



Tony Harrison

November 21, 1945 - August 15, 2023

James (Tony) Anthony Harrison, age 77, passed away unexpectedly on August 15, 2023. Tony was born in Buford, GA on November 21, 1945. He was preceded in death by his wife, Glenda Martin Harrison; his parents, Luke and Mozelle Harrison; his parents-in-law, Fred and Sarah Martin; his sister, Laura Harrison; his brother-in-law, Ray Sexton; his sister-in-law, Martha Light; his nephews, Danny Sexton and Ebb Scott.

Tony is survived by his daughter and her fiancé, Mary Frances Everett and Ricky Crawford; his beloved grandchildren, Raylee Rose Everett and Jackson James Lee Crawford; his sister, Charlotte Harrison Sexton; sisters-in-law, Edith and Buster Puckett, Vivian and James Youngblood, brothers-in-law, David and Irma Light and David and Joy Martin; Deborah Martin; eleven nieces and nephews; and numerous very special friends and family members.

Tony was a graduate of Buford High School, class of 1963. He continued his education at Emory University, followed by The University of Georgia where he received Bachelor's Degree in English. He later returned to UGA to earn a Master's Degree in Elementary Education followed by an Education Specialist Degree in Guidance and Counseling, Tony taught at Sugar Hill Elementary for thirty-two years, thirteen as an elementary school teacher and nineteen as an elementary guidance counselor. Tony also had served in the United States Army during the Vietnam War.

Tony was deeply involved in his church, First Baptist Church of Buford. throughout his life. He served as a Deacon, Sunday School Teacher, Youth Activities Director, RA Leader, Children's Worship Director, Adult Choir Member, Silvertones Senior Adult Choir Member, and many other roles. Tony enjoyed the little things in life. He especially loved music of all kinds and you could often find him dancing to anything by Aretha Franklin. He was happiest when surrounded by friends and family with good music and good food. He could have his own "Church" anywhere, and it often look place in the car listening to Whitney Houston. His laughter and positivity were infectious, and he left a mark on everyone he met.

There are no words to describe the glorious reunion that occurred when he saw Glenda again on Tuesday morning and walked the streets of heaven fully healed. He now knows fully the words written in Isaiah 43:1, "...I have redeemed you; I have summoned you by name, you are mine."

Funeral Services will be held on Saturday, August 19, 2023 at 11:00 a.m. at First Baptist Church of Buford, with Pastor Wayne Johnson and Mike Shoemake officiating. There will be no graveside service per Tony's request. Honorary Escort will be the Tuesday Morning Prayer Breakfast Buddies. The family will receive friends on Friday, August 18, 2023 from 2:00 – 4:00 p.m. and 6:00 – 8:00 p.m. at Flanigan Funeral Home, Buford, GA; and again, on Saturday from 9:30 – 10:30 a.m. at the Funeral Home.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to Eagle Ranch, P.O. Box 7200, Chestnut Mountain, GA in memory of Tony Harrison.

Previous Events

Visitation

AUG 18. 2:00 PM - 4:00 PM (ET)

Flanigan Funeral Home
4400 South Lee Street
Buford, GA 30518

Visitation

AUG 18. 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

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Visitation

AUG 19. 9:30 AM - 10:30 AM (ET)

Flanigan Funeral Home
4400 South Lee Street
Buford, GA 30518

Funeral Service

AUG 19. 11:00 AM (ET)

Buford First Baptist Church
4550 Hamilton Mill Road
Buford, GA 30518

Tribute Wall

VJ

“ I don't think we have ever known anyone with a more bigger than life personality than Tony ❤️! His smile & laugh were infectious ! I got to see his his joyful love of music & dance firsthand when many years ago in the early 80's we were paired together in a 6 week ballroom dancing class at Patsy Kelley's studio. We were quite the pair with his large stature and my little 5 "2" short self trying to learn those steps 😊! Tony & Glenda made the perfect couple & I remember how ecstatic they were to be Mary Francis's parents ❤️! I've known Glenda all my life growing up in the same hometown she & my brother Vic went all through school together.I can only imagine how happy she and so many other family members were to welcome Tony home on Tuesday! Everyone who had the great pleasure of knowing these two precious souls in any capacity has been greatly blessed with fond memories! Mary & children, Charlotte & all the Harrison & Martin families will be in our thoughts & prayers!



Vernon & Ann Jarrard - August 18, 2023 at 01:05 PM

KB

“ Loved and remembered at Sugar Hill Elementary.



Kimberly Van Buren - August 18, 2023 at 06:59 AM

BT

“ My sympathy goes to the grieving family of this wonderful man. I worked with Tony as a fellow elementary counselor for 20 years. Over the years, I learned so much from him by his sage wisdom, guidance, and passion for his job.. He always said that when he died, he wanted the word teacher written in rhinestones on his tombstone. He was, indeed, a devoted and passionate educator. I have seen him in performances at First Baptist in the choir. Tony had such a strong voice, that of an angel. Whatever Tony did, he did it with great gusto and with his definitive style. His infectious laugh would rise over all others wherever he was. It is that great joy of life that I will remember most. He had a profound love for his family, children, his profession, his church, and his God. The world is less joyful without Tony in it, but I know he rejoices in heaven as he reunites with those who have gone before. Tony's life is the very definition of success, and he will be profoundly missed. I will be keeping each family member in my heart and prayers. Tony's influence was wide and deep. The absence of such a man leaves a huge void in the world.

Brenda Thomas

Brenda Thomas - August 16, 2023 at 06:22 PM

CZ

Cathy & I are so very sad for the loss of Tony. He was a wonderful person, an outstanding counselor, and a Christian role model. Tony will be greatly missed. Cathy enjoyed working with Tony at Sugar Hill Elementary. God bless the daughter and fiancé.

Cathy & Gene Ziegler - August 17, 2023 at 05:56 PM

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David Reed - August 16, 2023 at 03:58 PM

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David Reed - August 16, 2023 at 12:14 PM

SW

“ I've known Tony and considered him a friend for 40 years. We were in a singles Sunday School class together way back. We married around the same time, lost our spouses, shared our grief. He was a wonderful person, a good Christian man, and always there with an encouraging word. I'll miss him. Sue Wintemute

Sue Wintemute - August 16, 2023 at 11:59 AM

DR

“ 2 files added to the album Memories of Tony



David Reed - August 16, 2023 at 11:47 AM

BJ

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Bill Jones - August 16, 2023 at 09:53 AM