



Edward Frank Harris

August 13, 1939 - June 6, 2020

Our Dad, brother, Papa, and friend, Ed Harris made his final toast before going to be with our Lord on Saturday, June 6th. The evening before he passed was a night filled with family and friends and love and laughter. He left us way too soon, but we know that he died a happy man.

Edward Frank Harris was born August 13, 1939 to Dr. Edward Earl and Adeline Harris in Yreka, CA. He joined sisters, Adria, Lucy, Susan, Katherine (KK) and was later joined by Margaret (Maggie). The family lived at 624 Lane Street until 1945 when they moved to the family home at 510 North Oregon Street. He attended Yreka Elementary and graduated from Yreka High School in 1957. Ed's favorite childhood memories included summer trips to Finley Camp with family - a tradition that he shared with his children and grandchildren - he was never too old and the water was never too cold for him to wade in the river. The tradition included stopping to bury a penny at the top of Etna summit and get an ice cream at Dottie's.

Ed left Yreka to attend San Jose State but his early college career was interrupted by a brain tumor and the resulting surgery. Ed recovered, attended College of the Siskiyous, and then transferred to Chico State where he received his degree in General Elementary Education. In 1960, he began dating Jean Meamber. Jean's father asked her "Who is that older man I see you with?" When she responded, "Ed Harris", her father said, "Well, who in the

hell is Ed Harris.” Though the story has been repeated many times, very few people ever asked the question again as Ed never knew a stranger.

Ed and Jean were married in St. Joseph’s Catholic Church on June 17th, 1967. They began a life together building and then living in the apartments just behind the family home on North Oregon Street. Edward Earl (Eddie) was born in 1969, followed by Chris in 1971. When Jack joined the family in 1977, they made a swap with Ed’s mother and moved into the family home and continued to make memories with family and friends. “510” as it is fondly referred to, was one of Ed’s pride and joys, he loved his home and he always made every visitor feel welcome.

Ed began his career at Jackson Street School in 1964 and remained there until he retired in 1998. He had a passion for children and helping them to learn and become better people. In classroom 9, paying attention was the golden rule. Those who either hadn’t been warned or who forgot this requirement were met with an eraser - thrown with laser sharp accuracy and precision. In 30+ years of teaching, Ed impacted the lives of so many students with his kindness, his humor, and his dedication to knowledge and learning.

When Ed retired, he devoted much of his time to his grandkids whom he adored. Jacob and Anna and then Jayne and Nora spent hours each day with their Papa in the years before they started school and once enrolled in school, spent many after school hours with Papa. Reading, and playing “I Spy” were some of their favorite pastimes.

Jean retired in 2004 and the two of them enjoyed many traveling adventures. Together they became very active in the Retired Teachers Association and Ed served as their president. Ed and Jean were looking forward to celebrating 53 years of marriage on June 17th. They had planned a cross country trip to visit Jack and Carly in Virginia and to see their granddaughter Austin, their

grandson Andrew, and to meet their newest grandson Abel for the first time.

Second to his grandkids, Ed's passions included great jazz, reading, doing the crossword puzzle, watching Fox News, watching the Giants, the Niners, and the Warriors, and traveling throughout the U.S. Ed visited all 50 states mostly via cross country road trips with Jack. He was the family recycler and would pick up cans, bottles, and trash around town on his walks - often putting these in the bottom of the stroller if he happened to be pushing one of his grandkids. Ed and Jean loved to "cut a rug" to classics like String of Pearls. He was a dedicated member of the Ross Neillon Post 1922 Drum & Bugle Corps. He and Jean and the other Drum and Bugle Corps members shared many great travel adventures to parades all over Northern California. Ed was a Yreka "go-to" when Taps needed to be played for a funeral or memorial service. It wasn't unusual for someone to walk by the house and hear the sound of the trumpet coming out of the upstairs window. Ed's generosity knew no bounds, always willing to help anyone in need - but always requiring that they "do a little work" in exchange. Ed's volunteerism in his community was evident, but most recently he served as a volunteer at the Collier's Rest Area Welcome Center, where he enjoyed visits with people from all over the world.

Ed is survived by his wife, Jean, his children Ed E, Chris (Jill), Jack (Carlyn), sisters Adria, Susan (Lloyd), Katherine, and Margaret, his grandchildren, Jacob, Anna, Jayne, Nora, Austin, Andrew, and Abel. He leaves behind numerous and beloved nephews, nieces, cousins, and friends. He was preceded in death by his parents Edward Earl and Adeline Harris, and his sister Lucy.

Recitation of Rosary prayer will be Sunday, June 14th at 6 p.m. and the Funeral Mass will be Monday, June 15th at 10 a.m. both at Saint Joseph's Catholic Church in Yreka. Due to the Covid-19 situation, Saint Joseph's will be

limiting attendance in the church. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to United Scholarships Incorporated, PO Box 1328, Yreka, CA 96097 and/or St. Joseph's Parish, 314 4th Street, Yreka, CA 96097.

Previous Events

Rosary

JUN **14**. 6:00 PM (PT)

St. Joseph Catholic Church
314 Fourth Street
Yreka, CA 96097

Mass of the Christian Burial

JUN **15**. 10:00 AM (PT)

St. Joseph Catholic Church
314 Fourth Street
Yreka, CA 96097

Tribute Wall

JA

“ *John Anderson lit a candle in memory of Edward Frank Harris*



John Anderson - July 19, 2020 at 12:59 AM

JA

*I had just seen Ed and Jean at the Credit Union just days before his passing and wished them well and we talked a bit as I told them I had moved away to Southern Oregon. When I was in grammar school at Jackson St in the mid 60's I would go out at recess and talk to my favorite teacher, Mr Harris. I was their paper boy then and I delivered to their apartment below the big house by the creek. I wish your family well. I always had fond memories of those times. God Bless
John*

John Anderson - July 19, 2020 at 01:08 AM

SK

“ *We want to add our thoughts of comfort to the entire family. We have enjoyed many good times with many of you and even though we haven't spent time recently we are saddened by the loss of Ed.*



Greg and Sheila Kuck

Sheila Kuck - June 14, 2020 at 02:47 AM

MW

“ I only met Eddie once or twice but I remember him being a kind and caring man.

So sorry for your loss.

Matt & Caroline Wilbur - June 13, 2020 at 02:37 PM

JP

“ Dear Harris Family, I'm so sorry for your loss. Ed was such a character, what a sense of humor. I always enjoyed his stories like when he climbed into a friends car to scare her when she came out of the grocery store...only it wasn't her car!
He loved his family very much, brought humor to his classroom, and always had smiles for all of us. Well miss you Ed.

judy pavlik - June 13, 2020 at 11:50 AM

 David Gordon

“ Mr Harris you were truly a great man
You created motivation, a desire for learning and the value of genuine freinds. I shall tresure the memories of the short tie I spent with you and your family and remain inspired by the values and measure of integrity that you passed on. I wish all your family and freinds all the very best in this trying time and trust that their memories of you will continue to inspire them as much as me. Good Bye Mr Harris and thank you for everything.
Love allways
David Gordon

David Gordon - June 13, 2020 at 10:13 AM

KO

“ Kathleen A O'Neill lit a candle in memory of Edward Frank Harris



Kathleen A O'Neill - June 12, 2020 at 03:57 PM

JF

“ Our condolences to Jean and the entire Harris family. Ed always greeted you with a smile. He enjoyed life. He was a one-of-a kind teacher. My daughter was blessed to have been a student of Ed's. She Thought he was "super Teacher"! Ed was a wonderful man!

Joe Funderburg - June 12, 2020 at 12:05 AM

JO

“ Sweet man will be missed....



June Ochoa - June 11, 2020 at 10:00 PM

CR

“ He was one of my favorite teachers in elementary school. I remember him with his wood paddle with holes if it was your birthday and he knew he'd pull it out. I also remember every week he'd put a new presidents head up on the wall of the 40 presidents he said if you couldn't memori6rhem he'd fail you in his class. Hev was always good for a joke. My thoughts and prayers go out to his family.

Chere Ashe Redman - June 11, 2020 at 12:28 PM

SH

“ *Suzanne Hott lit a candle in memory of Edward Frank Harris*



Suzanne Hott - June 11, 2020 at 01:51 AM

SH

So sorry for your loss from the Hotts and the Buckinghams

Suzanne Hott - June 11, 2020 at 01:52 AM

MA

“ *Marshafarley lit a candle in memory of Edward Frank Harris*



marshafarley - June 10, 2020 at 11:53 PM

HB

“ *I have so many great memories of Mr. Harris. He was definitely my favorite elementary school teacher. I can still sing all the old songs he had us listen too in class verbatim. At the time I thought if I heard "She wore a yellow ribbon" one more time I'd die but now I've taught it to my own children.*

My thoughts are with the family. May you find comfort in your memories of how amazing he was.

Heather Bagley(Brown)

Heather Bagley - June 10, 2020 at 10:28 PM

EK

“ He was a great person and always had a smile and probably a joke of some kind for every thing. I will always treasure the pleasure of knowing him



Esther Kennedy - June 10, 2020 at 09:43 PM

DD

“ So sorry for your loss. May your memories of an amazing man, bring you comfort during this difficult time. Vern & Debbie Drane

Debbie Drane - June 10, 2020 at 09:10 PM

DS

“ David Sylva lit a candle in memory of Edward Frank Harris



David Sylva - June 10, 2020 at 06:59 PM



“ I am so so sorry for your loss. I did not know Eddie well but when he saw me he always nodded and smiled - that smile was soooo welcoming! I pray for you in this time of grief. Beth Russell Moody and Lee

Beth Russell Moody - June 10, 2020 at 06:54 PM

SB

“ I'm so saddened to get this news.

I was always grateful for Eddy's wonderful friendship with my cousin Mike Tyrer.

In my memory they will always be together and laughing at happy hour at Mike's.

Steven Balfrey - June 10, 2020 at 06:19 PM

JF

Deepest sympathies to all the Harris family

Jan Fahey - June 10, 2020 at 08:13 PM

NB

I remember Ed's generosity to St.JJoseph church and working with him. He was forever happy, made you smile, and would do anything to help out. Although I moved I have remembered Ed and his wonderful family. Ed you will be sorely missed. My condolences To Ed's family. May eternal rest be granted to Ed O'Lord, and may he rest in peace. Amen

Nadine Della Bitta - June 10, 2020 at 08:14 PM

CB

“ I am so sorry for your loss... "Mr. Harris" will forever remain my favorite teacher. I'm so glad that I ran into him recently, as I got to remind him of that. May God bless and comfort you all. Colleen Baker

Colleen Baker - June 10, 2020 at 05:55 PM

LA

“ So sorry for your loss. Prayers and hugs of healing to all the Harris family. He was a wonderful man. Was such a pleasure to work with for many years. RIP Ed. Linda Amende

Linda Amende - June 10, 2020 at 05:34 PM

SY

“ *Shelley Young lit a candle in memory of Edward Frank Harris*



Shelley Young - June 10, 2020 at 04:47 PM

SY

Prayers especially for you, Jean!!! And for your generational family!! Virtual hugs for you all!!!

Shelley Young - June 10, 2020 at 04:49 PM

KO

“ *Our thoughts and prayers are with you*



Kathy On - June 10, 2020 at 03:15 PM

JO

“ *Judy Oakley lit a candle in memory of Edward Frank Harris*



Judy Oakley - June 10, 2020 at 01:58 PM

Stacey Svilich

“ *Stacey Svilich lit a candle in memory of Edward Frank Harris*



Stacey Svilich - June 10, 2020 at 01:06 PM

NA

“ *Natalie lit a candle in memory of Edward Frank Harris*



Natalie - June 10, 2020 at 12:26 PM

JG

“ *Janet Gamache lit a candle in memory of Edward Frank Harris*



Janet Gamache - June 10, 2020 at 12:22 PM

JG

We are so sorry for your loss, he will be greatly missed. We were so grateful that he played taps at my fathers funeral. I always loved watching him play . My dad always liked him as a teacher and friend.

Janet Gamache - June 10, 2020 at 12:26 PM

D(

“ He was such an amazing teacher. Sometimes I have a hard time remembering when I was younger. I will never forget having chalkboard erasers thrown at me because I wouldn't stop talking or got out of my seat. Prayers to the family.

Dee Youngblood (Larson) - June 10, 2020 at 12:20 PM