



Mr. Paul Douglas Harrison, Sr.

February 24, 1939 - August 15, 2020

The passing of Mr. Paul Douglas Harrison, Sr., age 81, on Saturday, August 15, 2020, at Duke University Medical Center, is being announced by his loving wife Margaret.

Life Profile

Paul Douglas Harrison, Sr.

Sunrise...OUR BELOVED, PAUL D. HARRISON, SR WAS BORN FEBRUARY 24, 1939 IN GREER, SC. He was the son of the late Paul Harrison and Catherine Jackson Harrison.

A Life Well Spent... He was a 1957 graduate of Lincoln High School in Taylors, SC where he was known as BRUISER for the mighty RATTLEERS football team. He continued his education at Benedict College in Columbia, SC where he also played football and earned a Bachelor of Science degree in Business Education. He moved to Durham, NC in 1961 where he obtained his first job as an instructor with Durham Business College for 18 years. He later returned home that same year where he married the love of his life, his wife, Margaret Wood Harrison. To this union, were born a daughter and a son. Education was very important to him, and teaching was definitely his calling for his earthly life. He dedicated many hours to his college students as well as the many veterans who attended the college at night. The college closed in

1980 but he remained faithful and loyal to dear old DBC, and his students, becoming the President of the Alumni Association until 2012 becoming emeritus. Later, Paul was employed at North Carolina Central University where he worked in the Information Technology field and became a manager. He retired after 30 years of service. He was baptized at the Cedar Grove Baptist Church in Greer, SC before joining Community Baptist Church in Durham, NC where he served as a trustee, and an usher until his health declined.

Paul was a great mentor for young boys, teaching them great life lessons as he was a Cub Scout Master for many years, Pack 291. He was an avid sports fan, and a member of the NCCU Eagles Club, and enjoyed attending football games. He was a founding member of the Modern Men's Club and Husband Wife and Children (HWC) club. He loved to cook and emphasized that the presentation was just as important as the taste of the food. MOTTO: Never let anyone occupy your mind when they are not in your presence. Sunset...PAUL PEACEFULLY DEPARTED THIS LIFE AT DUKE UNIVERSITY MEDICAL CENTER on August 15, 2020. He was preceded in death by his brother, Dan Harrison; his sisters-in-law, Mildred Blakeney Harrison and Susie Walker Wood.

Those Who Remain...HE LEAVES TO CHERISH LOVING

Along with his wife, Margaret, Paul leaves to cherish his memories his two children, son, Paul D. Harrison, Jr. and daughter, Glenda R. Harrison; brother, Gaither L. Harrison; sister, Phyllis Harrison Murphy (Willie); and a host of extended family members and friends.

Viewing for Mr. Paul Douglas Harrison, Sr. will take place on Thursday, August 20, 2020, from 3:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m. at Scarborough & Hargett Celebration of Life Center, Inc., 309 N Queen Street, Durham, North Carolina 27701.

A private family graveside service will take place at Beechwood Cemetery.

Cemetery Details

Beechwood Cemetery

3300 Fayetteville St
Durham, NC 27707
(919) 560-4154

Previous Events

Viewing

AUG 20. 3:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

Scarborough & Hargett Celebration of Life Center, Inc.
309 N Queen St
Durham, NC 27701
(919) 682-1171
scarboroughandhargettinc@yahoo.com
<https://scarboroughandhargettfh.com/>

Tribute Wall



“ *Mr. Paul Douglas Harrison, Sr.*

October 05, 2023 at 11:31 AM



“ *I am Audrey Hart Randolph, a fellow student from Durham College. I will always cherish the knowledge shared by Mr. Harrison. May God continue to bless the family.*



Audrey Hart Randolph - September 04, 2020 at 03:00 PM



“ *Portia, Joel, Ethan, Evelyn & Ms. Charlie purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Mr. Paul Douglas Harrison, Sr..*



Portia, Joel, Ethan, Evelyn & Ms. Charlie - August 20, 2020 at 09:20 PM

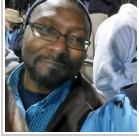


“ *Dear, Glenda, Mom Margaret, Little Paul*

So sorry to hear about passing of such a gentle and kind soul. I remember Mr. Paul in Belks on Christmas Eve it would be 5:50 and he was trying to get the best deal and he did. May God continue to comfort you and ease the pain during this most difficult time.

Selena Evans

SELENA S EVANS - August 20, 2020 at 08:53 PM



“ I worked with Mr. Paul several years before he retired from NCCU ITS department. He was always such a jovial spirit to be around. My condolences to all his family and close friends. May God keep you close, my sincere condolences.

James "JD" Davis

James Davis - August 20, 2020 at 05:15 PM

GB

To the Harrison Family
My condolence to you in the death of Mr. Harrison. He was my computer teacher in 1971-1972. A good teacher.

Geneva Simpson Bigelow - August 24, 2020 at 02:33 PM

CP

Mrs. Harrison and Glenda. I was saddened to hear about the passing of Mr. Harrison.. I actually found out this week. You truly have my sympathy and I will keep you in my prayers.

Carenda Parker - August 28, 2020 at 09:03 PM

TM

“ I'm so sad to hear this news. I had the pleasure of working with Mr. Paul for a few years at NCCU in the ITS Department. I remember Mr. Paul's jovial nature. He was always smiling and willing to lend a helping hand. I will definitely be praying for Ms. Margaret and the family. Rest now Uncle Paul, your journey is complete.

Tamara Minor - August 20, 2020 at 05:08 PM

CW

“ Dear Margaret, Glenda and Paul , Jr.,
Thank you for over 50 years of sharing a friendship with the beautiful family of Paul Harrison, Sr.
We met at Durham College where I worked with Paul for 16 years until the college closed. He was a special friend and we kept our friendship for the next 40 years.
We missed him at the 2019 Durham College reunion but he will forever be in the hearts of the Durham College alumni. Stay strong and remember that Paul touched so many lives through his students at Durham College.
Constance Sartor Walker

Constance S Walker - August 20, 2020 at 02:42 PM

VE

“ Vanessa & Chris Errato purchased the Lovely One Spathiphyllum Plant for the family of Mr. Paul Douglas Harrison, Sr..



Vanessa & Chris Errato - August 20, 2020 at 10:41 AM

LL

“ Condolences to the Harrison Family.



Lori Lawrence - August 19, 2020 at 10:38 PM

JT

“ Margaret, my sincere condolences to you, Glenda, and Paul Jr. I worked with Paul at NCCU. He was such a nice person to be around. He was always ready and willing to help. Juella McQueen Tanner

Juella Tanner - August 19, 2020 at 09:50 PM

PR

“ Priscilla Weaver, Anne Reed purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Mr. Paul Douglas Harrison, Sr..



Priscilla Weaver, Anne Reed - August 19, 2020 at 08:26 PM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Mr. Paul Douglas Harrison, Sr..



August 18, 2020 at 11:55 PM

JM

“ My thoughts and prayers are with you at this time. Paul was a good friend to my family Hayes and Shirley Brown and to me. I have known him every since I was a child. He was always a kind man who tried to bring out the best in others. My God be with you and bring you peace in the days to come.

Jewel Brown Mitchell - August 18, 2020 at 08:10 PM

KA

“ Glenda, my condolences on the passing of your father.

I've known Paul for a long time, back when DP was in the basement of the old Health Building.

When you would bring him to AMF., regardless of what lane I was on, I made it my business to go see him. He will be missed.

Karen - August 18, 2020 at 07:17 PM

EH

“ Margaret, Glenda, Paul, Jr., and family

Words of solace are sent to you on behalf of the Hyman family. Paul first knew me as Miss Coppedge, and I was one of his students at DBC. He was the quintessential teacher, consummate professional, and a good family man. Later, we became members of the same Church where I saw these qualities on display in a man of faith. I shall deeply miss the warmth of his smile and engaging personality and pray that our loving God grants comfort and peace to those who love him.



Elaine Coppedge Hyman and Family

Elaine Coppedge Hyman - August 18, 2020 at 05:28 PM

JL

To the Paul Harrison Family: May the love of God' and the sweet communion of the presence of his Holy Spirit , rest ,rule and abide in you continually. God's love, comfort and compassion is ever near and will sustain you not only now, but continually. The calling on the name of sweet Jesus is gracious enough to cover all that you need. We love you and you're in our prayers. Houston, Jr.& Joletha

Joletha Leathers - August 19, 2020 at 10:17 PM



Tamisha
Waden

“ I worked with Mr. Paul for short time in the NCCU ITS department. He was such a nice man and always kind. My condolences to all his family and friends. May God bless and keep you in the days to come.

Tamisha Waden - August 18, 2020 at 05:02 PM

MK

“ Paul was a friend and co-worker at Durham College and NCCU. He will be missed. Love and condolences to the family.

Marsha G Kee - August 18, 2020 at 01:31 PM

JF

“ Margaret, on behalf the Durham College family, we are deeply saddened to hear that Paul, a dedicated alumnus of Durham College will no longer be with us. He will be truly missed. May the years of beautiful memories comfort you and your family as days pass. Paul Harrison is "Gone but not Forgotten". Jackie Futrell - Class of 70' and Chairperson, 2019 Durham College Reunion.

Jacqueline B Futrell - August 18, 2020 at 12:50 PM



“ Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Mr. Paul Douglas Harrison, Sr..



August 18, 2020 at 11:15 AM

PJ

“ My prayers and condolences to the Harris Family. May God strengthen you during this time. Patricia C Jefferson Johnson. DBC Class of 1974.

patricic C Johnson - August 18, 2020 at 10:41 AM



“ Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Mr. Paul Douglas Harrison, Sr..



August 17, 2020 at 11:52 PM

DN

“ Sincere and heartfelt condolences to the family. Lean on our Heavenly Father as He carries through your grief journey. L. Danyce Dicks - DBC Class of 74



Danyce Dicks - Wilmington, NC - August 17, 2020 at 11:51 PM

WW

“ Paul Jr., Glenda and Mrs. Harrison, My prayers are with you and your family as you celebrate a life well lived. Mr Harrison was always a sterling example of positive manhood as we grew up in our church and community. God Bless you each!

William Lawrence Jr.

WWLJ - August 17, 2020 at 11:43 PM



“ *Magnificent Life Spray was purchased for the family of Mr. Paul Douglas Harrison, Sr..*



August 17, 2020 at 11:15 PM