



Charles "Red" Harris

May 24, 1934 - January 12, 2020

Charles "Red" Harris, 85, passed away January 12, 2020. Lifelong resident of the Chattanooga/North Georgia area and graduate of Central High School (Class of 1952) where he actively served on the reunion committee. He served 8 years in the Naval Reserves and retired from the City of Chattanooga. Everyone who knew Red was aware of his deep passion for drag racing. He dedicated much of his life to his favorite sport. He was a faithful fan and supporter of The Brainerd Optimist Club/Brainerd Motorsports Park for over 60 years. He was named Brainerd Optimist Drag Strips most recognizable fixture, was awarded the Lifetime Support Award and was the 23rd inductee to their Hall of Fame. He served as the Track Publicist and submitted race results to the Chattanooga Times Free Press up until his death. He also wrote articles for Quick Times Racing News. He will be greatly missed by his family and many friends.

He was preceded in death by his wife of 58 years, Myrt Harris, and his daughter Debbie Harris.

He is survived by his daughters Yvonne Burroughs and Diane (John) Barker, sister Helen Choate, sister-in-law Shirley Henry, 7 grandchildren, 13 great grandchildren and 2 great great grandchildren. Lovingly known to his family and many friends as "Daddy Red", he took great pride in his family and lifelong friendships.

Memorial Services will be held, Thursday, January 16, 2020 at the Fort Oglethorpe Chapel of Wilson Funeral Home. Visitation will be 3:00-5:00pm on Thursday, prior to the service. The family would like to thank Chris Whittle for speaking at the service.

Tribute Wall

DH

“ *Deborah Haley lit a candle in memory of Charles "Red" Harris*



Deborah Haley - January 17, 2020 at 01:56 PM

DO

“ *Daddy Red was one of kind. Loved his flea markets and yard sales. So very generous.*

Donna Ogle - January 15, 2020 at 10:15 PM

JE

“ *Jennysmith lit a candle in memory of Charles "Red" Harris*



Jennysmith - January 15, 2020 at 01:31 PM