
Shirley Harris III(1944 - 2017)

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Jackson

Mr. Shirley Harris, III, was a native of Tuscaloosa, AL. He was the son of Shirley and Marion Bernice Harris. He was a 1962 distinguished graduate of Druid High School and a 1968 graduate of Jackson State University. He began his baseball career at JSU, becoming a two-year letterman who was selected as the starting pitcher for three consecutive years. In 1964, he was drafted by the Houston Astros, the first JSU baseball player to turn professional. After a four-year Major League Baseball career, he returned to JSU to complete his degree in Health, Physical Education and Recreation. He completed graduate study at the University of Alabama and was employed at Benjamin Barnes Branch YMCA Tuscaloosa and later as an instructor/coach at JSU. A 1992 JSU Hall of Fame inductee, he later coached baseball briefly and taught history in Jackson Public Schools for 20 years, retiring from Provine High School in 2005.

Grandfather of seven grandchildren, Mr. Harris is survived by his wife, Dr. Joyce Harris; son, Dr. Kevin Harris; and daughter, Dr. Tracy Harris.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests that contributions be made to the Shirley and Joyce Harris Athletic and Academic Scholarship Fund to support education students and baseball student athletes at Jackson State University. Please contact the JSU Development Foundation at 601-979-2941.

Visitation is Friday, July 7, 2017, from 1 - 7:00 p.m. (family present 6 - 7:00 p.m.) at Lakeover Memorial Funeral Home, 1525 Beasley Road, Jackson, MS 39206. Funeral Services will be held on Saturday, July 8, 2017, 11:00 a.m., at Pearl Street A.M.E. Church, 2519 Robinson St., Jackson, MS 39209.

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