



## Earl Horatius Harris

October 12, 1949 - July 30, 2012

### Obituary

Earl Horatius Harris, Jr. was born in Pine Bluff, Arkansas, on October 12, 1949. His parents, who predeceased him, were Earl Horatius Harris, Sr. and Marian Brooks Harris. He was the oldest of four brothers including Victor Samuel, Carl Andrea and Herbert Emanuel. The first 12 years of Earl's life were spent in Fort Smith, Arkansas. After the death of his father, the family moved to Pine Bluff, Arkansas where he became a member of St. John A.M.E. Church.

Earl attended Merrill High School, where he was recognized as a true leader. He was part of a popular high school singing group called the C-Totas which also included David Camp, Milton Carroll, and Donald Agee, who sang Motown songs. Earl also joined the marching band where he eventually became the drum major. In his junior year, he ran track as a high hurdler and sprinter. As well, he participated in the choir and began trying out for the football team. However, the music director enticed Earl to stay with the marching band where he was also an accomplished clarinet and saxophone player. His love for all types of music continued throughout his life.

Earl attended Arkansas AM&N College (University of Arkansas Pine Bluff) and ultimately received his Bachelors of Arts Degree in Chemistry, from the University of Arkansas at Little Rock. Earl received his Masters of Science Degree in Environmental Management from the University of San Francisco in 2007.

Earl married Jana Griffin, and from this union a son, Jason Earl Harris, was born. After their divorce, Earl moved to Arizona where he was employed by the U.S. Department of Interior, National Parks Service, Grand Canyon as a Water Quality Specialist. He enjoyed his work at the Grand Canyon which further fueled his desire for environmental studies. He moved to San Francisco in 1985 and was employed as a Contract Environmental Chemist for Anresco Micro Tracers, Inc. Earl began climbing the corporate ladder, working as an Environmental Chemical Analyst in 1986 and then finally in 1996 as a Water Quality Control Manager.

After ten years of corporate employment, Earl became an educator. His move from the corporate world to education was calculated. In 1996, he became a physical science teacher for Cesar Chavez Middle School, Hayward, California. He later taught Earth Science at Westmont High School, Campbell, California. He would also earn his certification to become a track coach with emphasis on hurdles and sprinters. Earl was employed as an assistant coach at California High School in San Ramon, California where his students achieved state and national recognition in hurdling. He was very proud of his students, both on and off the field. In addition to his work as an assistant coach, at his passing, Earl was also employed at California State University East Bay as an Instructional Support Technician II where he had been employed for 15 years.

# Previous Events

## Memorial

AUG 7. 11:00 AM (PT)

Taylor Memorial United Methodist Church  
1188 12th Street  
, Oakland, CA 94607

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