Poem

Feel no guilt in laughter; he'd know how much you care –Anon
Feel no guilt in laughter; he'd know how much you care
Feel no sorrow in a smile that he is not here to share.
You cannot grieve forever; he would not want you to.
He'd hope that you could carry on the way you always do.
So, talk about the good times and the way you showed you cared,
The days you spent together, all the happiness you shared.
Let memories surround you, a word someone may say
Will suddenly recapture a time, an hour, a day,
That brings him back as clearly as though he were still here,
And fills you with the feeling that he is always near.
For if you keep those moments, you will never be apart
And he will live forever locked safely within your heart.

Pall Bearers

Ricky Largent
Ricky Largent II
Donavon Harbison
Jarod Harbison
Wayne Harbison
Scott Avery

Acknowledgement

Thank you to McCain Funeral Home and Cremation for honoring my father.
He will truly be missed by so many that loved and cared for him.
To the friends and family that stood by him through the good and the bad
know that he truly valued every one of you.

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Celebration of Life



EARTH: JULY 4, 1960 • ETERNITY: OCTOBER 11, 2026

MICHAEL DEAN HARBISON

MONDAY, OCTOBER 26, 2026-2:00 P.M.

Corpening Memorial Chapel of McCain Funeral Home & Cremations
220 Avery Ave. • Morganton, NC 28655
Eulogy- Reverend Doug Cuthbertson

IN LOVING MEMORY

Michael Dean Harbison, born on July 4, 1960, in Burke County, passed away on October 11, 2026. He will be remembered with love as a devoted father, grandfather, son, brother, and a familiar presence to all who knew him. For many years, Michael worked as a forklift driver and chicken catcher at Case Farms in Morganton. He was a man of many odd jobs from ground work, car washing, to tree climbing you could count on him to get the job done. His steady dedication to his work reflected the dependable spirit that marked his life. Outside of work, he enjoyed fishing, playing horseshoe, playing spades, and the loyalties and traditions that come with being a UNC basketball and a Dallas Cowboys football fan, interests that surely brought him many spirited moments and lasting memories.

Above all, Michael's life was rooted in family and friends. He leaves behind to cherish his memory his daughters, Anesia Harbison and Tierra Harbison; his mother, Shirley Harbison; his sister, Debra Caldwell Hayes, proceeded in death by her husband (Daniel Hayes) ; his brothers, Rev. Ronald Owens (wife) Dr. Janet, Ernest Caldwell (wife) Sandra Caldwell, and Warren Caldwell (wife) Debra Cladwell. He is also lovingly remembered by his grandchildren, Molaysha Brewton, Kaveon Williams, Makayla Pugh, Tiyana Pugh, Zayden Friday, Jamir Garrison, Zyaire Garrison, and Jaziah Willis. A host of grandchildren in love, nieces, nephews, cousins, and friends each of whom carries forward a part of his legacy. May their memories of him remain a source of comfort, strength, and enduring love in the days ahead.

He was preceded in death by the love of his life Myrtle Thompson, his father, Ernest Bear Walter Caldwell; his sisters, Linda Wilkins and Gwenda Vaughn; and his brothers, Herbert Kent Harbison and James "Jammy" Harbison. As family and friends reflect on Michael's life, they honor a man whose presence will be deeply missed and whose memory will remain close in the hearts of those who loved him.

ORDER OF SERVICE

Processional Viewing ..... Ministers and Family

Musical Prelude

Moments of Visitation ..... 1:00-2:00 PM

Call to Worship .....Rev. Joseph Pridgen

Prayer of Comfort .....Elder Katherine Johnson

Scripture Readings

Old Testament ..... Rev. Cardell Chambers

New Testament.....Elder Katherine Johnson

Musical Selection..... Antonio Corpening

Tributes..... Please Limit To 2 Minutes

Musical Selection.....Sis. Willette McIntosh

Eulogy- .....Reverend Doug Cuthbertson

Mortician's Brief.....McCain Funeral Home

Committal and Benediction .....Rev. Joseph Pridgen

INTERMENT

Willow Tree A.M.E. Church Cemetery