



Lawrence Milton Harris

July 7, 1930 - December 28, 2016

Lawrence M. Harris of Henderson Maryland, 86 years old, passed away peacefully on December 28, 2016.

Lawrence was born on July 7, 1930 and was the son of John & Edith Richard Harris. Lawrence and his siblings Mary, Richard, Jane, and Jean grew up on the family farm on Bee Tree Rd. in Henderson Maryland. Mr. Harris was a graduate of Greensboro High School. The Harris family attended Trinity United Methodist Church where Lawrence was a member and was involved in MYF where he met his future wife Joyce Ann Cole.

Lawrence and Joyce Ann were married at Trinity United Methodist Church in 1952 and celebrated their 64th wedding anniversary on March 1st of 2016.

As a young man, Mr. Harris was employed for a few years with Howard R Shockey Trucking prior to taking over the family farm and enjoying a very successful farming career until his retirement. Lawrence and Joyce Ann raised 3 very fine children David, Randy, and Gayle who have spent many memorable family holidays and special occasions with their families at Bee Tree Farm over the years. Lawrence and Joyce Ann also hosted many family reunions at the farm over the years. These reunions were called "Pond Parties" because they were celebrated beside the scenic pond in their back yard. Lawrence especially enjoyed building things for his many grandchildren.

The grand children's favorite activity was for Lawrence to pull them around in a train he built that he would pull behind a tractor. Bee Tree Farm was also a favorite place for the Harris' many nieces and nephews to visit - and help with farm chores.

Lawrence had many talents and hobbies. He was a very talented woodworker and has made many beautiful pieces of furniture and musical instruments for his family, all of which will be heirlooms for generations to come. He also became an expert Bee Keeper and had dozens of hives around the county. One of Mr. Harris' favorite activities through the years was to rebuild old Farmall Tractors. In fact, he continued to use the old "H" that his parents bought new all of the way until retirement. At one time, Lawrence had approximately 20 Farmall Tractors of various vintages that he had brought back to factory show room condition, and he participated in parades and shows from time to time. A family member once asked Lawrence if he could refurbish an old John Deere, and Lawrence was happy to do so with one condition - he would paint it red. He was joking of course, and gladly refurbished the old John Deere.

Mr. and Mrs. Harris have been members of Calvary United Methodist Church for the last 20 years. Lawrence was a past member of the Marydel Lions Club.

Mr. Harris is predeceased by his parents, his brother Richard Harris, and his sister Jane Nashold. He is survived by his wife Joyce Ann; sisters Mary Mahan and Jean Basore; his children David L. (Rose) Harris, Randy C. (Nancy) Harris, and Gayle H. (John) Gage; Grandchildren Christopher (Mary) Harris , Gina B. Zook , Jennifer B. (Neal) Petroski, Jake A. Harris, Dean A. Harris, R. Cole Gage, Harris M. Gage; and 4 great-grandchildren.

A funeral service will be held on Saturday, December 31 at Fleegle & Helfenbein Funeral Home at 11 am. Interment will follow the service at the

Greensboro Cemetery. In lieu of flowers contributions may be made to the Compass Regional Hospice Center at 255 Comet Drive Centreville, MD 21617 or to Calvary United Methodist Church P.O. Box 307 Marydel, MD 21649. To share memories and condolences please visit www.fleegleandhelpenbein.com.

Previous Events

Funeral

DEC 31. 11:00 AM (ET)

Fleegle & Helfenbein Funeral Home
106 W. Sunset Ave.
Greensboro, MD 21639

Tribute Wall



“ *Lawrence Milton Harris*

October 08, 2023 at 03:21 PM



“ *Lawrence Milton Harris*

October 06, 2023 at 10:39 AM



“ *He was a very big part of my life (his neice). Taught me things like: Walking in freshly plowed fields either with crickets or stars to listen and learn, smell the soil/soul, value of a penny, trust, deep communication with few words, to build (not simply with hammer and nail), give, patience, strength, commitment, incremental progress, ... What it's like to surge on a wagon bailing in 130 degree sun and negative humidity for HOURS, to laugh (one must actually know him to understand the depth of his unassuming giggle ... And yes sometime laugh at you) And so much more. I thank God daily for the blessing of having his presence/guidance in my life. I try to use that guidance through out my life. Peace be with you and see when the time is right. <3*

A J B - January 03, 2017 at 10:00 AM



“ *I feel very fortunate to have had the opportunity to spend time with Mr. Harris. One of my fondest memories is the time he spent showing me his restored tractor collection and visiting with him in his workshop. My sympathies go out to the family as he will be missed.*

John Rhoderick

John Rhoderick - January 01, 2017 at 11:40 AM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Lawrence Milton Harris.*



December 30, 2016 at 11:24 AM



“ *So sad to hear. Please know that our thoughts and prayers are with you and your family during this difficult time.*
Kim and Marcia Rostien

Marcia Rostien - December 30, 2016 at 10:21 AM



“ *Sweet Tranquility Basket was purchased for the family of Lawrence Milton Harris.*



December 30, 2016 at 10:12 AM



“ *Mrs. Joyce Ann, you and your family our in my thoughts and prayers. I will miss him a lot but I feel truly blessed to have gotten to know Lawerence and will cherish the conversations and time I spent with him. He loved you, his family and friends so much, and all the memories he had too.*
Amy Causey



Amy Causey - December 30, 2016 at 12:07 AM



“ *Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Lawrence Milton Harris.*



December 29, 2016 at 11:47 PM



“ *Joyce Ann, I will always remember Lawrence whenever I pass mom And dad Richard's farm. He always took such great care of the land and always kept the ditch banks cleared off. You could tell he took such pride in the work in he did. He will be greatly missed. Sincerely, Ginny Richard Hitchens.*

Virginia Richard Hitchens - December 29, 2016 at 04:00 PM