



Mr. Carl "Sonny" Harris

October 26, 1943 - July 13, 2020

Mr. Carl "Sonny" Harris, 76, of Peoria, Illinois, transitioned from this life Monday, July 13, 2020, at his home surrounded by family.

Carl was born October 26, 1943, in Birmingham, Alabama, to Mary Faye (McClenton) Harris and Samuel Lomax, Sr. Carl was a veteran of the U.S. Army. After his military tour of duty, he worked for Caterpillar Tractor, Inc., retiring with 35 years of service. Later, Carl worked part-time for Securitas as a guard at Brown Business College, in downtown Peoria.

Carl had a great sense of humor with unbelievable comedic timing. He loved debating about anything and everything, always taking the adversarial role. He loved his family, and was a "cool" uncle and loyal friend. Close family and friends will remember him as the biggest protector of his sisters, Joan and Jackie, and his only daughter, Monek. Carl was an avid horse racing fan, enjoyed casinos, and trying his luck at the lottery.

Carl leaves to cherish his memory his children, Monek L. Harris of Tamarac, Florida; Carl L. Harris and Keith Harris, both of Minneapolis, Minnesota; siblings, Jacqueline (Cortez) Jackson-Harvey of Atlanta, Georgia, and Samuel Lomax, Jr., of Birmingham, Alabama; 6 grandchildren; 8 great grandchildren; nieces: Candith (Michael) McMillan, of Boca Raton, Florida; Chelsea Jackson, of Fairburn, Georgia; Jean (Charles) McCall, of Montgomery, Alabama; JoeAnn Lomax, of San Diego California; nephews: Bryce (Regina) Jackson, of Alpharetta, Georgia; Jason Stewart, of Silvis, Illinois; and Clenton (Rakeemah) Stewart, of Atlanta, Georgia; aunts: Miriam (Raymond) Jackson, of Hartsville,

Missouri; Judy (Larry) Hendricks, and Kathy Mitchell, of Peoria, Illinois; and Betty Savage, of St Anne, Illinois; and his most beloved cousins, Leroy (Ernestine) Vinson and Gladys Ivory, of Peoria, along with a host of other relatives and friends. Carl is preceded in death by his parents and two sisters, Joan Stewart and Mildred Lomax.

The memorial services for Carl will be held at 1 pm, Friday, July 17, 2020, at Simons Mortuary with a visitation beginning at 12 noon, followed by the funeral at 1 pm, with Minister Judy Hendricks officiating. Burial will be at The Historic Springdale Cemetery, on Soldiers Hill, with full U.S. Army Military Rites accorded.

Due to Covid-19 restrictions, social distancing and attendance limits will be observed.

Simons Mortuary has been entrusted with arrangements. Online condolences may be made at SimonsMortuary.com.

As the States begin re-opening in response to the Global Coronavirus Pandemic, some people are returning to their previous normal living standards. Unfortunately, we are now in our new normal as unreal and sometimes uncomfortable as the socially distancing and continuous use of protective masks may feel. *In an effort to mitigate the spread of COVID-19, we ask that everyone in attendance: wear a face mask and refrain from hugging, kissing and shaking hands (as hard as it is to see someone you care about and not touch them). Thanks in advance for your cooperation! *It is our responsibility as a Funeral Directors, to do everything we can to advise families in order to honor our beloved Families and to keep everyone as safe as possible. The chapel can socially distance and seat a limit of 50 or less people. All others will be able to flow through and view prior to beginning the Celebration of Life Ceremony.

Cemetery Details

Historic Springdale Cemetery

3014 N. Prospect Road
Peoria, IL 61603

Previous Events

Visitation

JUL 17. 12:00 PM - 1:00 PM (CT)

Simons Mortuary Chapel
912 W. John H. Gwynn, Jr. Ave.
Peoria, IL 61605
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Celebration of Life

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Tribute Wall



“ *Simons Mortuary created a Tribute Video in memory of Mr. Carl "Sonny" Harris*



Simons Mortuary - July 16, 2020 at 04:01 PM



“ *Mr. Carl "Sonny" Harris*

January 29, 2023 at 06:10 AM

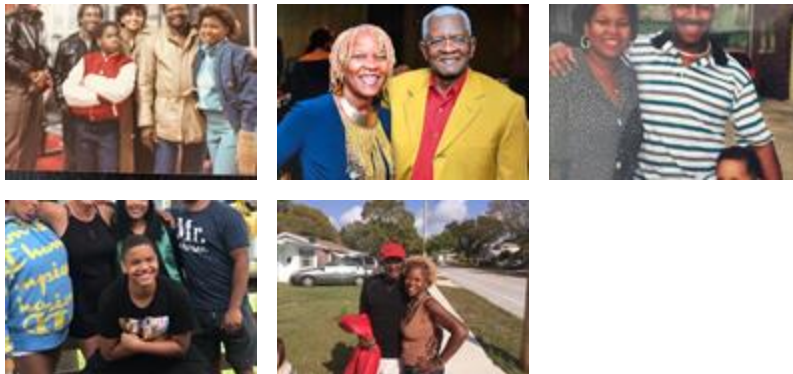


“ *Mr. Carl "Sonny" Harris*

January 29, 2023 at 03:12 AM



“ *8 files added to the album Memories*



Monek - July 24, 2020 at 10:57 AM



“ My Uncle Sonny was one of a kind. He was famous for his "double somersault jackknife off the side of the pool" and his candor, in my opinion. He never went a significant period of time without talking to his closest family members. And if you called him up, he always seemed willing to get free and talk to you when needed. He passed away just like he lived his life, on his own terms. He told me "That's the only way to do it." I was blessed to be his niece for 50 years.

Chelsea Jackson - July 17, 2020 at 02:16 PM

RS

“ My deepest condolences to the family of Carl Harris. I was blessed to have met Carl who kept the One Tech Building safe as he was our security. Carl will be greatly missed by all of the people whose life he touched - which was a lot. He always had a kind word for all the individuals who visited the building - did not matter who they were. I can honestly say that he was my FRIEND. Many times as I waited for my Ride, we would talk about what was happening in the world or in our lives. He would always speak so proudly of his children - he loved you all so very much. May God have him in his warm embrace .



Rosie E. Salazar - July 17, 2020 at 01:58 PM

DG

“ Enjoyed good times with cousin in law when he visited with Family in Atlanta.. Rest well old old soldier..
Love Derrick and Dorothy (Tut) Gilbert..

Derrick C. Gilbert - July 16, 2020 at 08:09 PM

LS

“ When I think about Carl (sonny) Harris a poem by Sonia Sanchez comes to mind; "you can't have relationships with other people until you give birth to yourself" when a person sat and talked with Sonny and experiencing a trying time in their life; he would give you a perspective and make you feel better. That's a true friend rest in peace my brother.

Lyle and Lola Smith

Las Vegas, Nevada

Lyle Smith - July 16, 2020 at 07:30 PM

BT

“ It is with great sadness that I have heard of the passing of Carl “Sonny” Harris. When he lived in Atlanta, he enjoyed our Atlanta Fun Bunch and joined us during our Atlanta Falcon Tailgating parties. Although I had not seen him in the last few years, we had numerous telephone conversations which made me feel what a great friend and person he was. Of course he always had something humorous to say. He will be sorely missed by many. He loved his family and they him. Rest In Peace “Sonny” will see you on the other side.

Hugs and Luv-Beverly Leatherwood Travis

Beverly Leatherwood Travis - July 16, 2020 at 05:58 PM



“ 4 files added to the album Funeral Program



Simons Mortuary - July 16, 2020 at 04:01 PM



“ May his memory sustain you during this difficult time



Evelyn Tate-Clayton - July 16, 2020 at 03:09 PM



“ Joanie Brown lit a candle in memory of Mr. Carl "Sonny" Harris



Joanie Brown - July 16, 2020 at 12:56 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Mr. Carl "Sonny" Harris.*



July 16, 2020 at 12:46 PM



“ *Gracious Lavender Basket was purchased for the family of Mr. Carl "Sonny" Harris.*



July 16, 2020 at 12:34 PM



“ *Shirley Washington (AKA-REDD) lit a candle in memory of Mr. Carl "Sonny" Harris*



Shirley Washington (AKA-REDD) - July 15, 2020 at 10:49 PM



“ *Rest in peace!*



Vickie Kingcade-King - July 15, 2020 at 08:04 PM

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“ *Holland L. Neal 111 lit a candle in memory of Mr. Carl "Sonny" Harris*



Holland L. Neal 111 - July 15, 2020 at 05:52 PM

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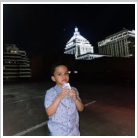
“ *He was a very good friend of mine and he will be truly missed. You have my condolences.*

Holland L. Neal 111 - July 15, 2020 at 05:52 PM

JW

“ *Carl was a blessing and brought joy to my nights when I worked. He was more than our security staff: he was a friend and a guardian angel. He always offered to walk me to my car, check rooms as we closed for the night, and made certain I felt safe and secure. I believe that was his role to many both on the job and personally. My condolences to his family-- I thank you for sharing him with us.*

Jane W - July 15, 2020 at 05:16 PM



“ *My Condolences to Carl's family. Carl worked at the security desk in our building. We all enjoyed talking with him as we saw him almost daily. He was an amazing person and we will truly miss him. Things just wont be the same not seeing his face. I am so sorry for your loss. RIH Carl.*



Kelly Jackson - July 15, 2020 at 03:27 PM

MB

“ *Harris family: I am truly sorry for your loss. Carl was a good friend. We talked every day before Covid-19. He will be missed.*



Mildred Baldon - July 15, 2020 at 03:11 PM

LS

“ *Sonny was a good friend, funny and loved his children and his famiy. He will be sorely missed peace and blessings to his family.
Lyle and Lola Smith
Las Vegas Nevada*

Lyle Smith - July 15, 2020 at 01:29 AM

E.

“ *E.Schultz lit a candle in memory of Mr. Carl
"Sonny" Harris*



E.Schultz - July 14, 2020 at 10:35 PM

E.

“ *To all of Carl's Family i am so sorry for your loss. I was granted the opportunity to work with Carl over the past 14 yrs and found him to be such a kindhearted and caring person, he will truly be missed. Spread your wings and fly high with the Angels until we meet again my Friend.*

E.Schultz - July 14, 2020 at 10:34 PM

WW

“ *Our deepest condolences.
Monek & family. We hope
every time you miss your dad/Carl you will close your eyes and
remember the moments you smiled and laughed together. Love
ones pass away, but memories remain forever.
Love the Faulkner Family.*

Willielean Watkins-Faulkner - July 14, 2020 at 08:32 PM