



John Lee "J.L." Harris

January 22, 1940 - February 28, 2025

John Lee Harris (J.L.), 85 years of age, entered his heavenly home on Friday, February 28, 2025. J.L. was a loving husband, father, grandfather, great grandfather, son, brother, and friend. He loved God with all his heart and was a devoted member of Sparks Gap Baptist Church. He was a woodcrafter by trade and left many beautifully-crafted pieces of furniture for a legacy. He loved to tell others about Jesus, and he distributed "Our Daily Bread" on a quarterly basis to encourage people to spend time with Jesus each day. His love of God, his loving spirit toward everyone he met, and his determination to face life's obstacles and overcome them with the help of God, left a strong spiritual legacy for all of us. J.L. was born on January 22, 1940, to Rev. Floyd and Audrey Harris. He was preceded in death by his parents, his daughter, Jennifer Cooper, and his sister, Norma Jean Vining. He is survived by his loving wife of 48 years Janice, his sons, Tommy Harris of Bessemer, Keith Harris (Dean) of West Blocton, Gene Cooper (Marcy) of Georgia, James Harris (Erika) of Hoover, daughter, Michelle (Terry) Williams, 13 grandchildren, 6 great grandchildren, sister-in-law, Sharon Raumaker of Bessemer, Sister, Dianne Price (Buddy) of Sylvan Springs, his loving companion dog, Smoky and a host of extended family and friends. His homecoming celebration will be held at Sparks Gap Baptist Church, Bessemer, AL, on Wednesday, March 5, 2025 at 11:00 a.m. There will be a visitation from 10:00 a.m. until service time. Burial will follow the service at Ryan Baptist Church Cemetery in Maylene, AL. Bro. Marvin Terry and Bro. Buddy Price will officiate the services. Pallbearers

will be Joshua Harris, Zackary Harris, Dewayne Kennedy, Chris Cooper, Michael Johnson, and Steve Price. Members of Sparks Gap Baptist Church will be honorary pallbearers.

Cemetery Details

Ryan Baptist Church Cemetery

Maylene, AL

Previous Events

Visitation

MAR 5. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

Sparks Gap Baptist Church
1301 Sparks Gap Rd
Bessemer, AL 35020-8737
(205) 428-2174

Celebration of Life Service

MAR 5. 11:00 AM.

Sparks Gap Baptist Church
Bessemer, AL

Burial

MAR 5.

Ryan Baptist Church Cemetery
Maylene, AL

Tribute Wall

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“ Erika Russell lit a candle in memory of John Lee "J.L." Harris



Erika Russell - March 05, 2025 at 12:00 PM

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“ J&M Tank Lines purchased the Simply Elegant S pathiphyllum for the family of John Lee "J.L." Harris.



J&M Tank Lines - March 05, 2025 at 10:28 AM

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“ I remember when I was doing nursing school pre-reqs, I was lucky enough to win two tickets to the “Birmingham Barons” baseball game. The first person I thought of taking was my grandpa. The excitement during through it all. We shared coke and peanuts, as well as .50 cent hot dogs (which he stuffed a few in his pocket LOL). I will always remember that evening and I hope you save a pitch for me in Heaven. Until later, I love you always and forever grandpa!
Love,
Hope ❤️💙



Hope Harris - March 04, 2025 at 02:42 AM



“ *Beautiful in Blue* was purchased for the family of John Lee "J.L." Harris.



March 03, 2025 at 11:05 AM