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A funeral service for James Richard Harris, 88 of Newark will be held Tuesday April 13, 2021 at 10:00 a.m. in the sanctuary of Second Baptist Church, 19 W. National Drive with Pastor Ralph Gordon and Pastor Margaret Miller officiating. Burial will follow in Newark Memorial Gardens.

Mr. Harris passed away Thursday, April 8, 2021 at his residence with family at his side. He was born February 12, 1933 in Newark to James Arthur and Rose Anna (Whyde) Harris.

Richard was a lifetime member of the Second Baptist Church. He served on the Board of Deacons and active in Sunday school. He was also a member of Newark Lodge # 97 F&AM for over 50 years. He was a member of the Fleet Reserve Association. He was a 1951 graduate of Newark High School. His career in the U.S. Navy span from 1951 until 1971 included service during the Korean Conflict, Cuban Missile Crisis and Vietnam. He was a member of the Operating Engineers Local 18 from 1972 through 1994 operating heavy equipment for the Kokosing Construction Co.

He is survived by his children, James Michael (Cheryl) Harris of Heath, Kathy L. (Kirk) Conrow of New Smyrna Beach, FL, Pamela R. Lawson of Newark, Tammy A. (Thom) Elliott of Heath; four grandchildren, Patrick (Genevieve) Lawson, Peter Lawson, Jamy (Gary) Scott, Brandon (Erika) Jacks; six great-grandchildren, Max McCoy, Maddie McCoy, Miss Charlotte Lawson, Emma Rose Lawson, Mathew (Julia) Iden, Natalie Williamson; brother, Byron (Linda) Harris of Newark; several nieces, nephews and many dear friends.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by his wife of 65 years, Mildred L. (Tate) Harris; sisters, Chloe Custard, Heather Edwards; brother, Earl Kelly Harris and brother at heart Oren Harris.

Calling hours will be observed Monday April 12, 2021 from 4 to 7 p.m. in the Newark Chapel of Vensil & Chute Funeral Home, 1850 West Main Street.



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The family requests memorial contributions to the Second Baptist Church 19 W. National Drive, Newark, OH 43055 or Hospice of Central Ohio 2269 Cherry Valley Road SE, Newark, OH 43055.



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PL

Patrick Lawson posted:

I miss you grandpa. When I've struggled as a man, husband and a father, I thought of you and found my way. Your great grandchildren are healthy, happy and full of life. From all of us, we love you.

January 15 at 6:27 PM

TH

Theresa Hunt posted:

Tammy & family Sorry for your loss of your father try to find comfort in all the memories and cherish them. Know that he is enjoy spending time with you mom now.

April 14 at 3:51 AM

PF

Phil Frye posted:

So sorry for your loss Harris Family. We're here for you. Phil, Molly, and Grace Frye

April 13 at 10:40 AM

DA

Deborah Armstrong posted:

So sorry to hear I grew up in Second Baptist Church and with Mildred and Richard always there. Prayers to the Families Deborah (Lacey) Armstrong and Families

April 12 at 6:16 AM

DG

Debbie Graham posted:

Kathy, Tammy, Pam, and Jim: So sorry for the loss of your father. Your parents were both very sweet and always recognized me when I would see them in Meijer. Keeping all of you in my thoughts and prayers during this difficult time. God bless. Love and miss you.

April 12 at 5:22 AM



Anonymous posted:

So sorry for your loss as a child loved going to Aunt Rosie's and Uncle Arts. Loved when your parents were home on leave. I thought your mother was beautiful. Sherry Staggers (Bobs daughter)

April 10 at 3:32 PM



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RH

Ralph Howard, Jr. posted:

Tammy & Family: Was sorry to hear of the passing of your father. My granddaughter Abby Summers really was saddened when she heard that your father had died. She was with him when your mother was in the hospital and he would come in with his bubble gum. She really liked him. I want to salute this veteran for serving his country for many years. You have our deepest sympathy in this difficult time. Our thought and prayer are with you and your family and may GOD comfort you and the family in this time of sorrow. Ralph & Susan Howard

April 10 at 3:06 PM

TH

Todd Harris posted:

Rest Easy Uncle! We will take it from here. Your watch has ended but we will carry the touch from here. God Speed. Love, your Jarhead Nephew.

April 10 at 8:34 AM



Memories only last if you share them

Join us in honoring James by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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