



Leon Jewett Harris

March 24, 1958 - May 4, 2024

Leon Jewett Harris, born on March 24, 1958, in Detroit, MI, bid farewell to this world on May 4, 2024, in Portsmouth, VA. Leon, lovingly known as Leon, led a fulfilling life filled with cherished moments and meaningful connections.

Leon's heart belonged to his family, friends, and the adventures he embarked upon. He delighted in working out, spending quality time with loved ones, and exploring new destinations. Among his favorite cuisines were Thai food, Philly cheesesteaks, chicken wings, and Black muscles. Music held a special place in Leon's heart, with bands like Earth, Wind & Fire and musicians like Gil Scott Heron captivating his soul. He found solace and joy in the tunes that resonated with his spirit.

A retired soldier from the United States Army, Leon took great pride in his service to his country. His dedication and commitment were exceptional, and he retired with honor.

His proudest accomplishment was his daughter, Olivia Samone Boykin-Harris, whom he loved beyond measure.

Every summer, Leon eagerly anticipated his annual trip to the Dominican Republic with his brothers, a time of bonding and relaxation. It was in this paradise that he found tranquility and a sense of belonging.

When he wasn't basking in the rhythms of life or exploring new horizons, Leon enjoyed watching comedy and crime shows on television. Football and basketball were his sports of choice, fueling his passion for competition and teamwork.

As a man of integrity and kindness, Leon impacted the lives of others in immeasurable ways. He believed in the power of lending a helping hand, even when he had little to give. His acts of generosity extended to donating clothes and shoes to the homeless, exemplifying his selflessness. In his interactions, Leon's humor, self-expression, and loving nature left an indelible impression. His words of wisdom, "Don't let anyone take your joy," serves as a poignant reminder of his outlook on life.

Leon shared his journey with his beloved daughter's mother, Bernadette Boykin, and was survived by his adoring daughter Olivia Samone Boykin-Harris and her adopted uncles and aunts. His legacy lives on through his daughter Olivia Samone Boykin-Harris, a testament to the love and devotion he held for his family.

Cemetery Details

Albert G Horton Jr. Veterans Memorial Cemetery

5310 Milner's Road
Suffolk, VA

Previous Events

Visitation

MAY 15. 3:00 PM - 6:00 PM (ET)

J.T. Fisher Funeral Services
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Graveside Service

MAY 28. 3:00 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall

OH

“ I love you and miss you so so mych daddy you were taken from me to soon 🥹💔



olivia harris - August 10, 2024 at 06:48 PM

SC

“ I also was a fellow soldier at Ft Eustis with Leon, I will always remember the fun we had hanging out! My thoughts and prayers go out to his family, Love!

SFC (Ret) Mark Cunningham - May 17, 2024 at 11:47 AM

TB

“ Leon was a very determined individual and enjoyed life to the fullest! I pray for the strength and comfort of his family.

Tracy Beckford - May 14, 2024 at 11:36 AM


JB

“ Joan and Nate Boykin purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Leon Jewett Harris.



Joan and Nate Boykin - May 11, 2024 at 05:21 PM

RS

“ RIP my friend , MILITARY days at Ft Eustis. Praying for strength and comfort for his family .

Richard Bolden SFC/RETIRED - May 10, 2024 at 08:44 PM

CC

“ My last conversation with Leon was Friday, May 3rd when we discussed my loss of Fabio. He expressed to me how short life could be. Gregory Court or the neighborhood will never be the same. Leon took care of everything for everyone. He made sure the neighborhood stayed cleaned and the city did its parts. I wish to share with the family, especially his daughter whom he loved dearly, this scripture: Ecclesiastes 7:1 "A GOOD name is better than precious ointment; and the day of death than the day of one's birth." Take care of Fabio my friend. Rest in peace!



Carolyn Hurdle Cannon - May 09, 2024 at 08:43 AM

SU

Leon,Leon....#Nicelikethat!! My friend forever!!!

Sue - May 11, 2024 at 11:13 AM

VB

Expressing my condolences to the family of Mr. Leon. He was a neighbor of mine for many years. He was always trying to keep Brandon Lane clean. I last saw Mr. Leon on Friday. My dog likes to run down the street. If Mr. Leon saw my dog he would tell her to go to me and most times she would mine him. May GOD provide the family with devine comfort, strength and healing. In Jesus name, Amen

Veratine Butler - May 11, 2024 at 03:03 PM

LS

God has gain a precious soul. Leon was my husband brother (close friend) on this earth. The "TRIBE" of brotherhood from another family who stuck together through thick and thin. I know this is a very difficult time for his Brother's but I know that they will keep his legacy alive and for sure keep Olivia close to them. She always had so many uncle's to protect her and keep her safe. Leon don't worry.... Rest your soul because here on earth your baby girl will be alright. I know when we saw each other I always said to you that I hope you find a good person or a "WIFE" and that I'm praying for you.... That was our talk.... Now you found something better than what I prayed for. Jesus is his name. Love You

Lisa Simmons - May 13, 2024 at 01:29 PM

TA

To the family in your hour of need, always know that God will get us through it all. I met Leon on the basketball courts in Germany in the 80's and time took us along on separate paths in our journey of life. We reconnected again in the late 90's until now and the brotherhood was never lost. My Military brother will be sorely missed..My sincere condolences to the family.

Tony alexander - May 15, 2024 at 02:45 PM



I just learned of Leon's passing. My heart sank. I first met Leon while attending Austin Peay University in Clarksville Tn. Leon was stationed at Fort Campbell Kentucky. We became really good friends, Leon got to know my family and I got to know his family by all the stories he told about his childhood. He told me he was adopted. Leon often spoke of his mother; he loved and adored his mother. I moved to Tx, and Leon got station overseas. We lost contact. But I often wondered how he was doing.

My mother was a great cook, I was raised with five brothers, needless to say Sunday dinners were always massive and a chore to say the least. My mother would say, I'm sure Leon might like a hot meal, call Leon and invite him and his friends to dinner. She always prepared 2-3 meats, smothered chicken, pork chops, meatloaf, beef tips with gravy and/or baked or fried fish, of course with all the sides; fresh greens (collard or turnip, mac/cheese and large cast iron skillet of buttermilk cornbread), Kool-Aid...Yes, that's right I said Kool-Aid (grape or cherry and sweet tea with plenty of lemons). After dinner my family and friends would sit on the front porch, laughing, talking, joking around. My family really enjoyed having Leon around, I mean who could not like Leon's cool/calm demeanor, hardy laugh, charming charisma, and so well mannered. I'm Sure Leon became a vegetarian after eating my mom's good Southern cooking!

I remember visiting him on base, he had a picture in the window seal of a little boy... I said, what a cute baby. I asked Leon if that was his son, he laughed and said no that's me when I was a baby. When I saw that baby picture on his Facebook page my heart became heavy, because I remember that picture.

Sorry, this is so long but I just had to share my fondest memories of Leon. I'm for sure going to miss Leon and wish that I would have somehow gotten in contact with him before his passing. So, with that being said...I will bid my goodbyes. I hope our spirits meet again!

To Leon's family and friends, I'm so very sorry for your loss and my thoughts and prayers are with you. To his lovely daughter, Miss Olivia, Peace be with you!

To Sir with LOVE (Leon J. Harris)!

*Love you forever!
Kathy (Kat) Ivey*

Kathy Ivey - July 27, 2024 at 06:20 PM