

A Homegoing Celebration
Albert Harris Jr.



Sunrise
September 23rd 1954

Sunset
June 7th 2021

Pastor William Harris Officiating



Man of Service and Honor

Albert Harris Jr. had a strong desire and call to serve in the United States Army and quickly answered that call when he enlisted September 16th 1972. He was sent to the Army Training Center Infantry in Fort Polk, Louisiana. From there he was assigned to the "Company B First Battalion Brigade." After completing all requirements of his basic training Al committed himself to being the best. His missions took him across the globe to Countries such as Germany, Korea, Japan, and others. His dedication and hard work paid off as he excelled in rank from Private, to Private 1st Class, to Specialist, to Corporal, to that of Sergeant. Al also served as a Helicopter Pilot and engaged in live combat. He sustained an injury during one of

his missions but courageously continued. He held various positions in the service including that of "M.P. Military Police 31A's."

Albert faithfully served our Country with a sense of duty, pride, and accomplishment until the day of his Honorable Discharge. He even worked at Wright-Patterson Air force Base as a contractor and retired from WPAFB Museum. He loved sharing stories about his Military days with Cardell his brother-in-law and friends. He loved being a Veteran and would display his American Flag outside of his home along with his Veteran's bumper sticker. He would recognize other Service Members and Veterans anytime he saw them.

Today, we Salute and Honor our American Hero, Albert Harris Jr., for his Heart, Courage, Bravery, Sacrifice and Service to our Country, Thank you!



Albert Harris Jr.



ORDER OF SERVICE



Wednesday June 16th 2021

12:00 P.M.

Believers Christian Fellowship Church

3010 McCall St Dayton Oh 45417

- (Prelude) Parting View**.....Soft Music
- Scripture Reading**(Old & New Testament).....Pulpit
- Prayer**.....Evangelist Penelope Burnam
- Music Selection** (Order My Steps & Stand).....Believers Choir
- Reflections** (2-3 min).....Limited to
Kurt Jackson, Allen Beach, Randall White Jr, Cheri Glanton, George Andrews
- Obituary Reading**Camille Ransom
- Music Selection** (Steadfast).....Believers Choir
- Eulogy and Parting Prayer**..... Pastor William Harris
- Recessional**..... Thomas Funeral Home

THE INTERMENT

Veterans Memorial Cemetery

Dayton Ohio

OBITUARY

Albert Harris Jr. was born September 23, 1954 in Chicago Illinois as the only Son to Albert Harris Sr. and Virginia Brown Harris. He was a sweet little boy and was affectionately known by his many nicknames: Jeff, Apples, and Abba Jr. He was a great lover of dogs and truly believed they were wonderful company and man's best friend! As he grew so did his love and life-time affection for cars. He spent time racing cars, especially his first car, which was a Thunderbird. Albert attended Calumet High School in Chicago and enjoyed playing Basketball. He graduated in 1972 and then proudly enlisted in the United States Army a short time later. Albert was stationed in Louisiana and traveled the World serving our Country and did so faithfully until receiving his Honorable Discharge.

After completing his time in the service he moved to Ohio in 1983 to work as a Civilian and to raise his family. He worked hard to be an example and to be a great provider and Father. Albert continued caring for one of his beloved girls, Courtni, when Vicki entered his life as her caregiver. They spent time building a trusting friendship and eventually a wonderful life together. Albert asked Vicki for her hand in marriage as they both knew how much they loved and needed one another. The two wed on May 15, 2009 and remained committed to one another for over 12 years. AL was a true family man and loved seeing his children and all of his grandchildren. He would take them to and from school, attend birthdays, or just stop in for a visit and maybe fuss a little (LOL). He couldn't wait to meet his newest grandbaby born during the last year.

AL never met a stranger and loved to laugh and make other people laugh too. He always had a funny story to share and would leave you in stitches when it was all said and done. He had THEE BEST sense of humor and made a huge impact on all of us. Laughter was certainly his daily medicine and he found a reason to smile and make you smile. AL faced his recent health challenges with dignity and grace and didn't let that steal his joy. He touched our lives with his vibrant spirit and brought so much love and joy to every space he entered. He was a bright light to us and a wonderful giving soul. He was a believing man and accepted Jesus as his own personal Savior!

Albert departed this life to receive his Heavenly reward on Monday, June 7, 2021. He leaves to cherish his memory his loving and devoted Wife Vicki Harris, his beloved Mother Virginia Brown Harris, Daughters: Tanaia Moore (Troy), Rhian Washington (Isaac), Courtni Harris, Alsha Harris, Camille Ransom (Kadaby), and Pamela Parks. Sons: Rodney Harris and James Page. Sisters: Phyllis Porter, Judy Harris- Williams, Tara Gentry (Cardell), Kimberly Murray, and Yolanda Dickens (Clayton). Over 20 grandchildren and two great grandchildren. A host of nieces, nephews, cousins, faithful longtime friends, and his fur baby Nicodemus (Nic) Harris. He will truly be missed by all of us.

A Man of Integrity Who Truly Loved Me

I remember God told me before I married Al that my healing was here. I remember asking God to please help me through the process. Albert taught me how to love and how to receive love from a man other than my Father. He gave me hope when I didn't have none. Everything I did he was there to encourage me. He was always in the front row supporting and encouraging me. Al showed me how to give love and how to listen. I mean really listen. He would sit and listen to find out how he could be of service. He taught me what unconditional love really looks like. I learned how to move me out of the way to be able to see it. Al was my Friend! There wasn't nothing he wouldn't do for me and there wasn't nothing I wouldn't do for him. He was my prayer partner but would surely cut me off when I would go too long. I can hear him say: "Now Vicki that's just too long." He showed me what a Godly man looks like. He was not a religious man but a Godly man. It's so much I could say about Albert but mere words are not enough to do him justice! In the end, when he knew he would not be coming back to this side I was able to remind him about Jesus. I reminded him of how he knew Jesus and had a relationship with him. He agreed and said "Yeah." See Albert met Jesus for himself down in Texas when they came to minister and pray with them. Al said he thought he was too cool to bow his head. He said he heard the Lord speak to him that day and told him to bow his head during the prayer. That was the day he met the Lord for himself. He would say: "I may not be able to quote and say everything in that Bible but I know Him!" He lived his life with Integrity Even when nobody was looking and watching he automatically did what was right. He just did! It was just in him. He loved me like Jesus and really looked passed all of my faults and saw every one of my needs. I know the Word but I SAW the Word walked out in my husband. There is NOBODY that can compare to Albert - other than Jesus.

Vicki Harris- Loving Wife



The Heart and Soul of a Mother

"He was my one and only Son, he was so sweet and I loved him so so very much, I'm gonna' miss him, yes I am, he was my baby boy. From when he was a little boy he always loved dogs and had dogs. There are actually too many special memories about Albert to list, but they are all in my mind and will remain with me forever and ever.

Virginia Brown Harris - Beloved Mother

The Unbreakable Bond of a Sister

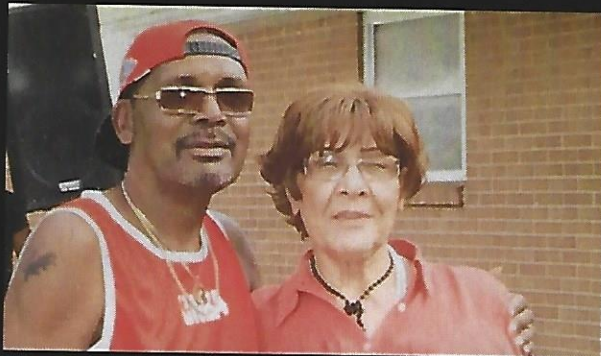
He truly loved his wife Vicki and always said he wouldn't know what to do without her. He would hollar her name Vickeeeee real loud while I was on the phone with him. He would complain to Nic that he bought him, but Nic followed Vicki all over the house. Albert was somewhat jealous of Nic but he really loved his dog from a puppy to adulthood. He was a hands on dad, granddad and he truly loved them all, a true family man in every sense. He loved all of his sisters, nieces, nephews and greats. He loved his brother-In-Laws and always had a great relationship with them. He loved his Two best friends Billy & Andy and loved their monthly lunch get togethers.

He loved going to Skinny's Barber Shop in Dayton weekly for a clean cut. He taught his grandsons early how to always keep their hygiene and appearance up to par. He would always talk about old events, people that we knew and things that we did or happened back in the days of our younger years. He was the Ohio/Chicago Weatherman. He would call and give you your weather forecast before you got out of bed in the mornings and he was our Black History Teacher, and would quiz you.

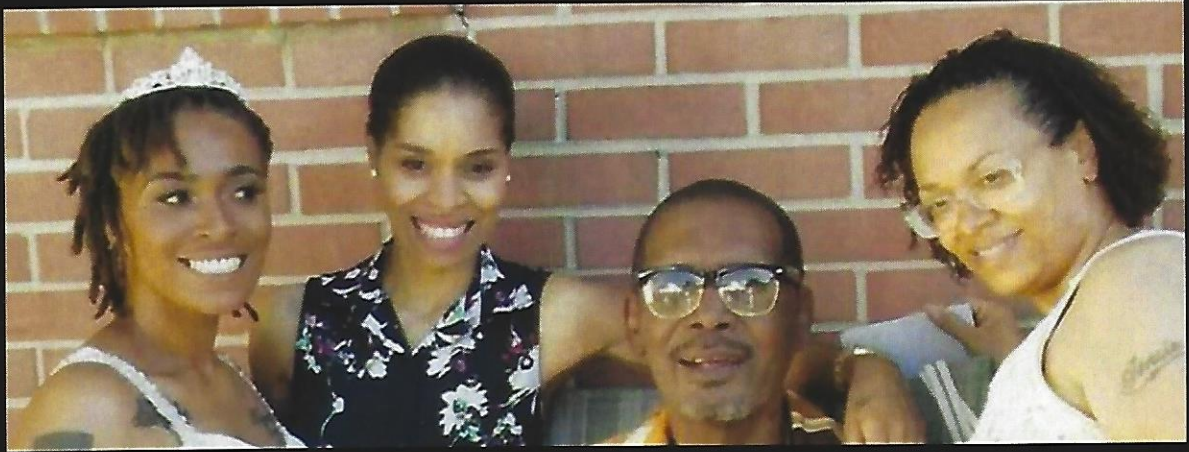
Albert #1 show on TV was "Chicago PD", on Thursdays he would watch every old episode that aired. He even was able to watch the final episode of this year, when he was in Miami Valley Hospital.

He also loved watching "Seal Team" and was able to watch that final episode as well. Almere would tease Albert about always watching MNBC. Albert and I would discuss these 3 shows daily and weekly.

Tara Gentry



Tribute To Dad



We Love You
Daddy and will
miss you!

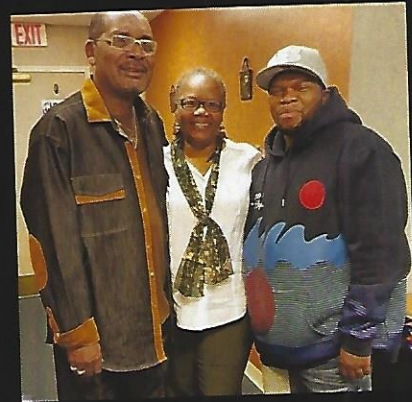


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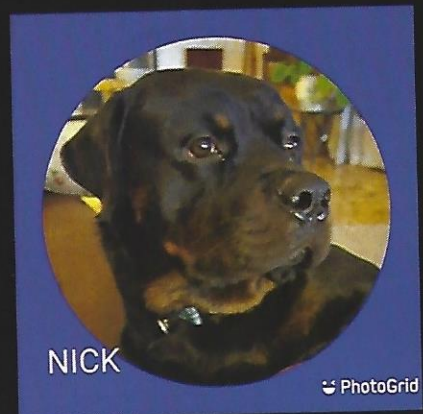
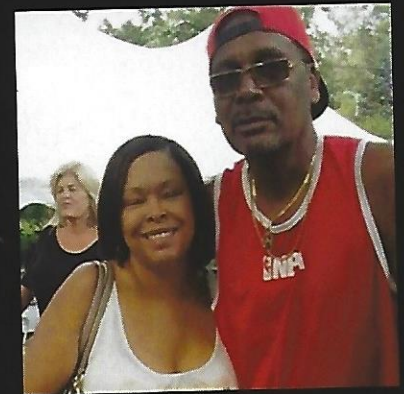
A conversation () with my mother

Mama, Al was a friend to you and a father to me. And for sharing him, I'd like to thank his son Rodney and his daughters: Tanaia, Alsha, Rhian and Courtni. Al was a friend to you and a father to me. For his wisdom, laughter, and good conversation that often-included way too much information. For the distance he traveled, when it was my face, you wanted to see. Of course, he'd travel that far, He was a friend to you, and a father to me. I watched your struggles and the things you built together, The example you set of a real partnership, That will last forever. The sacrifices you both made to create a legacy, I'm grateful he was a friend to you and a father to me. I don't remember the day, but I do remember the moment, he went from being Al to dad. He was talking to someone and naming all of his children, and this is what he said, "I don't have NO step kids!" Right then a shift was made, and I remembered everything he did. He united us. He gave us his help. He came to get us, even if it wasn't by himself. He educated us. And gave us his support. He modeled a man for me. I couldn't ask for anything more. He was your husband. I know he was the man of your dreams. That's true. He was a father to me. But I'm glad he was a friend to you. I'll call you later mama.

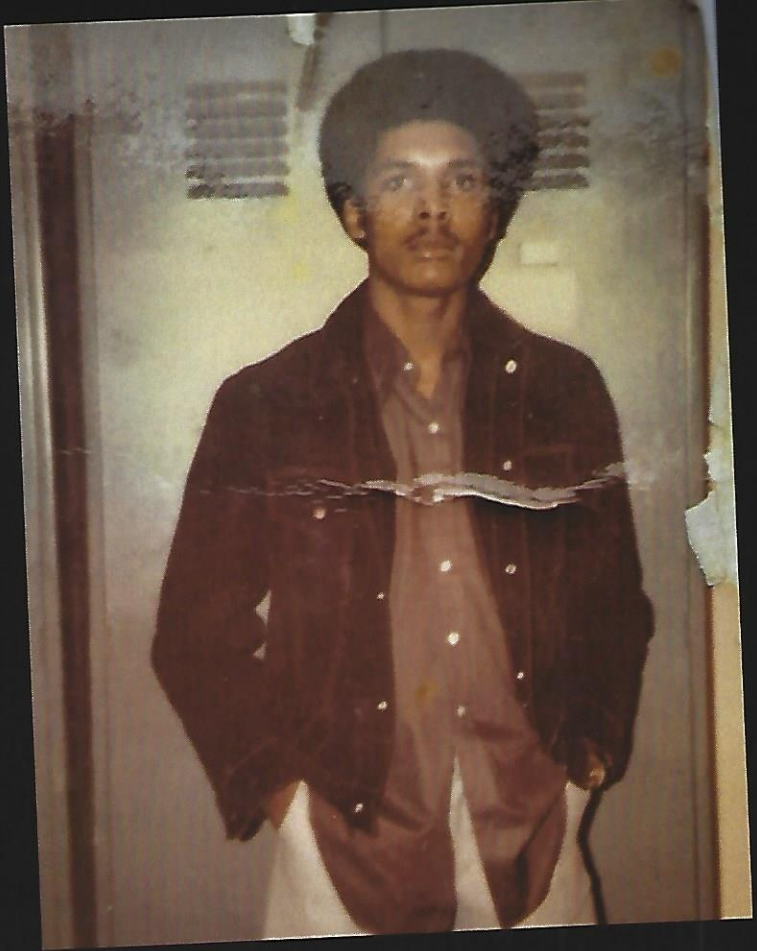
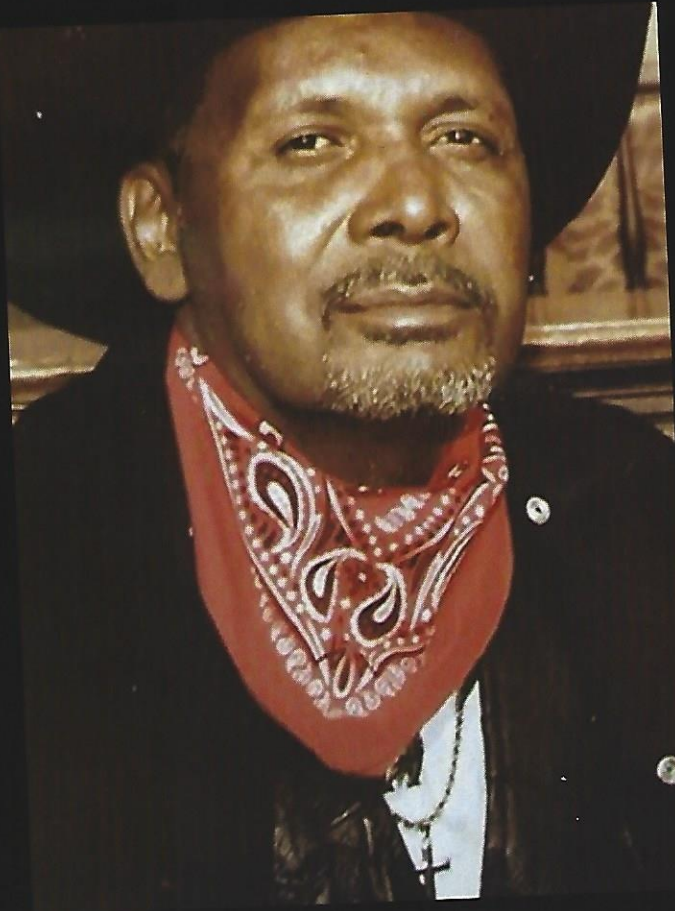
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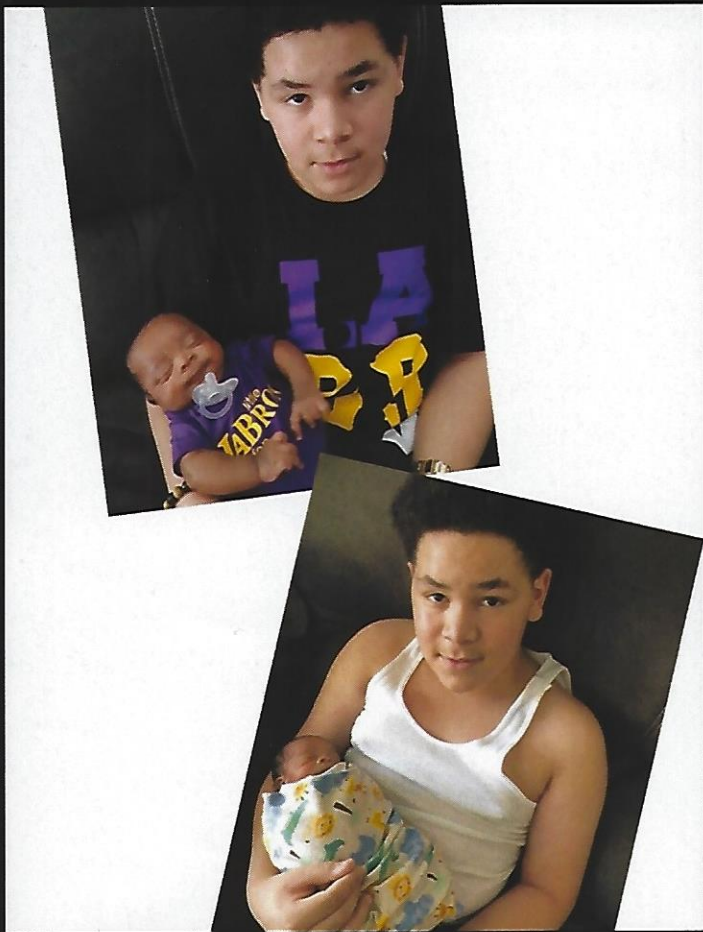


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Pallbearers

Marcus Hampton Brandon L White
Randall J. White Jr. Brandon Motley
James Page Jr. Jaylen Cole

Honorary Pallbearers: George Anderson & Thaddeus Washington

Acknowledgements

The Family of Albert Haris Jr. would like to thank all those who have been so thoughtful and caring to pray for us, call, text, visit, prepare food or simply be present. Your loving kindness is greatly appreciated as this has truly helped us bear it all. We thank you and appreciate your love for us.

A very special Thank you to the medical staff of the V.A Medical Center for offering excellent care to our beloved Veteran!

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Funeral Service Entrusted to:

Thomas Funeral Home

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