



When I think of my dad, I see navy blue—deep, steady, and strong. It was his favorite color, and it fits him perfectly. Navy blue reminds me of calm waters and quiet strength, the same kind of presence my father had in my life.

Dad lived a humble, hardworking life behind the wheel of a cement truck. To some, that may sound ordinary. But to me, it spoke of pride, dedication, and love that showed up every day without needing grand gestures. His hands built a life for our family, one mile and one load at a time.

He also loved wrestling—the loud, the dramatic, the all-or-nothing excitement of it. Maybe that’s why he never backed down from life, even when it got tough. And believe me, my dad could be stubborn, especially when I was his caregiver. We had our moments, the kind where love tested your patience—but I’d give anything to have one more of those moments again. Because even when he was stubborn, his heart was kind. He cared in his own quiet way—through small acts, gentle sighs, and the kind of humor that could ease a heavy heart.

He used to call me his baby. I wore that title proudly-until the day his first grandchild came along. Then, I got bumped down the list, and I wouldn’t have had it any other way. Watching him become a grandfather was like seeing his heart grow all over again.

Being his child and later his caregiver, was one of the greatest honors of my life. It wasn’t always easy, but it was always worth it. My dad showed me what it means to be strong without being harsh, gentle without being weak, and loving without needing many words.

So, Dad – Thank you. Thank you for the laughs, the lessons, and the love. Thank you for everything you built and everything you gave. I'll Keep your memory with me-steady, strong, and navy blue-for the rest of my days.

Love Your Daughter,  
*Ashley Harris*

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**THE FAMILY’S MESSAGE OF GRATITUDE**  
There are not enough words to fully convey our appreciation for your kind expressions of prayer, support, sympathy and thoughtfulness during our time of bereavement. We are honored by your presence and comforted in knowing that we have friends like you who care. Your act of kindness has served as a source of encouragement and strength. May God’s grace, mercy and peace be with always.

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*A Celebration of Life*

FOR

*Elmore Harris*



*Sunrise: January 13, 1940 – Sunset: March 28, 2026*

**SATURDAY, APRIL 11, 2026**  
**ELEVEN O’CLOCK IN THE MORNING**

**Concord African Methodist Episcopal Church**  
6658 VETERAN MEMORIAL DRIVE \* TALLAHASSEE, FLORIDA 32309

**The Right Reverend Dr. Marvin C. Zanders II**  
PRESIDING PRELATE  
**The Reverend Gregory Gay, Presiding Elder**  
**The Reverend Gwendolyn Carroll-Simmons**  
PASTOR-OFFICIATING

# REFLECTIONS OF LIFE

**ELMORE HARRIS** was born in Tallahassee, Florida, on January 13, 1940, to Joe Harris, Sr. and Pearlie Harris, who both preceded him in death.

**ELMORE** was raised in the Jackson Bluff Road community of Tallahassee, where he developed a strong work ethic and a deep sense of responsibility that would define his life. **MR. HARRIS** began his career as a mechanic and later became a professional truck driver, faithfully serving in the industry for over 50 years. His work spanned both over-the-road (OTR) routes and local deliveries, reflecting his versatility and dedication.

Beyond his primary profession, **ELMORE** was known throughout the Tallahassee community for his entrepreneurial spirit. He traveled from neighborhood to neighborhood selling sweet watermelons and took pride in his craftsmanship through concrete work—pouring driveways and building sheds. He ultimately retired from CEMEX, Inc., leaving behind a legacy of diligence and honest labor.

A devoted family man, **ELMORE** deeply loved his wife, the now-late Eva Jean Harris, and cherished his children. His life was anchored not only in family but also in faith. He was a faithful member of Concord African Methodist Episcopal Church under the leadership of Reverend Gwendolyn Carroll-Simmons. Even in moments when illness prevented him from attending in person, the church came to him—bringing worship, prayer, and encouragement into his home. In those sacred moments, he would rise, renewed in spirit, lifting his voice in praise and glorifying God.

On Saturday, March 28, 2026, with outstretched arms, the Lord welcomed His son, **ELMORE HARRIS**, into eternal rest. His life stands as a testament to perseverance, faith, and quiet strength.

**ELMORE** leaves to cherish his memory his **children**: Eric (Kay Michelle) Harris, Ashley Harris, and Deborah Jackson; **grandchildren**: Jarvis Fagon, Haileigh, Jayla, Erica, Crusadia, and Elijah Harris, Jayden Smart, Iyanna Smart, and Logan Ray; **stepchildren**: April and Michael Burgess; **brother**: Albert Harris, Sr.; **sisters**: Sarah (Lamar) Barnes and Rebecca (Howard) Gipson; along with a host of nieces, nephews, other relatives, and dear friends who will continue to honor his legacy.



# ORDER OF SERVICE

*Pastor Coleman Fairley, Presiding*

Prelude.....Concord AMEC Choir

Processional.....Pastor, Clergy, Officers & Family

The Parting Glance & Seating of Family..... The *Tillman* Staff

Opening Selection ..... Choir

Prayer ..... Pastor Coleman Fairley

## THE HOLY SCRIPTURES:

Old Testament ..... Reverend David Hall

New Testament..... Pastor Coleman Fairley

Selection..... Choir

## REFLECTIONS & TRIBUTES:

As A Classmate ..... Sister Gloria Hall

As A Grandfather ..... Sister Jayla Harris

Resolutions & Acknowledgements..... The *Tillman* Staff

Selection..... Choir

**EULOGY** ..... Reverend Gwendolyn Carroll-Simmons

Recessional..... Clergy, Family & Friends

