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Class of 1971

PALLBEARERS

Brother Veron Harris
Deacon Patrick Harris
Brother Gerald Harris

Deacon Frank Sims
Deacon Marvin Harris
Brother Charlie Whitehead

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

Jesus promised us they who mourned would be comforted. During our hours of bereavement this promise has been fulfilled by you, our kind and loving “Friends and Neighbors.” Thank you each for coming to help us bear our grief. Your calls, visits, prayers, kindness in acts and deeds during the passing of our loved one shall never be forgotten. May God bless and keep each of you.

The Alfred Harris, III Family

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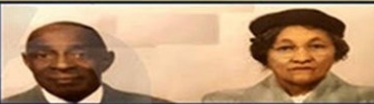
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In Loving Memory
DEACON ALFRED HARRIS, III
Retired SFC, United States Army



“RICK”

SUNRISE
November 15, 1953

SUNSET
August 11, 2026

OBITUARY

Deacon Alfred Harris, III was born on November 15, 1953, in Sumter County, Georgia, to the late Alfred Harris, Jr. and the late Elizabeth Whitehead-Harris. Affectionately known as “Rick,” he was the second of six children.

Reared and nurtured in a Christian home, Rick accepted Christ as his Lord and Savior at an early age. He joined Green Grove Baptist Church and later united with Welcome Baptist Church, where he was ordained as a deacon in 2011, faithfully maintaining his membership until his health declined.

Rick was educated in the Americus City School System and graduated from Americus High School in June 1971. Following graduation, he enlisted in the United States Army, serving honorably from June 1971 until his retirement in September 1992 at the rank of Sergeant First Class (SFC/E-7). During his distinguished military career spanning the Vietnam Era, he earned numerous honors, including the Meritorious Service Medal and the Army Commendation Medal.

He took great pride in being an Infantry Soldier (11 Bravo), often reminiscing about his experiences as a Drill Sergeant, as well as his time in Jungle School and Air Assault training. His military career included duty assignments in Germany, the Panama Canal Zone, and South Korea, alongside stateside postings at Fort Ord (CA), Fort Campbell (KY), Aberdeen Proving Ground (MD), Fort Jackson (SC), and Fort Benning (GA).

Retiring from the military at age 39, Rick continued a life of dedicated work. He served his community as a police officer with Georgia State University in Atlanta and as a firefighter with the Americus Fire Department. Following years of service with South Georgia Technical College, he retired once more from the public sector. In the private sector, he was employed with Cooper Lighting for several years.

Reflecting on his rich and fulfilling journey, Rick once shared: “*If my time here is cut short for any reason, I will not complain, because I already had more to enjoy, appreciate, and cherish than most people.*” Along with his parents, he is preceded in death by his brother, Deacon Ponce DeLeon Harris. He peacefully transitioned on Tuesday, August 11, 2026.

He leaves to cherish his memory his wife of 53 Years: Gloria Harris of Americus, Georgia; his daughter, Nikka (Alford) Moore of Americus, Georgia; his son, Roderick Harris (companion, Shammonica Mathis) of Americus, Georgia; 13 grandchildren: Kavian, Roderious, Kanye, Destiny, Queen, King, Niafria, Princess, Areille, Loyal, Royal, Nature, and Bleu; his brother, Ray (Angela) Harris of Americus, Georgia; his sisters, Veronica (Herman) Lamar and Vicky (Billy) Austin of Americus, Georgia, and Wiffi Harris of Fairburn, Georgia; his sisters-in-law: Annette (Ollie) Williams of Columbus, Georgia, and Ludell Harris of Atlanta, Georgia; his aunts: Janice Harris, Kathleen Monts, and Annie Maude Harris of Americus, Georgia and Reverend Sheryl (Willie) King of Columbus, Georgia; his uncles: Reverend Gerald (Ann) Harris and Reverend Norris (Pamela) Harris of Americus, Georgia; a host of nieces, nephews, cousins, other relatives, former colleagues, and devoted friends.



We Loved You too Much to Say Goodbye

*We cried when you left us
but they were aching tears of love.
At least we no longer have to worry,
because we know you're living in peace.
The many years we spent with you
were years that shall never de cease.
They were years for us to treasure forever
that will always last,
and the pain will eventually ease.
The memory of you is like an undying fire
which never seems to end.
And those are the same feelings of our heart
because you were not just our
Husband, Father and Grandfather, but our friend.
So although you've gone from our presence
we still say, "See you later"
and never ever bye-bye.
Because we loved you too much
to just come out and say goodbye.*

ORDER OF SERVICE

Thursday | August 20, 2026 | 10:00 AM

Union Tabernacle Baptist Church

900 Adderton Street | Americus, Georgia

Reverend Larry Sims | Pastor
Reverend Roosevelt Zanders | Eulogy

Musical Prelude
Sister Alice Faye Bridges

Processional
Led by Clergy

*The Final Viewing
The Final Sealing of the Batesville M-39 Midnight Casket*

Song
Brother Terry Tyson

Prayer of Comfort
Reverend Tommy Law
Pastor | Welcome Baptist Church

Old Testament Scripture
Reverend Norris Harris

New Testament Scripture
Reverend Larry Sims

Words of Comfort
Ms. Niafria Moore

The Three Minute Reflections
Deacon Frank Sims | Friend
Sister Brenda Boone | Neighbor
Deacon Marvin Harris | Church Member

Family Expressions
Brother Roderick Harris

Selection
Sister Alice Bridges

Eulogy
Reverend Roosevelt Zanders

Acknowledgements, Heirloom Bible
and Memorial Blanket Presentation
The J. W. Williams Funeral Home Staff

Recessional and Postlude

THE COMMITTAL

(With Military Honors)
Andersonville National Cemetery
Andersonville, Georgia

A REPAST WILL NOT BE SERVED.