



Jack Smith Harrison

January 21, 1937 - May 24, 2019

Jack Smith Harrison, 82, passed away on Friday, May 24, 2019. Jack was born in Malvern, Arkansas on January 21, 1937 to J.R. "Jack" and Natalee Harrison. He attended Central High School graduating in 1955. His first year of college was at OBU on a basketball scholarship and then he transferred to play basketball at Ouachita Baptist University in Arkadelphia, Arkansas graduating in 1959 and then received his masters from NSU. He began his teaching career at Hilldale teaching 6th grade for one year. He then became the assistant to his former high school basketball coach at Central High as well as a history and geography teacher. In 1966 he left teaching to work at the family business, Harrison Oil and Tire Co. which he operated until 1997. In 1999 he returned to the classroom at Connors State College for a few years and then moved back to Muskogee High School as a teacher and coach, retiring in 2009. That year the City of Muskogee honored Jack by declaring May 24, "Coach Jack Harrison Day." It didn't take long before he decided that he was not ready for retirement and went on to teach and coach for Hilldale Public Schools for five more years.

Jack and Linda were married on September 11, 1981 and spent the next 37 years raising their children together, working, and attending First Baptist Church in Muskogee, Ok. During these years Jack and Linda enjoyed traveling around the world, spending time with their family, starting traditions like Camp Harrison with their grandchildren, and art camp with their great grandchildren.

Jack is survived by his wife, Linda Harrison, son, Jody Harrison; daughter, Andi Thompson and husband Bobby; son, Jeff Cole and wife Susan; daughter, Stacy Burns and husband Jon; daughter-in-law, Susan Zook; granddaughters, Katherine and husband Donald Mayo, Emily and husband Kyle Upchurch, Alex Crim, and grandson, Jackson Crim; great-grandchildren, Harrison, Hudson, Grayson, and Jackson Upchurch, Jess Mayo; sister, Gail Gerard and husband Joe; niece, Layne Keenan; and nephew, Michael Huckabay, along with other family members and friends.

The family will be receiving friends at Cornerstone Funeral Home from 5:30-7:30PM, Wednesday, May 29, 2019.

Funeral services will be at 2PM, Thursday, May 30, 2019 at First Baptist Church with Dr. Johnny Derouen officiating.

Previous Events

Visitation

MAY **29**. 9:00 AM - 8:00 PM (CT)

Cornerstone Funeral Home & Crematory
1830 North York Street
Muskogee, OK 74403
(918) 682-1500

Family Visitation

MAY **29**. 5:30 PM - 7:30 PM (CT)

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Service

MAY **30**. 2:00 PM (CT)

First Baptist Church Muskogee
111 S. 7th Street
Muskogee, OK 74401

Tribute Wall



“ *Jack Smith Harrison*

October 23, 2023 at 09:38 AM



“ *Dear Linda and Family,*

I was a student of Coach Harrison from his days of teaching at Muskogee. (I graduated in 2002.) I woke up this morning thinking of Coach Harrison for no particular reason. I googled him to try and get in touch to say hello, and I am very sorry to see he has passed. He was a wonderful man who always showed he cared about his students and rooted for our success. I remember he called me years after graduation just to check in! I know there are many of us who loved him, and I am grateful for his service as a teacher.

*Fondly,
Kristen French Pelon*

Kristen French - February 23, 2022 at 01:37 AM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Jack Smith Harrison.*



May 30, 2019 at 10:23 AM

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“ Dear Linda and family so sorry to hear of Jacks passing I had the pleasure to meet you last Wednesday at the Hospital in Wagoner. Jack was my 6th grade school teacher and my first band director he was awesome and will never be forgotten.

Wanda Gonseth Colston

wanda Colston - May 29, 2019 at 12:01 PM

LJ

“ Dear Linda and Family - So very sorry to read of Jacks passing. He was a great guy and will be missed by many. He was my OK History teacher when I was a Junior at the old Central High School. He was a great teacher.

With my deepest sympathy - Ken and Linda (McKenzie) Johnson

Linda Johnson - May 29, 2019 at 09:37 AM



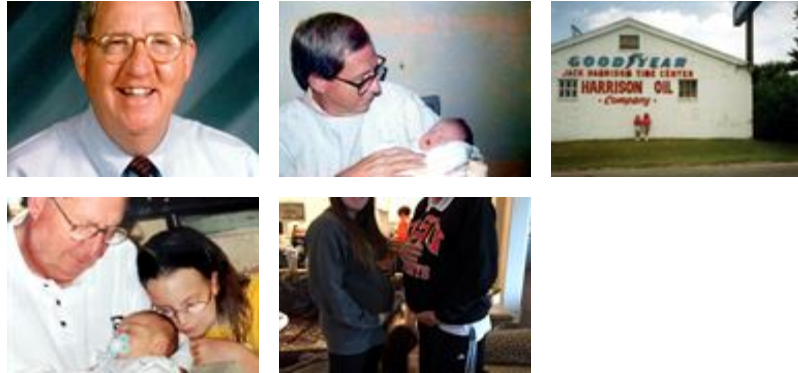
“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Jack Smith Harrison.



May 29, 2019 at 09:24 AM



“ 80 files added to the album Life Tributes



Cornerstone Funeral Home and Crematory - May 28, 2019 at 04:36 PM



“ Jess & Robin Mayo lit a candle in memory of Jack Smith Harrison



Jess & Robin Mayo - May 28, 2019 at 03:44 PM



“ The best coach & teacher I had the pleasure of having during my time @ MHS! He always knew what to say or do to make my day, & every Wednesday we wore pink! You will be greatly missed Coach Harrison!



Katie (McQueen) Hughey - May 28, 2019 at 03:38 PM



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Cornerstone Funeral Home and Crematory - May 28, 2019 at 01:07 PM



“ *Colin Satterfield lit a candle in memory of Jack Smith Harrison*



Colin Satterfield - May 28, 2019 at 12:13 PM