORY OF A VERY SPECIAL HUSBAND

When God was making husbands as far as I can see, He made a special soulmate especially for me. He made a perfect gentleman, compassionate and kind, With more love and affection than you could wish to find. He gave my darling husband a heart of solid gold. He gave me wonderful memories only my heart can hold. He was someone I could talk to that no one can replace, He was someone I could laugh with till tears ran down my face, Next time we meet will be at Heavens door, When I see you standing there, I will not cry anymore, I will put my arms around you and kiss your smiling face, Then the pieces of my broken heart will fall back into place.

Miss You So Much Lionel
Loving you Forever
Your Wife Shirley

I hide my tears when I say your name,
But the pain in My Heart is still the same.
Although I smile and seem carefree,
Although I smile and seem carefree,
There is no one who misses you more than me.
Love Always, Shirley



REFLECTIONS OF LIONEL'S JOURNEY

A Time To Be Born (Ecclesiastes 3:2)

On Thursday, October 5, 1939, in Galveston, Texas a baby boy was born to the late Kennis Harris and Mary Elizabeth Matthews, they named him Lionel. The two having been so young at his birth relinquished custody to his late grandparents, Lonnie and Nettie Harris. Who loved and nurtured Lionel as their own. At an early age Lionel chose God as his personal Lord and Savior and united with Macedonia Missionary Baptist Church. In March of 2021 he united with Christian Bible Church the PowerHouse of Love.

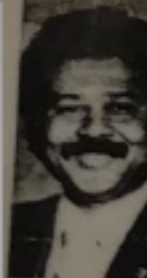
A Time To Live (Isaiah 38:16)

Lionel began his formal education at Booker T Washington Elementary School and graduated with Honors from Central High School in 1957 in Galveston, Texas. He later served in the United States Army from 1963 to 1968. He ended his Military Career with an Honorable Discharge as a Specialist 5. After returning to Galveston, he became an agent for American General Insurance Company also known as Tennessee Insurance. Because of his hard work and dedication to duty he was promoted to District Manager, for which he received numerous awards and accolades. Lionel retired from American General after 25 years of meritorious service. He then started a new career with United Airlines formally Continental Airlines as a Reservationist, retiring in 2018 with 22 years. Working for the airline industry afforded him the privilege of travelling far and near, for which he enjoyed tremendously.

A Time To Love (Ecclesiastes 3:8)

In the summer of 1960, Lionel met and fell in Love with a teenager named Shirley Cockrell. For fourteen days they enjoyed movies, time at the beach and just hanging out with his friends as they practiced their singing talent. Most of his friends could sing but Lionel had the best voice. When the fourteen days were over, the Love of his life ended her summer vacation and returned home to Rosenberg, Texas never to be seen or heard of again. Forty years later they reunited on September 7, 2001. In August of 2018 Lionel and Shirley united in holy matrimony and lived happily ever after until God chose to take him from his earthly home to his eternal home.

Memories

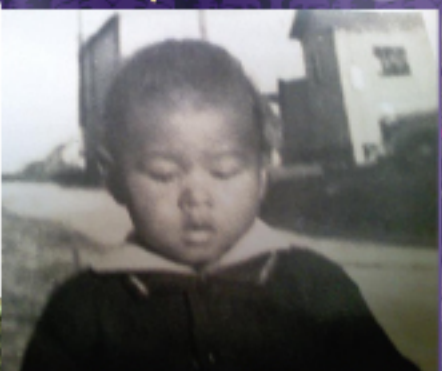


Promoted

Lionel Harris has been promoted to Galveston District manager of National Life and Accident Insurance Co., 1501 Hall Ave. Harris joined the company as an agent in the Galveston office in 1971 and was promoted to staff manager in 1978.



Memories



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A Time To Die (Ecclesiastes 3:8)

On May 2, 2021, the Master of Heaven called Lionel's name and he responded. He reclaimed him from heavy labor to his eternal home in Paradise. The Master welcomed him by saying you fought a good fight, you finished the race, you kept the faith, "Servant Well Done". Lionel was preceded in death by his parents and grandparents, Kennis Harris, Mary Elizabeth Matthews, and Lonnie and Nettie Harris, a brother, Sammy Harris, two sisters, Vebna Johnican and Don E. Williams.

A Time To Mourn (Ecclesiastes 3:4)

Precious memories will be cherished by his beloved wife Shirley and his children, sons Michael Harris of Dallas, Texas, Jacques Harris (Genie) of Friendswood, Texas, daughters Linda Wilson-Doakes (JD) of Huntsville, Texas and Aliyah Davis (Joe) of Houston, Texas and son Barry Freeman of Hayward, (San Francisco area) California. One Brother, Harold Charles Of League City, Texas; three sisters, Thelma Ivory and Mary Nell Hill of Galveston, Texas; and Dianna K. Johnson of Mesquite, Texas. Nine grandchildren, Robert VaShonn Wilson, Zayd Riley, Rasheed Abdul-Salaam, Asad Robinson, Muhammad Abdul-Salaam, Zaynab Murray, Trenton White, Jacques R. Harris and MacKenzie Harris, and nine great-grandchildren and many nephews, nieces, cousins and friends. One stepson Gregory Cockrell Newsome.

ORDER OF CHRISTIAN WORSHIP

Musical Prelude	For Every Mountain
Processional	Clergy & Family Falling in Love With Jesus
Old Testament	Reverend Clint Thomas
New Testament.....	Reverend Clint Thomas
Prayer of Comfort.....	Reverend Clint Thomas
Musical Selection	My Soul 's Been Anchored in The Lord
Life's Journey.....	Read Silently
Musical Selection.....	Order My Steps
Resolution	Leslie LaBarre

(Two Minutes Please)

Sister Eva Graham.....	My Spiritual Friend
Brother Richard Lane.....	My Friend
Musical Selection.....	Never Would Have Made It
Spiritual Words of Encouragement	Pastor Rudolph White Jr.
Eulogy.....	Pastor Nathaniel Baggs
	Greater Victory Community Church
Recessional.....	Going Up Yonder



ACTIVE PALLBEARERS

Robert DaShonn Wilson Jacques R. Harris
Gregory Cockrell Newsome..... Brandon E. Bryant

HONORARY PALLBEARERS

Elder Kenneth Johnson..... Elder Tony LaBarre
Sister Eva Graham..... Sister Theresa Thomas
Sister Clara Brooks..... Rev Clint Thomas
The Christian Bible Church Family

With An Attitude of Gratitude

The Family of Lionel Harris, wishes to express our deepest appreciation for all the kindness and loving support rendered during the care and homegoing celebration of our beloved. Every prayer, visit, card, letter, phone call, thought, meal and your presence have been a tremendous blessing of comfort and expression of love. A special "Thank You" to the Christian Bible Church Family the Power House of Love. A Special, Special, Special Thank You to Sister Eva Graham who was with us through the whole ordeal. Thank You, Thank You to Sister Clara Brooks. Thank you to Sister June Clark, Sister Denise St. Julien, Sister Cathy White and, my Sister-In-Law, Terlisha Ann Cockrell. Words cannot express our gratitude to Sister Theresa Thomas for the daily prayers and words of encouragement. We are wonderfully blessed to have you all in our lives. We praise and thank God for each of you.

Final Care Entrusted to:
Richardson Funeral Home
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And He Shall Rest In Thine Earthly Bed
Houston Memorial Gardens
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Pearland, Texas 77581

