



Acknowledgement

The family of Joel Harris, Jr. wishes to acknowledge with great appreciation, the many visits, cards, kind words and prayers extended to them during their hour of bereavement. Special thanks to New Evergreen Baptist Church and The Prospect House.



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Homegoing Celebration of *Joel Harris, Jr.*



March 7, 1961 — May 16, 2023

Day 136 of 365

God is saying to you today, "I've brought you through so many trials. I will always give you the victory over everything the enemy tries to do to stop you. My child, I'm about to lift you up and set you in a higher place."

Order of Service

Friday, May 26, 2023

Visitation – 10:00 a.m. • Service – 11:00 a.m.

New Evergreen Baptist Church

704 Gholson Avenue • Cincinnati, OH 45229

Rev. David Goins, *Pastor*

Prelude.....
Parting ViewThe Family
Prayer.....
Scripture.....Romans 10:9-10
Selection“We’ll Understand it Better By and By”
AcknowledgementsAdam Brown
RemarksTim Savage, Patrick Garry
Bobby Payne, Jeff McDaniels
Selection“Oh Happy Day”
Evangelist Princess Hearn
Obituary.....Read by Steven L. Goode
Selection“Going Up Yonder”
Evangelist Princess Hearn
EulogyPastor David Goins
Benediction
Recessional.....



Interment

Union Baptist Cemetery

Joel Harris, Jr.

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Joel Harris, Jr. was born to the union of the late Joel Harris, Sr. and Naomi Adams Harris on March 7, 1961. He was the middle child and only son. He became an angel in heaven on May 16, 2023.

Joel was affectionately known as Little Joey by immediate family and then in 1987 became Uncle Joey. Joel graduated from Woodward High School in 1979 and enlisted in the US Marine Corps. He served four years, was a rifle expert and traveled the world.

Joel had an abiding faith in God. He was a faithful and spiritual man. He visited several churches and read his bible daily. He kept two bibles by his bedside.

Joel was an exceptional brother, brother-in-law, uncle, great uncle, friend, confidant and Bengals fan! His smile, laugh and growl will be missed by all and especially his family. We knew he loved us because he was at births, graduations, movies, games, birthdays, holidays and all family functions. Joel never told us no, unless he had to be at the Prospect House, then we were scheduled in.

Joel was an excellent chef and completed a culinary program at Cincinnati State and earned an Associate degree in pursuit of becoming a Real Estate Appraiser. Joel was also just as skilled with tools. Joel was the world’s best handyman to his family and all who knew him. He renovated and repaired countless properties and projects.

Joel encountered some life challenges which became his life’s passion. He was an inspiration, support, counselor, advocate and educator for Alcoholics Anonymous and specifically, The Prospect House.

While Joel was officially maintenance at The Prospect House for the past 20+ years, Joel never met a stranger and always stretched out a helping hand. He mentored and sponsored many whose life’s course was forever altered.

Joel’s passing will leave a tear in the hearts of his two sisters, Valencia Harris Brown (Vincent Brown) and Alicia Murray (Otis Grey); aunt, Sandra Ferris; nephews, Michael V. Brown (D’Ana), Adam A. Brown and Steven Goode; niece, Amya J. Murray; great nephews, Kayson M. Brown, Kylan W. Brown and Caden A. Brown; brother-in-law, Mark Brown; cousins, Raymond Harris, Jr., Angela Dickerson, Earl Brown, Jr., Patrick Brown, Francine Brown, Howard Jones, Gregory Jones and Lawrence Jones; and a host more of cousins and his Prospect House special friends/family.



Active Pallbearers

Tim Savage • Gerald Cole • Jeff McDaniels
Michael Brown • Adam Brown • Steven Goode

Honorary Pallbearers

Richard Pernell • Michael Jackson • Andre Reed
Mark Brown • Otis Grey • Walter White

Flowerbearers

Family and Friends

A Light Is Gone

*A light from our household is gone,
A voice we loved is still,
A place is vacant in our home,
Which never can be filled.*

*We have to mourn the loss of one
We did our best to save,
Beloved on earth, regretted still,
Remembered in the grave.*

*Tw’as hard to part with one so dear,
We little thought time was near.
Farewell, dear one, your life is past,
Our love for you till the end will last.*