



James Clayton Harris Jr.

January 11, 1973 - August 6, 2023

Friends and family are invited to celebrate the life of James Clayton Harris, Jr. on Sunday, August 20, 2023, in the Christian Life Center at Fort Payne First Methodist Church. Visitation will begin at 1:00 PM and conclude at 3:00 PM, with a memorial service following at 3:30 PM.

In lieu of flowers the family requests contributions be made to the Marine Toys for Tots, and can be mailed to: P.O. Box 681516, Fort Payne, AL 35968 with "In memory of Clay Harris" on the memo line. Contributions can also be made to Fort Payne First Methodist Church, 206 Grand Avenue NW, Fort Payne, AL 35967

At age 50, Clay went for his last dive off the shores of Tanguisson Beach on the west side of Guam on August 6, 2023. He had a true servant's heart and was the kind of person who would do anything for his loved ones. His lasting legacy of selfless service will endure as an example for others to follow long after Clay's earthly journey ended.

He is fondly remembered by friends, family, and his community as a proud veteran, devoted son, and beloved brother. As a commissioned lance corporal in the U.S. Marine Corps, Clay served in Operation Desert Storm during the Gulf War. For his service, he earned the National Defense Service Medal, Southwest Asia Service Medal, Armed Forces Expeditionary Medal, Sea

Service Deployment Ribbon, and the United Nations Medal. He was also an active member of the U.S. Army in response to Hurricane Katrina.

Clay is survived by his mother Marilyn Gilbreath Taylor and stepfather Urias Taylor of Fort Payne; sisters Lindy Harris Vizzinia (Anthony) of Fort Payne and Marcie Harris Davis (John T.) of Fort Payne; nephews John Clayton Groat (Grace), Harrison Davis, and James Paul Groat; nieces Collyn Davis, Gracie McPherson (Evan), and Maggie Groat; and his adored four-legged companions Dewey, Sadie, and Bentley. He was preceded in death by his father James Clayton Harris, Sr.

To share stories about Clay's impact on your life and memories for the family to hear, please feel free to email: thelifeofclayharris@gmail.com.

Wilson Funeral Home and Crematory of Fort Payne is in charge of arrangements, online guestbook, www.wilsonfhinc.com

Previous Events

Memorial Visitation

AUG **20**. 1:00 PM - 3:00 PM (CT)

First Methodist Church - Fort Payne
206 Grand Avenue NW
Fort Payne, AL 35967

Celebration of Life

AUG **20**. 3:30 PM (CT)

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Tribute Wall

SH

“ I will always remember Clay's infectious smile and sparking eyes.

Sarah Haase - August 19, 2023 at 03:51 PM

SH

“ Sarah Haase lit a candle in memory of James Clayton Harris Jr.



Sarah Haase - August 19, 2023 at 03:49 PM

WC

“ Semper Fi Clay! The world is definitely a lesser place without you. God bless you and I'm praying for your family.

William Carter - August 18, 2023 at 12:06 AM

LC

“ Clay always had a smile to share. I remember when I first got sick with end stage liver disease and moved home. I was so yellow with jaundice and he sang Mellow Yellow every time I saw him. When he heard I was finally getting a transplant, he called me and encouraged me. He also let me know that this “olive yellow” skin tone looked like I had a good tan and I will have to work on my tan when I healed. We laughed and laughed. He was one in a million. I will miss him and his smile. ❤️

Leia Chitwood - August 17, 2023 at 11:45 PM

AA

“ Clay, Nancy Pendergrass & I were always getting in trouble and getting paddled for talking to much in school every single day... He is truly missed.. He would have done anything for his loved ones and his smile lit up the world..



Abby Leigh Abbott - August 15, 2023 at 11:00 PM

JC

“ Joe Patricia Cook lit a candle in memory of James Harris



Joe & Patricia Cook - August 15, 2023 at 12:08 PM

AG

“ His smile was always so radiant! You pretty much never saw him without it beaming! 🙏
Praying always for comfort and peace unimaginable from God!



April Wallace Garrett - August 14, 2023 at 10:25 PM