



Dale Walter Harrison

December 24, 1939 - December 24, 2014

Dale Walter Harrison, 75, of Rossville, Georgia passed away peacefully at home, Wednesday, December 24, 2014.

A native of New Orleans, Louisiana, he has resided in the Rossville, Georgia area since 2000, and was formerly of Michigan. Dale earned his Bachelor of Science in Occupational Education degree and Master of Science in Education from Southern Illinois University at Carbondale, Illinois.

Dale retired in March 1978 from the U.S. Air Force as Master Sergeant after 20 years of service, was Coordinator of the Dental Technology Program at Lewis & Clark Community College, Godfrey, Illinois from (1978-1986), Program Director Dental Technology and Department Head of Allied Dental Program at Ferris State University, in Big Rapids, Michigan (1986 – 1999), and Coordinator Dental Laboratory Technology Program for Project HOPE, in Lisbon, Portugal (1989-1990). He loved gourmet cooking, photography, genealogy research, classic cars, fishing and reading. He was a member of many organizations, Phi Kappa Phi, American Legion Post # 214, American Legion 40 & 8, Sons of the American Revolution, the Chattanooga Delta Genealogy Society, a Freemason and Shriner, Chairman of the Board of Directors of Heartland Therapeutic Programs, Sons of American Legion and his mother entered him in a baby contest when he was an infant and was voted "Most Beautiful Baby".

He is preceded in death by his parents, Walter S. and Vera Salvant Harrison and brother, Norman Harrison.

He is survived by his son and daughter-in-law, Michael and Nancy Harrison of Signal Mtn., Tennessee; daughter and son-in-law, Janice and Randy McKee of Godfrey, Illinois; ex-wife, Karen Harrison-Gunter of Alton, Illinois; sister, Vera Harrison Shaffer of Canton, Ohio; three grandchildren, Ryan (Amy) Harrison, Corey (Tori) McKee and Sarah McKee; two step grandchildren, Ben Collins and Louise Collins, one great grandson, two nieces, one nephew; and good friends and co-workers, Barbara "Bobbie" Allison-Standefor and Hollis Allison both of Chattanooga, Tennessee.

Memorial services will be held 1:30 P.M. Friday January 2, 2015 in the funeral home chapel. Interment will follow at Chattanooga National Cemetery. The family will receive friends Friday from 12:00 P.M. until 1:30 P.M. at the funeral home.

In lieu of flowers donations are requested to be made to Heartland Therapeutic Programs or the Shriners' Hospital.

Arrangements are by W.L. Wilson & Sons Funeral Home Ft. Oglethorpe, Georgia.

An online register book may be signed at www.wilsonfuneralhome.com

Tribute Wall

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“ Dale was an interesting guy--fun to be around and a wonderful story teller. I first learned of his extraordinary culinary skills when we both served as honorary chefs for a fundraiser for Ferris State University. Consequently, when we formed a gourmet group to add some ethnic diversity to our Big Rapids cuisine, Dale was one of the first people I thought to ask. Luckily, he agreed; so we enjoyed his company and his fine cooking for years before he moved to Georgia. We've missed him greatly and were happy, at least, to stay in touch each year through Christmas cards and letters.

Don and I extend our sympathy to Dale's family. We share your sense of loss.

Helen Popovich - Tampa, FL - friend - January 05, 2015 at 12:00 AM

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“ I was greatly saddened to hear of Dale's passing. We worked together at Ferris and shared many good times together. He was a charter member of our gourmet group and I am sure we will remember him when we meet on Saturday. It is especially appropriate that we will be sampling the dishes of New Orleans that evening.

Arnie's and my thoughts and prayers are with his family at this time.

Isabel Barnes Kempton - Big Rapids, MI - Friend - January 05, 2015 at 12:00 AM

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“ Dale will be greatly missed. I appreciate the time, the stories, patience, gifts and all he did for me. He was always fun to talk to. I will miss him greatly. He family has my deepest sympathy. I considered him friend.

DeCaira Hubbard - Chattanooga, TN - friend - January 03, 2015 at 12:00 AM

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“ *Leave a condolence or a memory.*

DeCaira Hubbard - Chattanooga, TN - friend - January 03, 2015 at 12:00 AM

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“ *You will be missed my friend*

David Cooper - January 02, 2015 at 12:00 AM

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“ *My love and prayers are with Dale's family and friends during this difficult time. May you all be comforted by the full life that Dale had, always living life as he wanted. We can know joy in that the spirit does not die and Dale lives on.*

Amen

Joe Ann Brown"Jody" - Lenoir City, TN - Foster Sister - December 29, 2014 at 12:00 AM