



Mr. Lee Vester "Boogie Down" Harris

November 14, 1951 - January 21, 2018

Mr. Lee "Boogie Down" Vester Harris, 66, of Peoria, IL passed away at 2:23 am on Sunday, January 21, 2018 at UnityPoint Health Methodist.

Lee was born on November 14, 1951 in Greenwood, MS to Benjamin and Mammie (Branch) Harris.

Lee grew up in Mississippi with 11 siblings. It was there he garnered his hard work ethic. Not only was he a hard worker, he was a great provider for his family. Lee was athletic. He was back catcher for Long John's softball team where he wore the #0. He attended all games played by his children, especially "BJ"s, where he would scream "run that ball "BJ"!!!!. Lee was a very sociable person and everyone loved him. He was given the nickname "Boogie Down" by his dear friend, Peter Stanley. Lee dearly loved his whole family especially his children and grandchildren. Lee's favorite pastime was eating. He was a roofer at Kreiling Roofing for many years and was a member of the Labor Union Local 69.

Lee leaves to cherish his most precious memories his lifelong companion, Gwendolyn Henderson of Peoria; his three sons, Jarvis (Angel) Henderson of Leander, TX, Benjamin "BJ" Harris of Baton Rouge, LA; and Terrance Henderson of Denver, CO; three daughters, Daryl Strong and Jessica Harris both of Peoria and Quenesha Harris of Jacksonville, FL; one brother, Willie (Mary Pearl) Harris of Chicago, IL; four sisters, Mandella Moore of Peoria, Catherine Brown of Indianapolis, IN, Corine (Robert) Daniels of Chicago, IL and Annie Jones of Austin, TX; 8 grandchildren; 1 great grandchild and a host

of nieces, nephews, cousins, other relatives and friends who adored Lee. He is also preceded in death by his parents and four brothers, Robert Branch, JC Harris, Bennie Harris and Roy Chester Harris; two sisters, Maggie Hudgins and Lula Totten.

Funeral services will be held at 12:00 Noon on Saturday, January 27, 2018 at Pentecostal Church of Jesus Christ with a visitation beginning at 11 am. Host Pastor Bishop Henry Bolden, II will officiate. Rev. Robert Branch, Pastor of Bethel M.B Church in Wallis, MS will bring the eulogy. Lee will be laid to rest at Hudson Park Cemetery in Greenwood, MS.

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

Cemetery Details

Hudson Park Cemetery

Highway 49 South
Greenwood, MS

Previous Events

Visitation

JAN 27. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (CT)

Pentecostal Church of Jesus Christ
401 Elm Street
Peoria, IL 61605
(309) 674-1924

Funeral Service

JAN 27. 12:00 PM - 1:30 PM (CT)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Simons Mortuary created a Tribute Video in memory of Mr. Lee Vester "Boogie Down" Harris*



Simons Mortuary - January 26, 2018 at 04:39 PM

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Joanie Brown - January 28, 2018 at 09:13 AM



Beautiful

Linda Jackson - January 26, 2019 at 04:29 AM



“ *Mr. Lee Vester "Boogie Down" Harris*

January 29, 2023 at 06:10 AM



“ *Mr. Lee Vester "Boogie Down" Harris*

January 29, 2023 at 03:12 AM

BJ

“ TIME PASSES AND WE MAY BE APART. BUT COUSINS ALWAYS STAY CLOSE AT HEART!

Bettye Harris Johnson

Bettye Johnson - January 26, 2018 at 12:02 PM



“ Evelyn Tate-Clayton lit a candle in memory of Mr. Lee Vester "Boogie Down" Harris



Evelyn Tate-Clayton - January 25, 2018 at 02:27 PM

BF

“ Blake Sain and family purchased the Glorious Memories Garland for the family of Mr. Lee Vester "Boogie Down" Harris.



Blake Sain and family - January 24, 2018 at 09:08 PM

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“ My best memory and testimony of my Uncle Lee was that he always show me love and respect all of his life. When we were in middle school and Jr. high school he would always share his money with me and whatever I asked of him. He treated me as a younger brother even until now. I'm thanking God for allowing me to have such a giving and loving uncle who cared for all his nephews, nieces, cousins and friends. Yes, he loved our family reunions. "Boogie and Uncle Willie (Bro-man) kept the family loose with jokes and laughter, nobody were off-limit when it came to his jokes. Though he have departed this earthly life and will be missed, we humble ourselves as a family to the wishes of Almighty God who gave us him for a short times but gave us a lifetime of memories to remember my Uncle Lee Vester Harris. To the children and grandchildren seek God for comfort and peace during this time of Sorrow. We as family are walking with you all now and always. Love Jr. and Debra Newman.

Willie Newman - January 24, 2018 at 08:49 PM