



Sylvester Harris

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Sylvester Harris, 65, of Chattanooga, passed away unexpectedly on Tuesday, October 1, 2024, at his residence, leaving a legacy of dedication to his family and community. He was born on February 9, 1959, in Chattanooga, Tennessee to Robert and Betty Harris, passed away. He was a 1977 graduate of Kirkman Technical High School, where he found his passion for vocational training. Sylvester worked as a boilermaker for over 30 years and as a business owner for over 20 years, proud to contribute to a field he believed was crucial for personal and community growth. His advocacy for vocational education was tireless, pushing for more opportunities for children to learn a trade. He understood the importance of skilled labor and fought for it to be valued. Sylvester was an unwavering advocate for East Chattanooga, becoming a voice for the community through his civic engagement. He served on the PARC (Police Advisory and Review Committee) Board, where his passion for bridging the gap between the community and law enforcement was evident. His presence on the board was formidable—when Sylvester spoke, his words commanded attention. His vision for a better, more connected Chattanooga was clear, and he worked relentlessly to ensure the voices of his neighbors were heard. More than anything, Sylvester cherished his family. He adored his three daughters, Brittany Harris of Chattanooga, Shavoshia Leslie of Atlanta, GA, and Sarah Harris of Nashville, TN—and was immensely proud of them. His love for them was boundless, and they will carry on his legacy with pride. He was preceded in death by his parents, Robert and Betty Harris. Sylvester is survived by his daughters; his sister, Gwen Davis of Chattanooga; his niece, Carmen Davis of Chattanooga; Kevin Jefferson, who he served as a father figure to; a host of cousins, other relatives, and friends. He will be remembered for his strength, wisdom, and unyielding commitment to his community and family. His impact will be felt for years to come. We remember Sylvester as a man whose leadership and vision made a difference, and whose love for his family knew no bounds. May his memory bring peace to all who knew him. Sylvester will lie-in-state on Saturday, October 12, 2024, at 9:00 a.m. at Taylor Funeral Home. Funeral service will follow at 11:00 a.m. in the chapel. Burial in Lakewood Memory Gardens, East.

Directions to Livestream: Go to Facebook: Anita Taylor.

DIRECTIONS TO LIVESTREAM: Click on the link below.

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Events

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Lie-In-State

Saturday, October 12, 2024

9:00 AM - 11:00 AM ET

Taylor Funeral Home of Chattanooga, Inc
3417 Wilcox Boulevard, Chattanooga TN 37411



Service

Saturday, October 12, 2024

11:00 AM - 12:30 PM ET

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Cemetery Details

Lakewood Memory Gardens East
4621 Shallowford Road, Chattanooga TN 37411





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RH

Reginia Hamilton lit a candle in honor of Sylvester.

Condolences and prayers for the family. May God continue to bless you and give you peace during this difficult time

October 7 at 8:35 PM



KC

Kimani L Casey lit a candle in honor of Sylvester.

Can begin to express how much wisdom Sly imparted to me on the job. The times we had working the Ice Condenser at Sequoyah and Watts Bar. Peaceful journey sir. You are appreciated and will be missed.

January 18 at 12:16 PM



GR

Gary Rowlls posted:

I just heard this news today, I cannot express how saddened I was to learn of Sylvester's passing. He was a customer of mine when I worked at Johnstone Supply, when I first met him we became fast friends and he would make it a point to stop by every Thursday after his advisory board meetings and chat for a couple of hours. My prayers for his family and friends, I am proud to have known him

October 25 at 8:56 AM

JS

Jeffery & Gwendolyn Smith lit a candle in honor of Sylvester.

October 13 at 6:46 AM



SL

Shara Lobg posted:

Our sincere condolences to the entire family in the loss of their love one. Sylvester was a very kindhearted man that would always help anyway he could. he was our neighbor in Gaylen Hts for years with his sister Gwen. May God be with his family during these difficult times. Ralph & Shara Long

October 12 at 6:00 AM



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Tori Stovall posted:

I have early childhood memories of Mr. Harris that I hold near and dear to my heart. You are missed 🙏 thanks for everything.

October 12 at 4:35 AM



Daniel And Keynia Eaton posted:

Sylvester will truly be missed. When you needed him he was always there. Whether it was giving advice or words of encouragement he was a tremendous mentor to us all. Prayers and condolences to Shavoshia, Brittany, and Sarah.

October 11 at 7:25 PM



Cheryllene And Daryl Clark sent a Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum to the Harris family.



October 11 at 8:10 AM



Christopher Carpenter posted:

My deepest regrets to hear the passing of Mr. Harris. His kindness to me will never be forgotten. Over the years he has always helped me and my family. His talents were always shown in his character. I pray that the family knows that he left a major impression and that he has helped me know the impacts of kindness through giving.....with love and compassion "Christopher Carpenter"

October 11 at 5:35 AM



Melvin And Rita Dean posted:

To the family of Sylvester Harris, Our hearts and prayers go out to you in the loss of your dear loved one. Sylvester and I were the best of friends for over 51 years. We called each other 'brother and sister.' He will always be one of my superheroes because he would always be there for my family. I will treasure our long lasting friendship. We love you, brother. May God grant his loved ones many happy memories of comfort and give you some peace at this challenging time. With love, Rita and Melvin Dean

October 11 at 5:29 AM



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SS

Songbirds - Johnny Smith sent a Strength & Solace Spray to the Harris family.

October 11 at 5:18 AM



SS

Songbirds - Johnny Smith planted a Memorial Tree in honor of Sylvester.

October 11 at 5:18 AM



GM

Gracelia Moore sent a virtual gift in honor of Sylvester.

Gwen, my heart goes out to you and your family for the loss of your brother. I know how much a brother means to a person. I will keep you all in my prayers. May many memories of happiness give you all peace and comfort you need during this most challenging time. Please accept my sincere condolences and may he rest in peace.

October 11 at 3:03 AM



KS

Kevin & Mavis Stanley sent a Country Basket Blooms to the Harris family.

October 10 at 4:26 PM



KS

Kevin & Mavis Stanley planted a Memorial Tree in honor of Sylvester.

October 10 at 4:26 PM



WR

Walter & Billie Rooks sent a Divine Peace Bouquet to the Harris family.

October 10 at 4:02 PM





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WR

Walter & Billie Rooks planted a Memorial Tree in honor of Sylvester.



October 10 at 4:02 PM

CN

Chris Skeeter Newsom posted:

I worked with Sly many years in the boilermakers. When we start story telling at work on past jobs it seems we all end up telling a story about Sly Dogg.He will surely be missed and we will treasure our memories of him.He was a fine craftsman and shared alot of knowledge with me I appreciate all the time I got to spend working with him.Skeeter BM 454

October 10 at 3:22 PM

CN

Chris Skeeter Newsom lit a candle in honor of Sylvester.



October 10 at 3:15 PM

WB

Wava Brooks posted:

I was truly saddened to hear of Sylvester passing. I had the pleasure of meeting him and he always took care of any electrical needs I had. Always great job and fair prices. He was a man of integrity and full of kindness.

October 10 at 1:50 PM

CC

Cheryllene Clark lit a candle in honor of Sylvester.



October 10 at 12:48 PM

FR

Freida Roy lit a candle in honor of Sylvester.



October 10 at 11:23 AM



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Daryl L. Clark li lit a candle in honor of Sylvester.



October 10 at 9:32 AM



Daryl Clark October 10 at 9:56 AM

I am heartbroken about the loss of Sylvester Harris. Please know that my thoughts and prayers are with you during this difficult time. Sylvester was a very nice and cherished man by all who encountered him. His warmth, kindness, and his awesome advice will be deeply missed.If there's anything I can do to support you, please don't hesitate to reach out. We will always carry his memory in our hearts.With love and sympathy,Daryl L. Clark Cousin, Nephew and Friend.....



Vickie Emry lit a candle in honor of Sylvester.

Condolences to the Harris Family. Vickie Emry and Family



October 9 at 8:54 PM



Beverly Harris Silva lit a candle in honor of Sylvester.

Sincere condolences to The Harris Family, during this difficult time!!Beverly Harris Silva and Beulah Stoudmire



October 9 at 3:14 PM



Christopher Harris lit a candle in honor of Sylvester.



October 9 at 9:39 AM



Karen Williams lit a candle in honor of Sylvester.



October 9 at 9:32 AM



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Anonymous sent a Beautiful in Blue to the Harris family.



October 9 at 5:23 AM



Joan Anderson sent a Beautiful in Blue to the Harris family.



October 8 at 3:20 PM



Voice Leadership Team sent a Blue Caribbean Bouquet to the Harris family.



October 8 at 11:14 AM



Mary Ann Tucker posted:

Sylvester had just talked to me at Taylor at a wake. He always had a smile on his face and would give you compliments. He was a kind, friendly man that meets no stranger. He would come by the Church and fix the cooling system. He is going to truly be missed.

October 8 at 10:21 AM



Eric Emry lit a candle in honor of Sylvester.

Eric L Emry, Sylvester and I met in the 5th grade and the connection was so strong we adopted each other as brothers. We remained best friends throughout the years up to today. I will forever miss him. Rest In Peace my friend.



October 8 at 4:21 AM



Thailia Smith lit a candle in honor of Sylvester.



October 8 at 12:42 AM



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Djuan Billingslea, Southern Company sent an Arrive in Style to the Harris family.

October 7 at 2:57 PM



Anonymous sent a Crystal Cross Bouquet to the Harris family.

October 7 at 1:29 PM



Cousin, Marva Cooper-Westfield sent an Emerald Garden Basket to the Harris family.

October 7 at 12:26 PM



Cousin, Marva Cooper-Westfield planted a Memorial Tree in honor of Sylvester.

October 7 at 12:26 PM



Jama, Abshir (Aj) lit a candle in honor of Sylvester.

October 7 at 10:45 AM



JA **Jama, Abshir (Aj)** October 7 at 10:56 AM
My thoughts and prayers are with you during this difficult time.



James Williams lit a candle in honor of Sylvester.

October 7 at 8:23 AM





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MH

Michael And Felicia Harris lit a candle in honor of Sylvester.

October 7 at 7:18 AM



UL

Ulysses N Lazenby lit a candle in honor of Sylvester.

October 7 at 6:56 AM



QL

Quentin Lawrence lit a candle in honor of Sylvester.

October 7 at 6:41 AM



ML

Marsh Lawrence lit a candle in honor of Sylvester.

October 7 at 6:07 AM



SK

Sharon Kennard lit a candle in honor of Sylvester.

October 6 at 9:38 PM



WB

Willie B lit a candle in honor of Sylvester.

October 6 at 7:37 PM





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CC

Class Committee sent a Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum to the Harris family.

October 6 at 6:07 PM



LJ

Leonetta (Taylor) Jamison posted:

Sincere Condolences to the Harris family, I spoke with Sylvester a few weeks ago at our class 65 birthday celebration. Leonetta Jamison

October 6 at 5:01 PM

BS

Beverly Sales lit a candle in honor of Sylvester.

October 6 at 2:47 PM



DW

Debra Wheeler lit a candle in honor of Sylvester.

October 6 at 11:15 AM



LK

Lisa Kilgore sent a Full Of Love Bouquet to the Harris family.

October 6 at 9:20 AM



LC

Linda Cox lit a candle in honor of Sylvester.

October 6 at 9:06 AM





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Jennifer Swoopes lit a candle in honor of Sylvester.

October 6 at 8:39 AM



Anonymous sent a Beautiful in Blue to the Harris family.

October 6 at 5:59 AM



Tanna Bailey lit a candle in honor of Sylvester.
Praying for the family

October 6 at 5:01 AM



Tracy Taylor lit a candle in honor of Sylvester.

October 6 at 3:34 AM



Bonnie Cooper & Simone Howard sent a Serene Retreat to the Harris family.

October 5 at 10:32 PM



Myra Jordan Gordon & Marie Jordan Maples posted:

This breaks my heart! I truly loved Sylvester and his family. His mother was the sweetest, Gwen and I were friends for years. May our God comfort each of you during this season of grief.

October 5 at 10:10 PM



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Renee P Sharp lit a candle in honor of Sylvester.

October 5 at 3:20 PM



Vickie Fielder lit a candle in honor of Sylvester.

October 5 at 8:38 AM





Memories only last if you share them

Join us in honoring Sylvester by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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