



James Jerome Harris, Jr.

March 11, 1968 - June 18, 2024

James Jerome Harris, Jr., aka “Jay and JJ”, born on March 11, 1968, in Portsmouth, VA, transitioned from earth to glory on June 18, 2024. He was born to his father, James J. Harris, Sr. and to his mother, Brenda Lee Harris. He lived in Portsmouth, traveled all over the world as he rendered 20 plus years of committed service in the U.S. Air Force. Following retirement from the military, he resided in the state of Georgia, and then eventually made Portsmouth his home again.

His educational background includes the Portsmouth Public School System, where he graduated from I.C. Norcom High School, Class of 1986; then graduated from Georgia State University in 2014, majored in Physical Education.

He met his wife, Manetres Bell-Harris at the age of 10 and they developed a childhood friendship. This was the foundation of a beautiful relationship that many years later after reconnecting, led to a blissful marriage on October 7, 2021. This was a special union and the families joined together as one. Realizing his need for God, James accepted Jesus Christ as his personal savior, led by his wife.

James said, “I have experienced life.” He was generous in sharing his life, and was a pillar of the community. He left a lasting impact on the lives of many.

After his retirement from the military, he fulfilled his lifetime dream and passion to coach and to work with the youth. That dream was fulfilled as he served as a Special Education Teacher at Spencer High School in Columbus, GA; then became employed at New Gospel Child Development Center in Portsmouth, VA. He was blessed with the opportunity to live out his desire to coach and mentor the youth. He experienced a great joy to coach I.C. Norcom's Varsity Football Team, the Girls' Softball Team, and the Boys' Basketball Team. Coaching was his heartbeat. Even on Military bases, he coached while simultaneously changing the lives of the youth throughout the world.

Whether lending a listening ear or extending a helping hand, James was described by many as a friend with a gentle, quiet, and humble soul, willing to help anyone. With such a positive attitude, he would often say, "I got you", "That's what's up", "Let me do it", and "There it is". What a good man he was. He truly cared about the welfare of others; especially his family whom he truly loved from his heart.

James will forever remain in our hearts. He has left a legacy that has come from his character, reputation, and the life he has led. He has set an example for many to follow.

Sleep on James. We will indeed miss you. The memory of the life you shared with us, will always remain in our hearts.

James leaves to cherish his memories: his loving and supportive wife, Manetres Bell-Harris; his mother, Brenda Lee Harris; his father, James Harris, Sr., his father-in-law, Robert L. Bell, Sr.; four siblings: Rocco M. Harris (Sharnetta), Atasha Fee Wilson (Francis), Antonio Cashiz Clay, Ricardo J. Harris; four sons: De'Ontrae Smith, Detwane Williams, Pierre LeGrand, Ja'Von Harris; two step-daughters: Likea Bell and Quanae Bell; one step-son: Marquan Bell; and a host of aunts, uncles, grandchildren, nieces, nephews,

relatives, and friends.

· THE FAMILY IS REQUESTING THAT FAMILY, FRIENDS, AND GUESTS TO WEAR WHITE IN HONOR OF JAMES J. JARRIS JR.

· LIVE STREAMING OF THE CELEBRATION OF LIFE SERVICE WILL BE AVAILABLE ON TRUTH TRANSFORMATION MINISTRIES' WEBSITE AND FACEBOOK PAGE LISTED BELOW: <https://itistruth.org/live-streaming/> <https://www.facebook.com/truthtransformationministries>

Cemetery Details

Albert G Horton Jr. Veterans Memorial Cemetery

5310 Milner's Road
Suffolk, VA

Previous Events

Visitation

JUL 1. 3:00 PM - 6:00 PM (ET)

J.T. Fisher Funeral Services
1248 N. George Washington Hwy.
Chesapeake, VA 23323
(757) 487-3700
info@jtfisherfuneralservices.com
<https://www.jtfisherfuneralservices.com>

Service

JUL 2. 11:00 AM (ET)

Truth Transformation Ministries
3401 Cedar Lane
Portsmouth, VA

Tribute Wall



“ *J.T. Fisher Funeral Services created a Tribute Video in memory of James Jerome Harris, Jr.*



J. T. Fisher Funeral Services - July 03, 2024 at 07:13 PM

SE

“ *SKY EDWARDS lit a candle in memory of James Jerome Harris, Jr.*



SKY EDWARDS - July 25, 2024 at 04:23 AM

JG

“ *Jessica Goode lit a candle in memory of James Jerome Harris, Jr.*



Jessica Goode - July 02, 2024 at 10:57 AM

JM

“ *Janet Mouran_Eldridge lit a candle in memory of James Jerome Harris, Jr.*



Janet Mouran_Eldridge - July 02, 2024 at 10:31 AM

SW

“ *Sabrina Walker lit a candle in memory of James Jerome Harris, Jr.*



Sabrina Walker - July 01, 2024 at 11:48 PM

JF

“ *James R Butler jr. & Family purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of James Jerome Harris, Jr..*



James R Butler jr. & Family - July 01, 2024 at 08:58 PM

JB

“ *Rest in peace my Brother love always. I'm praying for the family & friends.*



James Butler - July 01, 2024 at 08:36 PM

MJ

“ *Michael Jordan lit a candle in memory of James Jerome Harris, Jr.*



Michael Jordan - June 30, 2024 at 05:45 PM

MJ

I will always cherish those wonderful memories we had my brother! Rlp my friend

Michael Jordan - July 01, 2024 at 01:15 PM

KM

“ *Rest in peace classmate. May God continue to comfort your family during this time.*



Karen R Moore - June 30, 2024 at 12:26 PM

AC

“ *Antonio & Victoria Clay purchased the Ocean Breeze Spray for the family of James Jerome Harris, Jr..*



Antonio & Victoria Clay - June 29, 2024 at 06:45 PM

AC

“ Antonio & Victoria Clay planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of James Jerome Harris, Jr..

Antonio & Victoria Clay - June 29, 2024 at 06:45 PM

DM

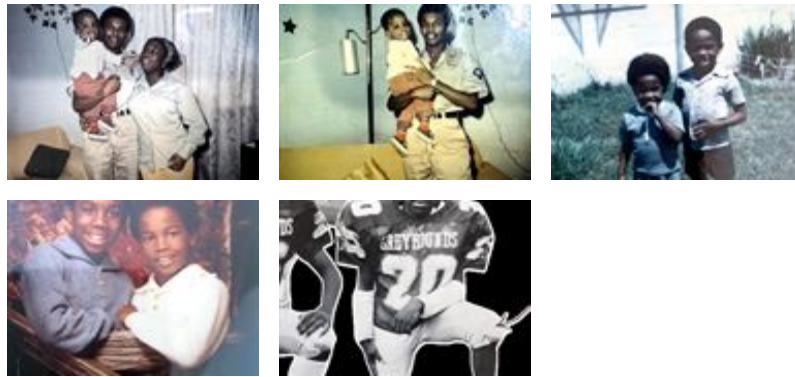
“ Danny & Michelle Ford and Andrea Moore purchased the Sentiments of Serenity Spray for the family of James Jerome Harris, Jr..



Danny & Michelle Ford and Andrea Moore - June 29, 2024 at 05:53 PM



“ 39 files added to the album Life Tributes



J. T. Fisher Funeral Services - June 29, 2024 at 11:47 AM

TM

“ Truth Transformation Ministries lit a candle in memory of James Jerome Harris, Jr.



Truth Transformation Ministries - June 28, 2024 at 10:54 AM

TM

“ James “JJ” was such a special person that no words are adequate. He brought enjoyment to everyone who knew him, and he will be sadly missed. But his goodness, his caring, and his wisdom will live on, like a legacy of love that will always be with you. “The LORD bless you and keep you; The LORD make His face shine upon you and be gracious to you; The LORD lift up His countenance upon you and give you peace.” Numbers 6:24-26 (NKJV)

With Love,
Dr. Roderick and Co-Pastor Crystal Hawthorne
Truth Transformation Ministries, Partners

Truth Transformation Ministries - June 28, 2024 at 10:52 AM

CS

“ My deepest condolences to the Harris family. I've known JJ since high school, he was always a good friend. Rest in Peace my friend!

Catherine Smith - June 27, 2024 at 11:24 AM

AB

“ *My name is Allison Bethea. My deepest condolences to the Harris family. May God bless you all. JJ and I were in the Air Force together. We met in Charleston, SC. I always remember how much JJ loved serving in the Honor Guard. He always was a sharp dresser, so the honor guard was an awesome fit for JJ.*



Allison Bethea - June 25, 2024 at 10:32 PM