



## John Morris Harris

July 13, 1930 - December 11, 2018

JOHN M. HARRIS WAS BORN ON JULY 13, 1930 IN HOLLISTER, NORTH CAROLINA TO THE LATE MASON AND SUE TAYLOR HARRIS. HE WAS THE YOUNGEST OF SIX SIBLINGS. HE LEFT ALL HIS EARTHLY AILMENTS FOR ETERNAL JOY AND HAPPINESS ON TUESDAY DECEMBER 11, 2018 AT 9:30 P.M. AT THE VA HOSPITAL IN ASPINWALL, PA.

JOHN ATTENDED LOCAL SCHOOL AND AFTER GRADATION JOINED THE US ARMY WHERE HE SERVED IN THE KOREAN CONFLICT AND WAS HONORABLE DISCHARGED IN 1952. HE WOULD COME HOME AND BE EMPLOYED AT THE CIVIC ARENA IN PITTSBURGH IN THE MAINTENANCE DEPARTMENT UNTIL HIS RETIREMENT.

FROM A YOUNG AGE HE WAS INVOLVED IN THE CHURCH AND WAS AN ACTIVE MEMBER OF MORNINGSTAR UNTIL HIS ILLNESS PREVENTED HIM FROM REGULAR ATTENDANCE. HE COULD BE SEEN ANY GIVEN SUNDAY WITH HIS WALKER SITTING IN THE FRONT PEW WHERE THEY WOULD HAND HIM A MIKE SO HE COULD JOIN IN THE CHURCH SERVICE. EVEN IN HIS ILLNESS HE NEVER STOPPED PRAISING AND WORSHIPPING THE GOD HE SERVED.

JOHN WAS AN AWESOME BASEBALL PLAYER AND HAD BEEN COURTED BY SEVERAL MINOR LEAGUE TEAMS IN HIS YOUTH. BUT HIS TRUE PASSION WAS HIS LOVE OF SINGING ABOUT THE GOODNESS OF GOD. ANYONE THAT KNEW JOHN HAS EXPERIENCED

THAT ROBUST VOICE THAT GRACED CHURCHES AND EVENTS ALL OVER THE TRI STATE AREA. HE WAS PART OF MANY GOSPEL GROUPS AND WELL RESPECTED IN THE SINGING CIRCLES AROUND THE AREA. HE ALSO WROTE AND SANG HIS OWN MUSIC.

HE WAS PRECEDED IN DEATH BY SIBLINGS GEORGE HARRIS, ETHEL CYRUS, MYRA BREWINGTON, THELMA JOHNSON AND MILDRED MORGAN AND SON, JOHN HARRIS JR.

HE LEAVES TO CHERISH HIS MEMORY DAUGHTERS ADRIENNE WALKER OF PGH, SHAWN DUPREE OF PORT HURON MICHIGAN AND TAMMY JONES OF PGH PA. ELEVEN GRANDCHILDREN AND 10 GREAT GRANDCHILDREN. A HOST OF NIECES NEPHEWS FAMILY AND FRIENDS.

HE WAS ESPECIALLY CLOSE TO NEPHEW WILLIAM CYRUS, WHO WAS HIS PRIMARY CARETAKER , AS WELL AS HIS BEST FRIEND.

DONE BY ORDER OF THE FAMILY

# Previous Events

## Visitation

DEC 15. 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM (ET)

Morningstar Missionary Baptist Church  
5524 2nd Avenue  
Pittsburgh, PA 15207

## Service

DEC 15. 12:00 PM (ET)

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## Interment

DEC 19. 11:00 AM (ET)

National Cemetery of the Alleghenies  
1158 Morgan Rd.  
Bridgeville, PA 15017

# Tribute Wall



“ *John Morris Harris*

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January 29, 2023 at 12:45 PM



“ *John Morris Harris*

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January 29, 2023 at 10:10 AM



“ *Johnny Morris Harris was known to me as my uncle, and he was 79 when I was born, he died on Tuesday December 18th 2018. The funeral was on Saturday December 22nd 2018. I might've only knew him for 10 years, but there's one thing I know about him, he was a caring and oving to sing peron. So, what I want to say to my Uncle Johnny is I love you, and one day I hope to see your one and only face along with God. ~ Naomi Taliaferro*

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**Naomi Rnee Taliaferro** - May 27, 2019 at 05:04 PM

RJ

“ My prayers and condolences go out to Mr. Johnny's family and friends! I met Mr. Johnny while riding twice a week on the Access cab service. It was such a pleasure to have known him. The Great BIG smile that he showed so sincerely was awesome. I looked forward to seeing him to talk about family, today's times and also about his music. He would always ask about my family as well as I would of his.



Mr. Johnny is in a better place and totally out of the misery of pains we've talked about!

I know that he was well loved, and will truly be missed but Never Ever 4GOTTEN by family and friends! Stay blessed! 😊😊

Robin R Jones

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Robin R Jones - February 09, 2019 at 10:51 PM

CB

“ Knowing Johnny from a child, Johnny always had a smile. Regardless of who you were Johnny made you feel as though he was your friend. We thought a lot of his passion to sing unto the Lord. Now his passion to be with him is fulfilled.

It was good to know him. He will be missed.

So may these words comfort all of those he leaves behind to grieve. Johnny brought joy to you and to the Lord.

Well done Johnny.

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Cecelia Blango - December 17, 2018 at 04:00 PM

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“ *Johnny Morris, as we called him, was the last of the generation of cousins from Mason and Johnny Harris. We've lost our story teller for the two families but we know that God wanted him to be with Him and the family. No more phone calls. We can hear him singing in his heavenly home. No more suffering; no more pain. Love you, Johnny Morris.*

*Your cousin, Fern Berry*

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**Fern Berry** - December 13, 2018 at 04:56 PM