



Michael Henry Harris

January 15, 1939 - January 20, 2022

Michael Henry Harris, longtime resident of Forney, passed away peacefully on January 20, 2022 at his home surrounded by family. He was born January 15, 1939, in Dallas to Henry Francis and Nada Amelia (Willingham) Harris. Michael grew up in the Dallas area and enlisted into the Texas National Guard on Feb. 22, 1956, right after his 17th birthday. During the initial 4 years of enlistment, he exhibited many skills in leadership and planning and attained the rank of Sergeant. Michael then completed Officer Candidate School in August 1960. He continued in faithful armed forces service for another 36 years, achieving the final rank of Brigadier General. During his meritorious service, Michael held numerous positions as an officer including Tank Platoon Leader, Battalion Officer in Communication, Electronics, Operations and Training, Brigade Intelligence and Operations, Brigade Commander and Executive Officer, Chief of Training for State Area Command (STARC) as well as Assistant Division Commander for both Support and Maneuver. Michael was also awarded several medals for his service to his country including the Legion of Merit, the Meritorious Service medal with three Oak Leaf Clusters, Army Commendation Medal with Oak Leaf Cluster, and Army Achievement Medal. Michael married his high school sweetheart, Nancy Hanes, on September 3, 1960, at the Pleasant Grove First Baptist Church. He and Nancy moved to Forney in 1976 where they raised their family and became active members of First Baptist Church of Forney. Along with his military obligations, Michael acquired his Bachelor of Science in Mechanical Engineering and worked in the private sector at Dresser Industries as a design/engineer then Campbell Taggart/Anheuser-Busch in Dallas as Director of Engineering. He then worked for Stewart Engineering in Plano as Director for Project Management until retirement. When not working, Michael enjoyed being an avid quail hunter in the winter with his many bird dogs and then, in spring and summer, fishing for bass. His leadership skills were unparalleled and his wisdom which he willingly shared with so many will always be treasured. He was a devoted husband, father, beloved Papa, and great grandfather, brother, uncle, and friend. Michael leaves a legacy of service above self to all and will be missed greatly by all who knew him and never forgotten. Michael is survived by his loving wife, Nancy Harris; son, Dr. Mark Harris and wife, Angela; daughter, Dr. Susan Williams and husband, Brent; grandchildren: Carissa Perry and husband, Jake, Sara Dickinson and husband, Hank,

Cassidy Williams, Dylan Harris, and Amy Harris; great grandchildren: Peyton Dickinson, Riley Dickinson and an expected great granddaughter on Jan. 27, 2022; brother, Steve Harris and wife Diane as well as many extended family, church family, military colleagues, and a host of friends. He is preceded in death by his parents and brother David Harris.

Funeral service for Mr. Harris will be held at 1:00 p.m., Tuesday, January 25, 2022, at First Baptist Church of Forney. The family will receive friends from 5:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m., Monday, January 24, 2022, also at First Baptist Church of Forney. Interment with military honors to follow at Hillcrest Cemetery in Forney.

Cemetery Details

Hillcrest Cemetery

401 W Broad St.
Forney, TX 75126

Previous Events

Visitation

JAN **24**. 5:30 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

First Baptist Church of Forney
1003 College St.
Forney, TX 75126

Funeral Service

JAN **25**. 1:00 PM (CT)

First Baptist Church of Forney
1003 College St.
Forney, TX 75126

Tribute Wall



“ *Max Slayton Funerals and Cremations created a Tribute Video in memory of Michael Henry Harris*



Max Slayton Funerals & Cremations - January 24, 2022 at 06:17 PM

TP

“ *I just today learned that Mike had passed away and it saddened me very much. I was just a contractor and a friend of Mike's. We bird hunted together several years and I was fortunate enough to give "Pillow" a home. Mrs Harris remembers Pillow I'm sure. I was blessed to have known Mike. Y'all were blessed to have had him for a husband and father for all the years. May God bless you all. Travis Partain*

Travis Partain - October 13, 2024 at 11:34 AM



“ *Michael Henry Harris*

October 08, 2023 at 07:43 PM

VB

“ *Mike Harris was the finest man I had the privilege of knowing. I worked with him for years at Campbell Taggart and served with him in the National Guard. I am only sorry I did not reach out sooner.*

Vincent Botto - September 14, 2022 at 04:04 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Michael Henry Harris.*



January 24, 2022 at 07:00 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Michael Henry Harris.*



January 24, 2022 at 03:53 PM



“ *Florist Choice Bouquet was purchased for the family of Michael Henry Harris.*



January 24, 2022 at 02:39 PM

RL

“ *Robert, Sherrie and Raven Lopez purchased the Arrive in Style for the family of Michael Henry Harris.*



Robert, Sherrie and Raven Lopez - January 24, 2022 at 01:24 PM

TH

“ *Todd and Lisa Hawkins purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Michael Henry Harris.*



Todd and Lisa Hawkins - January 24, 2022 at 11:13 AM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Michael Henry Harris.*



January 23, 2022 at 10:52 PM



“ 278 files added to the album Life Tributes



Max Slayton Funerals & Cremations - January 23, 2022 at 04:43 PM



“ Days of Sunshine Bouquet was purchased for the family of Michael Henry Harris.



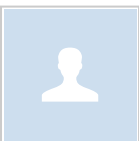
January 22, 2022 at 11:09 PM



“ Duckworth and Whitson Families purchased the Be My Love Bouquet with Red Roses for the family of Michael Henry Harris.



Duckworth and Whitson Families - January 22, 2022 at 01:52 PM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Michael Henry Harris.



January 22, 2022 at 10:34 AM



“ Rainbow Reflections Basket was purchased for the family of Michael Henry Harris.



January 22, 2022 at 10:21 AM



“ Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Michael Henry Harris.



January 21, 2022 at 10:43 PM



“ Crystal Cross Bouquet was purchased for the family of Michael Henry Harris.



January 21, 2022 at 10:07 PM

DH

“ Dwight and Patti Hawkins purchased the Sacred Duty Spray for the family of Michael Henry Harris.



Dwight and Patti Hawkins - January 21, 2022 at 02:20 PM



“ Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Michael Henry Harris.



January 21, 2022 at 11:34 AM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Michael Henry Harris.*



January 20, 2022 at 08:59 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Michael Henry Harris.*



January 20, 2022 at 07:04 PM



“ *Sentiments of Serenity Spray was purchased for the family of Michael Henry Harris.*



January 20, 2022 at 06:01 PM