



Sylvester Harris

February 9, 1959 - October 1, 2024

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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Cemetery Details

Lakewood Memory Gardens East

4621 Shallowford Road
Chattanooga, TN 37411

Previous Events

Lie-In-State

OCT 12. 9:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

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

Service

OCT 12. 11:00 AM - 12:30 PM (ET)

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Chattanooga, TN 37411

Tribute Wall

RH

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



Reginia Hamilton - October 08, 2025 at 12:35 AM

KC

“ *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.*



Kimani L Casey - January 18, 2025 at 04:16 PM

GR

“ *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*

Gary Rowlls - October 25, 2024 at 12:56 PM

JS

“ *Jeffery & Gwendolyn Smith lit a candle in memory of Sylvester Harris*



Jeffery & Gwendolyn Smith - October 13, 2024 at 10:46 AM

SL

“ *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

Shara Lobg - October 12, 2024 at 10:00 AM

TS

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

Tori Stovall - October 12, 2024 at 08:35 AM

DE

“ *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.*

Daniel and Keynia Eaton - October 11, 2024 at 11:25 PM

CC

“ Cheryllene and Daryl Clark purchased the *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum* for the family of Sylvester Harris.



Cheryllene and Daryl Clark - October 11, 2024 at 12:10 PM

CC

“ 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"

Christopher Carpenter - October 11, 2024 at 09:35 AM

MD

“ 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*

Melvin and Rita Dean - October 11, 2024 at 09:29 AM

SS

“ Songbirds - Johnny Smith purchased the Strength & Solace Spray for the family of Sylvester Harris.



Songbirds - Johnny Smith - October 11, 2024 at 09:18 AM

SS

“ Songbirds - Johnny Smith planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Sylvester Harris.

Songbirds - Johnny Smith - October 11, 2024 at 09:18 AM

GM

“ 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.



Gracelia Moore - October 11, 2024 at 07:03 AM

KS

“ Kevin & Mavis Stanley purchased the Country Basket Blooms for the family of Sylvester Harris.



Kevin & Mavis Stanley - October 10, 2024 at 08:26 PM

KS

“ Kevin & Mavis Stanley planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Sylvester Harris.

Kevin & Mavis Stanley - October 10, 2024 at 08:26 PM

WR

“ Walter & Billie Rooks purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of Sylvester Harris.



Walter & Billie Rooks - October 10, 2024 at 08:02 PM

WR

“ Walter & Billie Rooks planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Sylvester Harris.

Walter & Billie Rooks - October 10, 2024 at 08:02 PM

CN

“ 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

Chris Skeeter Newsom - October 10, 2024 at 07:22 PM

CN

“ *Chris Skeeter Newsom lit a candle in memory of Sylvester Harris*



Chris Skeeter Newsom - October 10, 2024 at 07:15 PM

WB

“ *I was truly sadden 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.*

Wava Brooks - October 10, 2024 at 05:50 PM

CC

“ *Cheryllene Clark lit a candle in memory of Sylvester Harris*



Cheryllene Clark - October 10, 2024 at 04:48 PM

FR

“ *FREIDA ROY lit a candle in memory of Sylvester Harris*



FREIDA ROY - October 10, 2024 at 03:23 PM

DI

“ *Daryl L. Clark II lit a candle in memory of Sylvester Harris*



Daryl L. Clark II - October 10, 2024 at 01:32 PM

DC

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.....*

Daryl Clark - October 10, 2024 at 01:56 PM

VE

“ *Condolences to the Harris Family.
Vickie Emry and Family*



Vickie Emry - October 10, 2024 at 12:54 AM

BS

“ Sincere condolences to The Harris Family,
during this difficult time!!

Beverly Harris Silva and Beulah Stoudmire



Beverly Harris Silva - October 09, 2024 at 07:14 PM



“ Christopher Harris lit a candle in memory of
Sylvester Harris



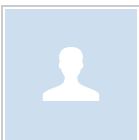
Christopher Harris - October 09, 2024 at 01:39 PM

KW

“ Karen Williams lit a candle in memory of
Sylvester Harris



Karen Williams - October 09, 2024 at 01:32 PM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of
Sylvester Harris.



October 09, 2024 at 09:23 AM

JA

“ *Joan Anderson purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Sylvester Harris.*



Joan Anderson - October 08, 2024 at 07:20 PM

VT

“ *VOICE Leadership Team purchased the Blue Caribbean Bouquet for the family of Sylvester Harris.*



VOICE Leadership Team - October 08, 2024 at 03:14 PM

MT

“ *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.*

Mary Ann Tucker - October 08, 2024 at 02:21 PM

EE

“ *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.*



Eric Emry - October 08, 2024 at 08:21 AM

TS

“ *Thailia Smith lit a candle in memory of Sylvester Harris*



Thailia Smith - October 08, 2024 at 04:42 AM

DC

“ *Djuan Billingslea, Southern Company purchased the Arrive in Style for the family of Sylvester Harris.*



Djuan Billingslea, Southern Company - October 07, 2024 at 06:57 PM



“ *Crystal Cross Bouquet was purchased for the family of Sylvester Harris.*



October 07, 2024 at 05:29 PM

CC

“ *Cousin, Marva Cooper-Westfield purchased the Emerald Garden Basket for the family of Sylvester Harris.*



Cousin, Marva Cooper-Westfield - October 07, 2024 at 04:26 PM

CC

“ Cousin, Marva Cooper-Westfield planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Sylvester Harris.

Cousin, Marva Cooper-Westfield - October 07, 2024 at 04:26 PM

J(

“ JAMA,ABSHIR (AJ) lit a candle in memory of Sylvester Harris



JAMA,ABSHIR (AJ) - October 07, 2024 at 02:45 PM

J(

My thoughts and prayers are with you during this difficult time.

JAMA,ABSHIR (AJ) - October 07, 2024 at 02:56 PM

JW

“ James Williams lit a candle in memory of Sylvester Harris



James Williams - October 07, 2024 at 12:23 PM

MH

“ Michael And Felicia Harris lit a candle in memory of Sylvester Harris



Michael and Felicia Harris - October 07, 2024 at 11:18 AM

UL

“ ULYSSES N LAZENBY lit a candle in memory of Sylvester Harris



ULYSSES N LAZENBY - October 07, 2024 at 10:56 AM

QL

“ Quentin Lawrence lit a candle in memory of Sylvester Harris



Quentin Lawrence - October 07, 2024 at 10:41 AM

ML

“ Marsh Lawrence lit a candle in memory of Sylvester Harris



Marsh Lawrence - October 07, 2024 at 10:07 AM

SK

“ Sharon Kennard lit a candle in memory of Sylvester Harris



Sharon Kennard - October 07, 2024 at 01:38 AM

WB

“ *Willie B lit a candle in memory of Sylvester Harris*



willie b - October 06, 2024 at 11:37 PM

CC

“ *Class Committee purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Sylvester Harris.*



Class Committee - October 06, 2024 at 10:07 PM

LJ

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

Leonetta (Taylor) Jamison - October 06, 2024 at 09:01 PM

BS

“ *Beverly Sales lit a candle in memory of Sylvester Harris*



Beverly sales - October 06, 2024 at 06:47 PM

DW

“ Debra Wheeler lit a candle in memory of Sylvester Harris



Debra Wheeler - October 06, 2024 at 03:15 PM

LK

“ Lisa Kilgore purchased the Full Of Love Bouquet for the family of Sylvester Harris.



Lisa Kilgore - October 06, 2024 at 01:20 PM

LC

“ Linda Cox lit a candle in memory of Sylvester Harris



Linda Cox - October 06, 2024 at 01:06 PM

JS

“ Jennifer Swoopes lit a candle in memory of Sylvester Harris



Jennifer Swoopes - October 06, 2024 at 12:39 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Sylvester Harris.*



October 06, 2024 at 09:59 AM



“ *Praying for the family*



Tanna Bailey - October 06, 2024 at 09:01 AM



“ *Tracy Taylor lit a candle in memory of Sylvester Harris*



Tracy Taylor - October 06, 2024 at 07:34 AM



“ *Bonnie Cooper & Simone Howard purchased the Serene Retreat for the family of Sylvester Harris.*



Bonnie Cooper & Simone Howard - October 06, 2024 at 02:32 AM

MM

“ *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.*

Myra Jordan Gordon & Marie Jordan Maples - October 06, 2024 at 02:10 AM

RS

“ *Renee P Sharp lit a candle in memory of Sylvester Harris*



Renee P Sharp - October 05, 2024 at 07:20 PM

VF

“ *Vickie Fielder lit a candle in memory of Sylvester Harris*



Vickie Fielder - October 05, 2024 at 12:38 PM