



Mr. William Henry "Billy" Harris Jr.

May 27, 1951 - March 1, 2022

William Henry (Billy) Harris, Jr., 70, of West Point, passed away on March 1, 2022, at North Mississippi Medical Center in Tupelo.

A lifelong resident of the Golden Triangle area, Billy was born May 27, 1951, to the late William Henry Harris and Wanda West Harris of West Point. He attended West Point High School and Mississippi State University, graduating with a bachelor's degree in journalism.

Billy is survived by his beloved wife of 52 years, Emily Smith Harris. Through thick and thin, illness and health, they traveled life's journey with God's guidance and Billy's dry humor.

He is survived by a son, William Henry (Hank) Harris, III, and daughter-in-law, Amy Rhodes Harris; grandsons William Henry Harris, IV, and Brennan Lee Harris; granddaughter, Jessica Lee Henley; and three great-grandsons, Makel, Jashaun and Ethan Henley.

He is also survived by two sisters, Marie Harris Lambeth of Gulfport and Carol Harris (Robert) Lummus of West Point, and a brother, Edgar Harris of West Point.

A third-generation newsman, Billy followed his family's footsteps into the business, ultimately serving as publisher of the (West Point) Daily Times

Leader and the Starkville Daily News.

Billy loved God and he loved music. He was a co-founder and music director of Riverside Chapel Baptist Church, where he truly enjoyed using his musical talent to serve and praise the Lord.

We will miss Billy's voice and his jokes, his shy grin and his wise advice. And we will be listening for a new baritone in God's heavenly choir.

Visitation will be on Saturday, April 9, 2022 at 10:00 A.M. at Riverside Chapel Baptist Church in West Point. A Memorial Service will follow at 11:00 A.M. Calvert Funeral Home in West Point is assisting the family with arrangements.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to Riverside Chapel Baptist Church, P.O. Box 526, West Point, MS 39773.

Previous Events

Visitation

APR 9. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM.

Riverside Chapel Baptist Church
West Point, MS

Celebration of Life

APR 9. 11:00 AM.

Riverside Chapel Baptist Church
West Point, MS

Tribute Wall



“ *Pretty Please was purchased for the family of Mr. William Henry "Billy" Harris Jr..*



April 06, 2022 at 07:50 PM



“ *I was sorry to hear of Billy's passing, but happy to know where he is now. My thoughts and prayers are with you all.*

Jim Green - March 07, 2022 at 01:20 PM



“ *Emily, so sorry to learn of Billy's passing. I will always remember singing with him at Riverside. A truer friend could never be found. Love to you and your family.*

*Patsy Johnson
Columbia, Tn*

Patsy Johnson - March 05, 2022 at 10:26 PM



“ *Billy and Emily were such good friends during our younger days. We shared many fun and happy times at Jaycee and Jaycett events. This makes me so sad. My love and condolences go out to Emily, Hank and extended family. He was a good one. RIP, life well lived.*

Nannie5199 - March 05, 2022 at 12:35 PM



“ *Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Mr. William Henry "Billy" Harris Jr..*



March 04, 2022 at 08:39 PM



“ *Billy was my first real boss. He was a good boss and I enjoyed working for the Starkville Daily News. My prayers are with Emily and the entire family.*

Jana Manning - March 04, 2022 at 05:35 PM



“ *Billy was my best childhood friend. As adults we did not see each other or talk often but when we did the connection and memories flowed. My prayers are with Emily and the family. Keep telling stories of him and his spirit will still grace our lives.*

Perry Perkins - March 04, 2022 at 03:52 PM



“ *Loved billy and ms Emily greatly.*

Betty Ward - March 04, 2022 at 02:37 PM



“ *With sympathy and friendship,*

Susanne Allen Thomas

Susanne Allen Thomas - March 04, 2022 at 11:30 AM

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My heart grieves for all 🙏🙏❤️❤️

Sylvia McDonald - March 04, 2022 at 12:43 PM

BA

Billy Harris and his parents and siblings hold many special memories to our Cordle family from our home town and Church. I send much love and sympathy to The family at this time of loss.

Brenda Cordle Adams - March 04, 2022 at 01:35 PM

CT

Such a great neighbor! Mrs. Emily, you and your family will be in our prayers.

Charlie and Tracy Teffeteller - March 06, 2022 at 01:17 PM

Jl

Billy was a great person and employer. Emily, Hank and family. I am so sorry for your loss. May the Lord bless you and keep you in the days and weeks ahead. Jamie Carr Inmon

Jamie C. Inmon - March 15, 2022 at 06:30 PM