



Rev. Carl N. Harris

November 24, 1935 - March 29, 2017

Loris... Rev. Carl N. Harris passed away Wednesday, March 29, 2017. He was born in Union, SC, a son of the late Nick and Irene Harris on November 24, 1935. He accepted Jesus as his Savior in 1953 and felt the call of God to become a preacher. Rev. Harris graduated from Union High School, Wofford College, and attended Emory University Chandler School of Theology. He served in the United Methodist Conference for 44 years. He was pastor of Carlisle United Methodist Church and Gilliam United Methodist Church in Union, SC, St. Andrews United Methodist Church and St. Mark United Methodist Church, Spartanburg, SC, Landrum United Methodist Church, Landrum, SC, Loris First United Methodist Church, Loris, SC, St. Paul United Methodist Church, Florence, SC, St. Paul's United Methodist Church, Orangeburg, SC, and First United Methodist Church, Conway, SC, where he retired. After retirement, he formed the Second Mile Evangelistic Association in 2001 and the Loris Interfaith Task Force in 2002. Rev. Harris also served as interim pastor at Loris Presbyterian Church, Loris First Baptist Church, Beulah Baptist Church, Camp Swamp United Methodist Church and Olyphic Baptist Church.

Rev. Harris served as Chairman of SC Conference Board of Evangelism, was a delegate to International Congress World Evangelism in Lausanne, Switzerland, a delegate to Southeastern Jurisdictional Conference, affiliate member of General Board of Discipleship, President of Nation Congress of

Evangelism, World Methodist Council, Chairman of the Board of TMS, and President of Second Mile Evangelism.

He is survived by his wife of 60 years, Shirley Harris; sons, Mark Harris (Sharon) and Rhett Harris (Debbie); daughter, Carla Blackburn (Darryl); six grandchildren, Nicholas Harris (Ashley), Amy Davis (Kevin), Carlyn Harris, Ashley Harris, Anna Harris, and John Mark Harris; two great-grandchildren, Lane and Emory Harris; brother, Bob Bentley; sister, Paulette Perry; and several nieces and nephews.

Visitation will be held Friday, March 31, 2017, from 4:00-6:00 p.m. in the Loris First United Methodist Church Fellowship Hall. Funeral service will follow at 6:00 p.m.

Services will also be held on Saturday, April 1, 2017, at 2:00 p.m. at Bethlehem United Methodist Church in Union, SC, with visitation one hour prior to the service. Burial will follow in the church cemetery.

Memorials may be made to McLeod Loris Foundation, Loris Hospice Project, Attn: Kelly Hughes, 4000 Highway 9 East, Little River, SC 29566.

Please sign a guestbook at www.goldfinchfuneralhome.com

Goldfinch Funeral Home of Loris and Holcombe Funeral Home of Union are serving the family.

Cemetery Details

Bethlehem United Methodist Church Cemetery

1622 Kelly Road
Union, SC 29379

Previous Events

Visitation

MAR 31. 4:00 PM - 6:00 PM (ET)

Loris First United Methodist Church
3507 Broad Street
Loris, SC 29569

Funeral Service

MAR 31. 6:00 PM (ET)

Loris First United Methodist Church
3507 Broad Street
Loris, SC 29569

Visitation

APR 1. 1:00 PM - 2:00 PM (ET)

Bethlehem United Methodist Church Cemetery
1622 Kelly Road
Union, SC 29379

Funeral Service

APR 1. 2:00 PM (ET)

Bethlehem United Methodist Church Cemetery
1622 Kelly Road
Union, SC 29379

Tribute Wall

KC

“ I have fought the good fight, I have finished my course, I have kept the faith: Henceforth there is laid up for me a crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous judge, shall give me at that day: and not to me only, but unto all them also that love his appearing. II Timothy 4:7-8



Kenny Carter - April 04, 2017 at 09:03 PM

JS

“ A nicer, more caring person, I could never find. He was so kind to me at a difficult situation. I shall forever remember his love and compassion. And "Miss" Shirley is such a gracious lady and was a wonderful spouse who was so loving and caring. Pastor Carl was truly "a man of God". Joan Smith

Joan Smith - April 03, 2017 at 06:49 AM

JS

“ So sorry to hear of Carl's passing. I always enjoyed being in his presence, although those times were all too rare. Love and prayers for the family from your cousin in Colorado.

Jean (Sanders) Shumaker



Jean Shumaker - April 01, 2017 at 04:22 AM

NS

“ *Carl Harris has truly made a difference in our walk with Christ. We were blessed to be apart of his life. Kimbrough, Norma & Dorothy Sells*

Norma Sells - March 31, 2017 at 08:05 PM

AM

“ *Thinking of each of you during this time. He listened so attentively as he spoke with people and loved by all. What a great family you are in sharing your memories and being with him surrounded with love until the end.*

amanda mills - March 31, 2017 at 12:40 PM

TF

“ *To Mrs. Shirley and family:*

We are deeply saddened for your loss and our hearts a filled with sympathy. I am grateful to have learned so much from such a giant in faith. He inspired us in so many ways and his faith was unwavered. I am honored to have known him and I enjoyed every single sermon and his many visits and our discussions through the years. I am most appreciative for his love for our lord, his family and his native land of Union County. Our prayers are with Mrs. Shirley, (also a true Saint) and the family during this sad time. Toney L. Farr, Pea Ridge, S.C. (Union County)

Toney L. Farr - March 31, 2017 at 10:52 AM

RN

To Shirley and family: My sympathy in the loss of Carl. My prayer is that God will surround you with His love and comfort. Carl served his Lord faithfully and so very well.

A UHS '54 classmate. Ruth Anne Gettys Nicholson

Ruth Anne Gettys Nicholson - March 31, 2017 at 11:49 AM

SV

To know him was too love him, will be missed by all.

STEVE VAUGHT - April 06, 2017 at 12:19 PM

AH

“ *A dear, precious man (and friend) who helped strengthen my faith..... in so many ways. Through David Jr's four heart surgeries, asking me to become a member of "Second Mile" team, and through his genuine love and concern for our entire family. Through him, we were honored to meet Ralph Freeman.... such a Godly man with a beautiful voice. Carl always had a smile and a hug for me. I cherished each one of them. With me, he wouldn't take "no" for an answer; when he asked me to do something, I did it! Just one example: It was a very, very hot and humid day. I was 8 months pregnant and miserable (from the heat)..... a new family had moved to town and he called me to go invite them to St. Paul's UMC. His words, "When they see you waddling up the walkway in this heat, they'll have to say YES, please go TODAY". I did . They joined. Mission accomplished. I loved this man, will always love his precious Shirley and their children. I pray each of you will feel God's Love, Peace, and Presence during this time of sadness and loss. May God bless you all❤️ Ann Hutto*

Ann Hutto - March 31, 2017 at 09:08 AM

BG

“ *Thoughts and prayers to Rev. Carl Harris's family. Billy and Verona Gore, Longs*

Billy Gore - March 31, 2017 at 08:35 AM

TH

“ Tammy Howell lit a candle in memory of Rev. Carl N. Harris



Tammy Howell - March 31, 2017 at 08:26 AM

FC

“ Fondly, Maria Elias-Williams and Cobi purchased the Garden of Memories for the family of Rev. Carl N. Harris.



Fondly, Maria Elias-Williams and Cobi - March 31, 2017 at 06:58 AM

RG

“ Robin Graham lit a candle in memory of Rev. Carl N. Harris



Robin Graham - March 31, 2017 at 02:39 AM

DL

“ Mrs. Shirley and family: Rest in the Lord. May His peace abide with each one of you. The joy that awaited him and the compelling desire to be with His Lord is now fulfilled. In the Holy City, he walks and talks, glorified, in a new body, robed in white, with a crown of glory. A part of Carl lives in all of us for he touched us ,individually and collectively, and we will never be the same. Well done thou good and faithful servant. In Christ, Donna Lay

Donna Lay - March 30, 2017 at 09:06 PM

JH

“ Rev. Harris will forever be a formative part of my journey with Christ. Through those years growing up at St. Paul United Methodist, Rev. Harris was always supportive and encouraging to stand on my faith and use the gifts that he gave me to make a difference and share the gospel. I'll never forget that trip to the Holy Land as the youngest member of the group as well as the sense of family we all shared in that church. My heart and prayers go out to the entire family, but simply pause to take in the impact that he had on your lives and the lives of all that he knew. He will be greatly missed and abundantly appreciated. We are all better people for having shared life with Carl Harris.

Sincerely, Jay Hudson.

Jay Hudson - March 30, 2017 at 08:09 PM

JH

“ Shirley, I am so sorry to hear that you have lost your precious Carl! You had such a long partnership in love and in service to Christ. I hope you will find comfort and many smiling memories of your years together as you remember better days. May God put his arms around you as you walk through these next days. Sent with love,
Jane Harvey

Jane Harvey - March 30, 2017 at 06:27 PM

DB

“ Dr. Stephen Peters and District 55 School Board purchased the Country Basket Blooms for the family of Rev. Carl N. Harris.



Dr. Stephen Peters and District 55 School Board - March 30, 2017 at 04:03 PM

CP

“ Shirley and family---Sandy and I pray God's continual comfort and peace during your time of sadness. God has lost one of His fiercest worldly warriors. However, He has gained and welcomed with open arms, one of His most faithful spiritual ambassadors. Carl was given a simple but crucial eternal message to share with the world--- God loves you and welcomes you to His family. Carl will continue to be loved and missed by all who had the privilege of knowing him. Many come but few have made a difference in the lives of the lost. Carl made the difference in us all. Carl-- we celebrate your eternal joy. Love



Sandy and Carroll Padgett

Carroll Padgett - March 30, 2017 at 01:10 PM



“ Prayers and condolences for this Dr. Harris and this precious family.

Gale Iusti - March 30, 2017 at 12:54 PM

BP

“ Shirley I was saddened to hear of Carl's passing but happy to know he now has his eternal blessing and is no longer having struggles. The time you spend apart now is brief when you consider Carl is waiting on all of you in paradise where you will spend eternity. I love you Shirley and I do know the loss you feel.

Bonnie Pardue

Bonnie Pardue - March 30, 2017 at 11:14 AM

JV

Our sincere condolences to all the family. We loved Rev. Harris. He left his mark on our life as he did for so many. Our thoughts and prayers.

Jimmy and JoAnn Vaught - March 30, 2017 at 12:35 PM

MF

“ *M Ford lit a candle in memory of Rev. Carl N. Harris*



M Ford - March 30, 2017 at 09:23 AM



Melissa Ford

Our thoughts and prayers are with you and your family. Melissa and George Ford (Daughter of Robert & Judy Herring)

Melissa Ford - March 30, 2017 at 09:26 AM

EG

“ *Earth has no sorrow that heaven cannot heal. Thinking of you, Rhett, Debbie, Carlyn, Anna and the Family at this difficult time.*

Love You,

Elizabeth & Nate Gary

Elizabeth Gary - March 30, 2017 at 08:33 AM

DK

“ *Sending our love, thoughts and prayer to all the Family. Your loss is Heaven's Gain. The Citizens of Loris and Surrounding areas will certain miss Rev. Harris. Dale and David Carter*

dale king - March 30, 2017 at 08:18 AM

BS

“ Shirley and family. Our hearts are heavy for you all. We loved the time we spent with you St. Paul . My dad and cat loved you both. He will be missed but I know he heard those words we all want to hear "Well done good and faithful servant enter in". What a blessing to have known Carl and his constant love for people. He pastored a large flock. Love the Harris family. Vj and Becky Schofield

becky schofield - March 30, 2017 at 08:07 AM

GS

“ May God Bless you and your Family during this time and in the days to come. God is the Strength of our lives.

God Bless,
Geoff Stephens

Geoffrey Stephens - March 30, 2017 at 08:04 AM

CG

“ Dear Shirley and family,

Pastor Carl was such a good and Godly man. Tommy and I loved him as our pastor at Camp Swamp UMC. He was my friend and co-worker. He was a guide, a teacher, a spiritual leader and a devoted man of the Word. He touched so many lives including ours and we were blessed to know him. Your family will remain in our thoughts and prayers during this time of grief and sadness. What a happy reunion day it will be when we all get to heaven.

Connie Grant Krzykowski

Connie Grant - March 30, 2017 at 04:55 AM

SB

“ *Sammy Branton lit a candle in memory of Rev. Carl N. Harris*



Sammy Branton - March 30, 2017 at 04:49 AM

BO

“ *I am sorry to learn of Carl's passing but joyful that he has been welcomed into heaven with open arms by our loving savior, Jesus Christ. I am certain that God said to him, "Well done, my good and faithful servant." He was our pastor for many years at First Methodist Church in Conway and he was such a positive influence on so many lives! My prayers are with Shirley tonight and the rest of his family.*

Betty Owen - March 29, 2017 at 10:49 PM



“ *I will be forever grateful that Reverend Harris was in our lives. He was a true anchor, a leader of leaders, and the best of good and faithful servants.*

Beccy Ward - March 29, 2017 at 10:14 PM

SE

“ *Keeping your family in my prayers, Rhett.*

Shirley Edwards - March 29, 2017 at 09:39 PM

RJ

“ Carl touched so many lives serving as a minister, and also as a child of our Heavenly Father, who was always ready to witness to God's Everlasting Love, Forgiveness, and Grace. Shirley, my love and prayers are with you and your family. May God carry you all in His Loving arms and Comfort you knowing that Carl is rejoicing with our Lord.

Ruth Ann Jones - March 29, 2017 at 09:24 PM

WG

“ Rev. Harris was a wonderful Pastor and Awesome Man of God! My Mom and Dad, Paul and Glenda Vaught, and myself knew the family from way back! My Parents have been with the The Lord for a few years now; if they were here they would be headed to Loris to be there to pray and help comfort your family! May you find comfort in knowing Carl is with the Lord and in no pain! Maybe he will even see my Mom and Dad! May you feel the Lord's peace during this difficult time and feel His joy that is your strength! Jesus is with you and loves you so much and so do !! ❤️🙏🏻✝️🙏🏻



Wendy Getsinger - March 29, 2017 at 09:23 PM

JH

“ Rev Carl was like a Billy Graham to me growing up. He was my childhood pastor. His granddaughter and I were best of friends and would play when she was visiting. He was like an adoptive grandfather since my own grandparents lived out of state. The angels are rejoicing. His mansion is amazing oh and his crown of jewels how beautiful they must be. Love to all the family. Love Jessica Dailey Haas



jessica dailey haas - March 29, 2017 at 09:03 PM

PB

“ I am so sorry to hear about the death of Carl Harris. Shirley and I were students at Lander College, now Lander University, and great friends. We have stayed in touch all these years. I am praying for all of Carl's family and great friends.

Patricia Martin Bowie - March 29, 2017 at 08:43 PM

RG

“ Rev. Michael & Metisa Graham lit a candle in memory of Rev. Carl N. Harris



Rev. Michael & Metisa Graham - March 29, 2017 at 08:29 PM

RM

To all the family in this time of remembrance. We are so sorry for your loss. He was a great father, husband, and a man of God. He will truly be missed.

Rev. Michael - March 29, 2017 at 08:32 PM

EG

Carl was a leader among leaders in our church family and I loved him dearly. He talked and walked the talk. I rejoice that he is with our Lord and Savior. Shirley and family, you are in my thoughts and prayers. Your faith will strengthen you all the days of your life. Elizabeth Grantham

Elizabeth Grantham - March 30, 2017 at 07:58 AM

DC

When the milestone is complete the journey ends swiftly. Hold on to good memories. Blessings and peace !Doris C. Johnson

Doris C. Johnson - March 30, 2017 at 09:01 AM

JH

“ He spent a lifetime walking with our Lord!
"The day of death is **BETTER** than the day
one is born! What rejoicing when he entered
into the **JOYS** of Heaven!



Jeannette Huggins - March 29, 2017 at 08:20 PM

AH

“ I am sorry for your loss.



Alison Jean Hamilton - March 29, 2017 at 08:17 PM

SB

“ Susan Bailey lit a candle in memory of Rev.
Carl N. Harris



Susan Bailey - March 29, 2017 at 08:16 PM

WG

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Wendy Getsinger - March 29, 2017 at 09:13 PM

SB

“ Rhett, Debbie & Family; We are so sorry for your loss. You are in our thoughts and prayers.

Keith & Susan

Susan Bailey - March 29, 2017 at 08:15 PM

BB

“ Shirley, I am sorry that Carl has left but so thankful for the life you and your family had with him. What a blessing to know that he is now at home with Jesus. The same Jesus he shared with so many all over the world. I love you.



Brenda Brown - March 29, 2017 at 07:43 PM

EM

“ I first met Carl in Florence playing basket ball for his churches men's basketball team...and his daughter Carla worked with me at JC Penney.....When I moved to Myrtle Beach one night I went to the mound to pitch in a slow pitch softball game, and I heard someone in the competing dugout yell out my name. It was Carl...this was some 20 plus years since I had seen him in Florence. That was who he was. He always treated everyone as if they were his closest friend...What a great man who will be sadly missed who kept preaching the word until there was no more breath left in his lungs...Godspeed to his family, Shirley and Carla may God wrap his loving arms around you during your time of grief...Elwin

Elwin Miles - March 29, 2017 at 07:22 PM

JF

“ Shirley and Pastor Carl were our first friends when we came to Loris SC. Pastor Carl's understanding and easy explanation of the Bible helped me so much. He was a Godly man and will be missed. Heaven opened its arms and welcomed him home. Prayers for you Shirley and your family. Love, Jack and Penny Farren

Jack and Penny Farren - March 29, 2017 at 07:21 PM

RT

“ His wife, Shirley, was a college classmate of mine and a very special friend. We both shared the honor of being a Minister's wife. Thinking and praying for you, Shirley, and your children. I know what it is like losing your husband and best friend. Love you and will keep you in my thoughts and prayers. Roberta Altman Thompson



Roberta Thompson - March 29, 2017 at 07:14 PM

JM

“ Jose And Mary Catherine Miranda lit a candle in memory of Rev. Carl N. Harris



Jose and Mary Catherine Miranda - March 29, 2017 at 07:02 PM

MF

“ We had the honor of having Carl as our minister at St Paul's UMC in Orangeburg, SC. He was such a great mentor. So much love to his family. He will be missed but I know he is walking with our Savior.



Mr. & Mrs. Stephen Dailey & family - March 29, 2017 at 06:41 PM

PC

“ *Paula Cox lit a candle in memory of Rev. Carl N. Harris*



Paula Cox - March 29, 2017 at 05:31 PM

BB

“ *Barbara Buffkin lit a candle in memory of Rev. Carl N. Harris*



Barbara Buffkin - March 29, 2017 at 04:57 PM

BB

Condolences to the family.

Barbara Buffkin - March 29, 2017 at 04:59 PM

RT

I was saddened to read that Carl's body had died. We were at Wofford and Emory together, and served together in the Methodist Churches of South Carolina. He was dearly loved by so many who are grateful for his meaningful ministry. God knows your pain, may you know His peace.

Regi Thackston - March 30, 2017 at 04:09 PM