



Mr. Charles Harris

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CHARLES HENRY HARRIS, SR.

Kansas City, Missouri

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Charles Henry Harris Sr. was born on February 4, 1951, in Kansas City, Kansas to Johnnie James Harris and Frances (Barnes) Harris. He had two sisters, Delores and Elouise, and three brothers, Johnnie, Stanley, and Mark.

After he graduated from high school at Paseo High School in Kansas City, he attended the University of Nebraska in Lincoln, Nebraska, where he earned a Bachelor of Science degree in Education. While he attended the University of Nebraska, he was a member of two National Championship football teams in 1971 and 1972. He earned a graduate degree in Education from the University of Missouri-Kansas City.

From the early age of 22, Charles Harris, Sr. spent his career as an educator, head football coach, and mentor, impacting the lives of countless students at the Kansas City MO Public School District, where he worked for 41 years. Charles Harris had a passion for coaching football. He was the first African American head football coach in the history of Northeast High School.

Charles Harris married Earline (Wand) Harris on December 22, 1973. To this

union were born two children, Nicole and Tiffany. He later married JoAnn (Robinson) Harris on June 23, 1989. They had three children, Shalom, Brianna and Charles, Jr.

Charles enjoyed most sporting events. He loved golf and played the game whenever he could with his son, Charles Jr. and friends.

Charles Harris was a long-time member of St. James United Methodist Church. He was committed to Christ, his family and his friends. He always encouraged his loved ones never to give up.

Charles Harris was preceded in death by his parents, Johnnie Sr. and Frances Harris and his brother, Johnnie Harris, Jr.

Charles Harris, Sr. is survived by his siblings, Delores (Harris) Fields, Elouise Harris, Stanley Harris (Kathy), and Mark Harris; his children, Nicole Ragsdale (Keith), Tiffany Harris, Charles Harris, Jr., Brianna Harris and Shalom Tolefree; and his grandchildren, Kendall Ragsdale, Adam Wooldridge, Asya Tolefree and Tasleem Tolefree. He is also survived by nieces, nephews and other relatives.

Funeral Services will be held on Saturday, May 11, 2024, 11am at St. James UMC. Private Disposition. Visitation from 10am-11aam at the church. Service conducted by Lawrence A. Jones & Sons Funeral Chapel. Condolences may be shared on our website.

Previous Events

Visitation

MAY 11. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

St. James United Methodist Church
5540 Wayne Ave.
Kansas City, MO 64110

Funeral Service

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