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Homer Cleveland Harris, 77, of East Ridge, Tennessee, passed away on Monday, March 16, 2026. Homer was born in Chattanooga, Tennessee, to the late Joe and Nellie Harris. He was a lifetime resident of the Chattanooga-Northwest Georgia area. Homer was one of our American Heroes. He selflessly served his country as a member of the United States Marine Corps. After his time in service, he worked for the Tennessee Valley Authority as a power plant operator, then for the University of Tennessee–Chattanooga. He was of the Baptist faith. Homer was a devoted family man who loved his family dearly, especially his grandkids. He always enjoyed traveling with his wife of fifty-eight years, whom he deeply missed. Homer was fully devoted to his family. He loved being goofy with his grandkids and gave the best bear hugs in the world. He had the wonderful “gift of gab” and never met a stranger. Above all, Homer treasured his family and enjoyed every moment with them. Though he may be gone from our sight, his love, strength, and legacy will live on in the hearts of all who knew and loved him.

Homer is preceded in death by his dear wife of fifty-eight years, Sylvia Earlene Harris; parents, Joe V. and Nellie Harris; and beloved grandson, Colby Jason Harris.

Those left to cherish his memory include his children, Angela Templeton of Chattanooga, Tennessee, and Jerry (Lori) Harris of East Ridge, Tennessee; sister, Betty Clady of Chickamauga, Georgia; grandchildren, Elizabeth Hughes, Darla Harris (Hunter) Hawkins, Gabby Harris, Robert Harris, Alaina Templeton, Chloe Templeton, and Jonathon Parton; great-grandchildren, Paislee Parton, Kinsley Hughes, Riley Hughes, and Lucas Hawkins; sister-in-law and brother-in-law, Vicki and Raymond Royal of Henegar, Alabama; sister-in-law, Linda Harris of Athens, Alabama; and several nieces and nephews.

The family invites friends and loved ones to join us in remembering and honoring Homer on Wednesday, March 18, 2026, from 9 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. The funeral service will be held at 11:30 a.m. on the same day. After the service, we will go to the National Cemetery, located at 1200 Bailey Avenue, Chattanooga, Tennessee, for a 2 p.m. burial. Thank you for your prayers and support during this difficult time.

An online guestbook can be found at www.wilsonfuneralhome.com. W. L. Wilson & Sons Funeral Homes, Fort Oglethorpe, Georgia, is handling the funeral arrangements.

Cemetery Details

Chattanooga National Cemetery

1200 Bailey Ave
Chattanooga, TN 37404
(423) 855-6590

Previous Events

Visitation

MAR 18. 9:00 AM - 11:30 AM (ET)

W. L. Wilson & Sons Funeral Home-Ft. Oglethorpe Chapel
555 West Cloud Springs Road
Ft. Oglethorpe, GA 30742
(706) 866-5555
info@wilsonfuneralhome.com
<https://www.wilsonfuneralhome.com/>

Funeral Service

MAR 18. 11:30 AM - 12:15 PM (ET)

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Burial

MAR 18. 2:00 PM - 2:30 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall

MH

“ I’ve thought so much of Homer and Sylvia since our Son Seth and Elizabeth started dating , years ago ,and are now married with two beautiful girls . From the first time I met him/ them. They felt like family .They are both gonna be so missed , but I take great comfort in knowing we will see them again, with sweet Colby. Love and prayers to the family .

Michelle Hughes - March 18 at 12:10 PM

LB

“ Lawrence B. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Homer Cleveland Harris.

Lawrence B. - March 17 at 06:50 PM

LB

“ The twinkle in his eyes and the grin out of one side of his face, when he was telling a good part in one of his many stories.

Lawrence Blake - March 17 at 06:46 PM

SH

“ So sorry for your loss. Praying for you. 🙏❤️

Sharon - March 16 at 11:52 PM