



FREDDIE HARRIS JR.

March 18, 1946 - September 3, 2014

Dr. Freddie "Fred" B. Harris, Jr. (Ph.D.), 68 of Kankakee, died Wednesday, September 3, 2014. Visitation will be from 3 p.m. until 7 p.m., Sunday, September 7, 2014 at Lax Mortuary in Kankakee. Funeral Services will be held at 11 a.m. Monday, September 8, 2014 at Morning Star Missionary Baptist Church where he was a member. Burial will be in Mound Grove Gardens of Memory.

Fred Harris, Jr. was born March 18, 1946 in Wabash, Arkansas to Louise Perry and Freddie B. Harris, Sr., who preceded him in death. He accepted Christ at an early age. Fred was a 1966 graduate of Eliza Miller High School in Helena, AR. He went on to obtain a Bachelors of Science degree in Physical Science from Arkansas AM&N College in Pine Bluff (which is now University of Arkansas at Pine Bluff). On July 1, 1970, Fred married Correnthia Grant and from this 30 year union three joys of their lives were born, Freddie B. Harris, III, Monique LaJuan Harris and Jennifer Nicole Harris. He accepted a teaching position at Port Huron Area School System after graduating and remained there until August 1979. Over the next eight years, Fred taught Biology, Chemistry, Earth Science and Physics at Kimbell Junior High School and Port Huron High School in Port Huron, MI. While he was teaching there, Fred traveled 60 miles back and forth to Wayne State University where he received his Masters in 1971 and his Doctorate in Education in 1981.

In 1979, Dr. Harris moved his family to Kankakee, IL where he accepted an assistant principal position at St. Anne High School in St. Anne, IL. Over the next several years, Fred B. Harris was principal and superintendent. After leaving St. Anne, he accepted an assistant principal position at Kankakee High School where he remained until his retirement in 2004.

Fred B. Harris was a member of Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc., 32nd degree Mason, NAACP, and various school district committees and professional associations. Fred was an avid golfer who enjoyed spending several hours on the golf course. He understood the importance of obtaining a good education and devoted his life to motivating others to reach their educational goals.

He is survived by his three loving children, Fred B. Harris, III of Tallahassee, FL, Monique L. Harris, of Milwaukee, WI and Jennifer N. Harris of Atlanta, GA; three sisters, Jaclyn Woodard, Renae Harris and Claudia Stevenson; four brothers, Earnest Mitchell, Carl Harris, Robert (Denise) Harris and Attorney Art (Elaine Doddard) Harris; four in-laws, Alsenior Davis, Tavis (Leona) Grant, Harvey (Lorraine) Grant and Ruby (Rev. Alex) Crittenden. He is also survived by a host of nieces, nephews, and friends. His wife Correnthia preceded him in death.

SJ

“ Fred, Monique, Jennifer and Family,

We were so sorry to hear of your loss. Fred was such a Wonderful Person with his friendly smile and laughter. It was Always a Pleasure seeing him whenever he joined us at our annual golf trips. Fred will truly be mi

Skip & Marcia Jefferson - September 08, 2014 at 12:00 AM

MF

“ *With our deepest sympathy. Mr.Harris has left his fingerprints on our children in the education arena. May God continue to spread his love throughout Kankakee County.*

Milton Hudson & Family - September 08, 2014 at 12:00 AM

BG

“ *Our sincere sympathy to the Harris Family especially to Jaclyn, Claudia and Renee. Our prayers and thoughts are with you and his family. May he rest in peace.*

Bettie Philips, Suwanee, GA - September 08, 2014 at 12:00 AM

LJ

“ *My prayers are with you at this time. Sorry I was not there. Sending a love gift.*

Lawrence a Davis Jr - September 08, 2014 at 12:00 AM

EL

“ *Dr. Harris will truly be missed. He was a gentle and kindhearted person. He was a very fine administrator and pushed his students to their optimal level. Dr. Harris always gave back to his community and truly made a difference in many people lives. May*

Ethel Lee - September 08, 2014 at 12:00 AM

MM

“ My sincerest condolences to the family and especially Monique, Jennifer and Fred III. Your father was one of the best educators, conversationalist and motivating individual to encounter. I will miss talking to him during family gatherings. He was always s

Marie McGee - September 07, 2014 at 12:00 AM

AF

“ May God continue to bless and comfort you.

Anthony Family - September 07, 2014 at 12:00 AM

TS

“ I knew "Freddie B" all during his stay in St Anne and then Kankakee. I operate the bus company that transports the students at St Anne so your father and I developed a relationship that began thru business and evolved into a good friendship. Every time I

Terry Sirois - September 06, 2014 at 12:00 AM

JC

“ Very sad to hear about the passing of my good friend. I will miss his great smile , firm handshake, our discussions on educational philosophy, and competitive golf matches. My sincere condolences to his family

Joe Ciaccio - September 06, 2014 at 12:00 AM

ML

“ You will be missed. Sending my prayers and thoughts to your family. I will miss your smile and your sausage and round egg biscuits with your oatmeal and senior coffee @ Mcdonalds on 5th ave. You were an inspiration to me and my co workers. Bye Doc miss yo

mindy lester - September 06, 2014 at 12:00 AM

AT

“ *Dr Harris was a loved man by all who new him he was a great teacher who touched all those he spoke to. R.I.P to a great all around man thank u for all the hearts u touched*

Amber Themer - September 06, 2014 at 12:00 AM

TJ

“ *My sincere condolences to the Harris family. Dr. Harris was a great man and a great role model. May he rest in heaven.*

Tyrus Deshawn Johnson - September 06, 2014 at 12:00 AM

SW

“ *Sending my condolences to the Harris family. May God keep your heart at peace during this trying time.*

Sharon Williams - September 06, 2014 at 12:00 AM

JP

“ *On the behalf of the Eliza Miller High School Class of "66", I would like to send our heart felt condolences to the family of our beloved classmate. Freddie and his powerful handshake but gentle, joyous personality will be missed!*

John Patterson - September 06, 2014 at 12:00 AM

ET

“ *I will remember Freddie Harris, as always having a positive message; even in his humor.*

Your Classmate et

Earl Taylor - September 06, 2014 at 12:00 AM

DC

“ Please accept my most sincere sympathy on the passing of Dr. Harris. When I was a raw freshman at St. Anne Community High School, Dr. Harris saw something in me and helped me strengthen my leadership skills. I have never forgotten his belief in me and eve

David Chayer - September 05, 2014 at 12:00 AM

DB

“ So sorry to hear of the passing of Dr. Harris. He was my principal at St. Anne. He was a wonderful person. He will be missed. my condolences to his family.

Donita Brace Buhler - September 05, 2014 at 12:00 AM

NF

“ Please accept my sincere condolence. Regretfully,

Nickey Yates, Tallahassee, FL - September 05, 2014 at 12:00 AM

DK

“ My condolences to the family of Dr. Harris, I would like to send my condolences. I would like to say he was a great man, and was very inspirational in my life.

Delector Kennedy - September 05, 2014 at 12:00 AM

DF

“ I had the honor of having Dr. Harris as my Principal at St. Anne Community High School. Back then I though he was so mean => I think I was just a little afraid of him. Growing up I learned that he was an amazing man that did his job and did it well. He lov

Donna Fox - September 05, 2014 at 12:00 AM



Dr. Harris and I were going through chemotherapy at Riverside at the same time. My friends conveniently kept his death very quiet and I did not learn about it until I had completed my chemotherapy treatments. Dr. Harris was the best administrated we ever had at Kankakee High School. He was firm but very understanding with the students. I loved his firm hand shake and beautiful smile. He will always be remembered as a fine gentleman and kind friend. My condolences to all of the family members. Rest assured that we will all be reunited again in Heaven.

Beulah Pennell - July 03, 2020 at 05:36 PM

DT

“ *My condolences to Dr. Harris' family, he will be missed.*

Dawn Thomas - September 05, 2014 at 12:00 AM

JS

“ *MY CONDOLENCES FOR YOUR LOSS. Dr. Harris was a very good person and cared a lot about the children that he had a chance to inspire and push to do and be their best. I'm blessed to have had the pleasure of having him as my Assistant Principal.*

Johnette Smith - September 05, 2014 at 12:00 AM

DW

“ *It is with much sadness that I learned of Dr. Harris's death just a few minutes ago. He was an outstanding educator who gave me the utmost respect, encouragement, and support in my career. He truly motivated and inspired me to strive to achieve much*

Dennis M. West - September 05, 2014 at 12:00 AM