



His Songs of Praise and Worship Shall Forever Live In Our Hearts

He's God Of Every Nation Hallelujah, Completed My Salvation Hallelujah

I've Got The Love of Jesus, Down In My Heart
I know The Devil Doesn't Like It, But It's Down In My Heart
There Is Therefore Now No Condemnation, Down In My Heart
I've Got The Peace That Passeth Understanding, Down In My Heart

I Never Shall Forget The Day

I Will Make The Darkness Light

I Want To Be Ready To Walk In Jerusalem Just Like John

Only Give Me Blessed Jesus

Pallbearers

ELDER ISAAC CHAPPELL ~ JAMES CHAPPELL ~ WILLIAM MATLOCK
SENECA O'NEIL ~ MARVIN O'DANIEL ~ MARTYZ O'DANIEL

Interment

OAKDALE CEMETERY

328 N. Market Street Jefferson, Ohio
Monday, March 15, 2021 ~ 12:00 PM

Heartfelt Appreciation and Thanks

*We sincerely thank you for your prayers, sympathy,
expressions of love that you have extended to us
during our time of bereavement.
May God Bless and Keep You!*

**Special Thanks to Ohio North First Jurisdiction
for your assistance in planning and executing this
Homegoing Celebration.*

The Family of Superintendent Emeritus James Harris Sr.

To offer condolences to The Harris Family,
visit www.TheChapelofPeace.com



The Jurisdictional Homegoing Celebration



SEPTEMBER 2, 1928 ~ MARCH 3, 2021

~Service~

SATURDAY, MARCH 13, 2021 ~ 11:00 AM

The Word Church of God in Christ

115 Wilson Avenue ▪ Columbus, Ohio
Director Eddie Parker III, Host Pastor

THE RIGHT REVEREND EDWARD T. COOK
Jurisdictional Prelate, Ohio North First Jurisdiction

THE RIGHT REVEREND ROSS JOHNSON, Officiant
THE REVEREND GREGORY JORDAN, Eulogist

Obituary

With long life will I satisfy him, and shew him my salvation. Psalms 91:16

Superintendent James Harris Sr. age 92, departed this life and was called into eternal rest on March 3, 2021.

Superintendent James Harris Sr. was born in Greensboro, Florida, September 2, 1928. He was the fourth of eleven children born to the late Elder Emanuel and Sister Rosa Ella Gainous Harris. The family moved to Steubenville, Ohio when he was two months old. The family moved to Alliance, Ohio and then returned to Steubenville when he was 11years old. He graduated from Steubenville High School, “Big Red” in 1946. Supt. Harris served honorably in the United States Air Force from 1950 to 1954 as a Staff Sargent.

One Sunday in July 1948, Supt. James Harris met Herdasine Jones of Hamlet, North Carolina on the church door steps in Steubenville. They were united in holy matrimony on August 28, 1952, at the Burtonwood Air Force Base, in Warrington, England. Through the years they were blessed with six children.

Supt. James Harris received Biblical Training from Malone College in Canton, Ohio, where he studied Religion. He earned his Bachelors Degree in Religious Education in 1960. In 1963, the family moved to Cleveland, Ohio and Supt. Harris was employed by Cuyahoga County Department of Human Services. In 1968, he entered Case Western Reserve Graduate School of Applied Social Science, where he received a Master of Science in Social Administration (MSSA) degree in 1970. After graduation, he served as a member of the Nomination Committee at Malone College for several years and was Chairman for one year. In 1972, Superintendent Harris received a Certificate of Merit from Malone College Alumni Association for outstanding “Service to Alma Mater”, for the development of skill basics to his profession and for practicing the highest standards of professional and personal ethics in dedicated service to humanity. He returned to Malone College where he taught Introduction to Social Work for several years.

In October 1987, Supt. Harris retired from the Cuyahoga County Department of Human Services, having served 23 years as a Social Worker and Administrator in various departments. During his tenure there, he instituted a Night Placement Program for the homeless. Other positions he held were in the Nursing Home Division, where he served as a Social Worker, Coordinator of the Hough Euclid Neighborhood Service Center and Supervisor of Investigators in the Child Support Dept.

Supt. James Harris accepted the Lord in 1949. He was called to the ministry and was ordained in August 1961. In August of 1963, he was appointed Pastor of a store front church, Emmanuel Church of God in Christ, on Wade Park in Cleveland. The church moved to a larger edifice on Giddings Rd. In 1968, Supt. Harris was led to ask Supt. James Boyd to bring the Prayer Temple Church of God in Christ family to the church on Giddings Rd. The Emmanuel church then became a part of Prayer Temple with Supt. James Boyd as Pastor.

As God would have it, August 13, 1970, Supt. James Harris became the Pastor of Jefferson Community Church of God in Christ. It was common for Supt. Harris to lead the congregation in singing “I Will Make The Darkness Light”, I Never Shall Forget The Day” and “I Want To Be Ready – Walk In Jerusalem Just Like John”. During his pastorate, many seeds were planted, many lives were touched, many souls were saved. Several ministers, missionaries, evangelists, teachers, and musicians received their call into ministry and were given the opportunity to nurture their calling and gift.

While pastoring in Jefferson, Ohio, Supt. Harris was called to be the co-pastor of Emmanuel Church of God in Christ in Steubenville, as his father’s health was failing. On December 15, 1980, Supt. James Harris became Pastor of Emmanuel Church of God in Christ in Steubenville. He pastored both Jefferson Community and Emmanuel until January 1, 2009, when he retired from the Emmanuel. He retired from pastoring Jefferson Community in 2012.

Through the years Supt. Harris has rendered service to the people of God at the local, district and state levels. He served as YPWW President and Deacon at Emmanuel. He was Chairman of the Pentecostal District in Cleveland, Ohio. He was appointed Superintendent of the Steubenville District. Under Bishop R.S. Fields’ leadership, he was Vice President of the Executive Board, Co Chairman of Christian Education and a member of the State Finance Committee. He was appointed to the State Executive Committee by Bishop Walter E. Jordan and was appointed to the State Trustee Board by Bishop Edward T. Cook.

As Supt. Harris loved warm weather, he moved to Fruitland Park, Florida. He traveled to Ohio several times during the year. While in Florida he worshipped with The Leesburg Church of God in Christ, where the late Supt. Lonnie J. Smith was the Pastor. At the Homegoing Celebrations for his nephew and sister, Supt. Harris was reacquainted with Mother Lillian Camak. The two were blessed to be married on July 29, 2018 after morning service at Mt. Zion Church of God in Christ in Columbus, Ohio. Supt. Harris made Columbus his home and attended Mt. Zion, where Supt. Nehemiah Howard is Pastor.

God indeed blessed Supt. Harris with long life. Besides his parents, he was preceded in death by his wife, Herdasine Jones Harris; son, James Harris Jr.; daughters, Roslyn Lockwood and Janice Chappell; sisters, Elvira Shropshire, Mary Lou Brown, Louise Carter, and Martha Ellis; brothers, Henry Tyrone Harris and Moses Harris.

Supt. Harris leaves to cherish his memory his loving wife, Lillian Camak Harris; children, Beryl (Dr. Herman) Jackson of Brownsville, Pennsylvania, Adrienne Harris of Fruitland Park, Florida, Lawrence Harris of Rock Creek, Ohio; Son in Law, Elder Isaac Chappell of Jefferson, Ohio; stepchildren, Patricia (Marvin) O’Daniel, Brenda Givens, and James Givens of Columbus, Ohio; sisters, Rosa Price and Beatrice Bridges of Columbus, Ohio; brothers, Bishop Emanuel (Joyce) Harris of Miami, Florida and John T. Harris of Columbus, Ohio; and a host of grandchildren, great grandchildren, nieces, nephew, family and friends.

Walkin’ and Talkin’ With Jesus, What a Journey

I could write a book right now if space and time would allow. However, in just a few words I want to thank God the Father, the Son and the Holy Ghost for entrusting our father (James Harris Sr.) and our mother (Herdasine Harris) with the responsibility of nurturing us both naturally and spiritually.

Throughout the years as our parents’ ministry grew from store fronts to Giddings Ave., we the Harris children experienced varying styles of worship. It was in 1970 after the installation as (Pastor and wife), of Jefferson Community Church of God in Christ, that the beginning of the beginning began. Did you get that?

Let all God’s People Say “Amen”!

It was my observation that they served the people of God with joy and gladness. Sunday morning was the beginning of a one day adventure “in the country”. From asphalt to dirt roads, to cow pastures, to pig farms, to ditches and mud, to a real to life “Out House” WOW!!! What a smile all that puts on my face! Don’t think for one minute it all came to a halt when “winter” arrived. Oh no, Eld. James Harris Sr. would call the “Highway Patrol” to see if the right-lane on 271 N heading to Jefferson, Ohio by way of Madison/Thompson to SR 167 was open/clear (passable). All but maybe 10 times in 11 years, the troopers would tell him “yes Rev. the road’s been plowed and salt applied. He would then turn to “Mommy” with the face and say, “I believe I can make it”. Let’s get ready so we can go. ...**Leaning on the Lord, for sure.**

Our parents fully committed to building this ministry. From Sunday School, Morning Worship, to YPWW, to Evening service and the locking of the doors, followed by the exchange of hugs and holy kisses with church folk, sealed with the ever-famous declaration, “we’ll see you Wednesday night, Lord Willing”. Seems he was always willing. We would prepare for school every Wednesday and Friday morning only to hear the reminder, “don’t forget we have church the evening. Come straight home and get your homework done.” We collectively replied, “Yes sir, yes ma’am.” Every mile down the road was full of entertainment when we weren’t sleeping. We counted cars, traffic lights, sang songs, held play-practice, had Harris family rehearsal, testified and imitated the praises of the saints, until daddy felt we were out there too far. He would speak-up in that voice, with an “alright now, that’s enough”. When we didn’t stop right away, our hard headiness was addressed by, “I said, cut that out.” Once again, we would reply, “Yes Sir.” Heheeee! **We’ve come this far by faith...**! It hasn’t been in vain, for at the end of the journey I, is Eternal Gain!! Walk on Daddy, by faith each day!

I Love You.

Adrienne





Order of Celebration

(+Where indicated, Please Stand)

The hour of Homegoing Celebration has come, O Lord, hear our prayer and accept our meditation, as we glorify Thy name, Amen.

THE RIGHT REVEREND ROSS JOHNSON
Chairman of the Council of Superintendent

WORSHIP PRELUDE

10:00 a.m. – FAMILY VISITATION

+ THE PROCESSIONAL

The Reverend Stephen T. Lott Sr., *Jurisdictional Chief Adjutant*
The Right Reverend Edward T. Cook
Visiting Bishop

THE SEALING OF THE BIER

+ INVOCATION

Director Eddie Parker, III

+ THE READING OF THE PROPHET

Isaiah 40: 28-31

+ THE READING OF THE GOSPEL

John 14: 1-3

+ THE READING OF THE EPISTLE

1 Thessalonians 4: 13-18

THE FAMILY TRIBUTE

Missionary Adrienne Harris, *Daughter*

THE SPECIAL REMARKS

Sister Karen Sykes
The Reverend Carl Salters, *Pastor*
The Right Reverend Nehemiah Howard, *Superintendent*

THE JURISDICTIONAL EXPRESSIONS

THE RESOLUTIONS

Missionary Nadine Holmes

THE OBITUARY

Missionary Nadine Holmes

THE BISHOP

The Right Reverend Edward T. Cook
Jurisdictional Prelate, Ohio North First Jurisdiction

THE SERMONIC SELECTION

Sister Beryl Jackson, *Daughter*

THE EULOGY

The Right Reverend Gregory E. Jordan
Director, Ohio North First Jurisdiction

THE RECESSIOINAL

