



## James Lamar Harris

September 15, 1945 - October 12, 2023

James Lamar Harris age 78, of Fort Oglethorpe, Georgia went home to be with the Lord Thursday morning, October 12, 2023. Lamar was born in Ringgold, Georgia to the late William Scott and Ella Mae Allen Harris. He grew up in the Ringgold community and was a proud graduate of Ringgold High School – Class of 1963. His first job was at Ray's Market in Ringgold. Lamar went to college at Jacksonville State University and was a proud member of The Marching Southerners Band, where he played the trumpet. He went to work at Western Electric/Bell South/Southern Bell/ATT where he earned the name as “Baby Huey,” he retired after twenty-nine years of service.

Retirement did not last long; Lamar went to work at Lowe's Improvement Center in Fort Oglethorpe for twelve years. Lamar enjoyed making custom corn hole boards and had made them for the past 12 years. If you ran in to Lamar, he'd ask: “Hey, do you play corn hole?” chances are, you would be buying a set of boards very soon. Lamar enjoyed bowling and was in the Chattanooga Bowling Hall of Fame. Lamar's passion was his family, coaching all three of his children in recreation ball, serving in the concession stands, working on the fields, keeping the score books, announcing the games, anywhere and everywhere he could support his children he was there. Along with his parents, he is preceded in death by an infant grandchild, great-grandson: Jax Little, sister: Shirley King and brother: Charles Harris. He is survived by his wife of fifty-eight years: Sandra Franklin Harris, their children: Lorri Harris (Mark Guider) of Dalton, GA, Jeff (Regenia) Harris, Jason

(Jeanne) Harris all of Ringgold, GA, grandchildren: Joshua Little, Brittney Little, Ryan Harris, Mark Harris, great-grandchildren: Jerika Long, Bailey Long, Emma Elrod, several nieces and nephews. The family will receive friends Friday from 5:00 pm - 8:00 pm and Saturday morning after 11:00 am until the service. Funeral services will be held at 3:00 pm – Saturday – October 14, 2023 in the chapel with his son Jeff Harris officiating. A private burial service will be held at Lakewood Memory Gardens-South, Rossville, Georgia. In lieu of flowers, the family requests memorial donations be made to the Katie Beth Carter Scholarship Fund through [www.liveandloveministries.com/give](http://www.liveandloveministries.com/give). Online guest book at [www.wilsonfuneralhome.com](http://www.wilsonfuneralhome.com). Arrangements by W.L. Wilson and Sons Funeral Homes – Fort Oglethorpe, Georgia.

# Cemetery Details

## Lakewood Memory Gardens South

325 Greens Lake Road  
Rossville, GA 30741  
(706) 866-7777

# Previous Events

## Visitation

OCT 14. 11:00 AM - 3:00 PM (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

OCT 14. 3:00 PM (ET)

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# Tribute Wall

AP

“ *Anita Patrick lit a candle in memory of James Lamar Harris*



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**Anita Patrick** - October 14, 2023 at 09:58 PM

SB

“ *I am Very Sorry to hear of the loss for Sandra, Jeff, Jason, and Lorri. I was at their home many times during elementary and jr. high school with Jeff. I've thought for many many years that our generation had the best parents ever, and always made life seem so easy.....Lamar and Sandra were a perfect example of that. I remember the hamburgers Lamar grilled at the concession stand at the Ft. O. rec football field being some of the best I've ever had. Blessings to you all.*

*Shannon Born*

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**Shannon Born** - October 13, 2023 at 08:13 PM

MB

“ *I worked with Lamar at AT&T. He was always fun to work with and talk to. He will be greatly missed*

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**Mike Butler** - October 13, 2023 at 05:52 PM

SD

“ Lamar was one in a million with kids he coached and everyone he came in contact with. Lamar was my son's first ball coach. He was just a big treddy bear and they loved him. Proud to say Lamar and Sandra were special friends,

SUSAN A. DAME - October 13, 2023 at 04:30 PM

CF

“ Lamar was just the nicest man we have ever known. We are so sorry for your loss and you will be in our prayers! He will be missed!

Carolyn S Foster - October 13, 2023 at 11:29 AM

TS

“ Lamar was my softball coach. I thought a lot of Lamar and his family. Everytime I saw him he was so happy and friendly even knowing he was having health issues. Our thoughts and prayers are with the family. Dawn & Henry Saylor

Terry Saylor - October 13, 2023 at 10:45 AM



“ Large Basket Garden was purchased for the family of James Lamar Harris.



October 13, 2023 at 09:13 AM

RC

“ Sorry to hear of the passing of Lamar ive known Lamar most of his life may GOD be with you and your family and comfort you  
Richard and Barbara clark



Richard and Barbara Clark - October 13, 2023 at 09:00 AM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of James Lamar Harris.

October 13, 2023 at 08:36 AM



“ Serene Reflections Bouquet was purchased for the family of James Lamar Harris.



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CW

“ So glad we got to see Lamar at the family get together in June. It was so great to see him, I always think of his smile, and his warm greeting when we got too meet.

Clara Ware - October 12, 2023 at 06:54 PM

DB

“ Lamar Harris was like a second Dad to me. They lived two doors down from me and most of the time if I wasn't at home , I was usually at his house with Lorri. He was my ball coach, neighbor, friend, great example, a gentle soul and a kind and generous man. He was loved and will be missed. My love to the whole Family. 💕💕

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**Dawn Brown** - October 12, 2023 at 03:49 PM

SO

“ Lamar was a good guy, always had a smile on his face and a story to tell. He will be miss!



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**Sheila Oldham** - October 12, 2023 at 03:33 PM