

Celebrating the Life of



James Lawrence Harris

Sunrise: October 29, 1943 - Sunset: May 1, 2022

Thursday, May 12, 2022 - 5pm

UNITY FUNERAL CHAPELS, INC.

2352 8th Avenue • New York, NY 10027

*“Precious Lord take my hand, lead me on, let me stand I am tired,
I am worn, I am worn through the storm. Through the night, lead
me on to the light, take my hand, precious Lord lead me home.”*

Obituary

James Lawrence Harris was the firstborn child of the late James H. Harris and Mary Harris. He was born on October 29, 1943 at Harlem Hospital, New York City.

James aka “Jimi” aka “Butch” was involved in boxing in his youth and adulthood. He attended DeWitt Clinton High School. He was a Certified Lifeguard and Swimming Instructor until 2019. He began his career at General Motors UAW in 1969 - 1999 in the Tarrytown location. He enjoyed the technique of putting the automobile together.

Jimi met Maxine Taylor through a friend in 1978. They became friends then lovers, which led to their marriage that lasted 42 years. From this union, on June 25, 1980, they had a son, Armon Jurrell Dasahn Harris. Also two children from Jimi’s previous marriage, Vernon and Tanya were introduced to the new union.

Jimi enjoyed people of various cultures. He enjoyed long drives almost as much as swimming.

He attended Zion Poplars Church and was a member of the Choir and the Mens Group during his time in Virginia.

Jimi was preceded in death by his son, Vernon Shawn Harris and daughter, Tanya Darcell Harris. He leaves to mourn his passing: his wife, Maxine Harris; son, Armon Jurrell Dasahn Harris; sister, Sharon Harris; sisters-in-law, Mae Taylor and Debra Mallory; brother-in-law, Ivey Mallory; granddaughters, Shanequa Downer and Yakeema Harris; three great grands; and a host of nephews, nieces, family and friends.

Order of Service

Musical Prelude

Processional

Selection

Rev. Dr. Eric B. Turner

Scripture Readings

Old Testament

New Testament

Prayer

Selection

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Verbal Comments of Expressions

(2 Minutes)

Obituary

Selection

“Going Home” (Kenny G)

Eulogy

Pastor Alvera Thomas

Benediction

Recessional

“Babe” (Styx)

FINAL DISPOSITION:

Rosehill Crematory

Linden, New Jersey



To My Beloved Husband

I fulfilled my covenant of marriage to you. We lived through the best and worse of times recently. It didn't end on May 1, 2022 because our love will continue on through our son, Armon Jurrell Dasahn Harris. Your legacy will continue through Yakeema and Shanequa our grandchildren.

Always in my heart,
Maxine Taylor Harris

Acknowledgement

During this time of sorrow, we appreciate the expressions of sympathy conveyed to family members from various parts and locations. We sincerely thank you. - The Entire Harris Family

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