



## Ray Lee Harris

July 26, 1947 - April 24, 2021

Ray Lee Harris, 73, was called to service in Heaven on Saturday, April 24, 2021, from Muskogee, OK. Ray was born on July 26, 1947 in Broken Bow, OK. He was the youngest of 11 siblings born to Andrew Jackson and Callie Harris. On August 8, 1969, Ray married Sheran DeNeen Holder in Hobbs, NM, and they would remain married for the next 36 years until her unexpected passing in 2005. Ray and DeNeen blessed the world with three amazing children in Andrew Jason Harris, Kevin Ray Harris, and Angela Denae Crawford. Jason blessed Ray and DeNeen with two grandchildren in Tyler and Kelbi. Kevin blessed them with two more grandchildren in Jaxon and Kolton. Angela and her spouse Alan Crawford blessed them with one more grandchild in Zolee.

Ray was a Christian man that served the Lord for many of the years of his life. Ray and DeNeen even served the Lord for a few years with their Christian Children's Ministry and traveled to other cities and states putting on huge kid crusades at several churches in those cities and states. Ray was always known to step up at any church he was a member of to do whatever it took to further that church. Though he will be remembered most for his elite construction skills and the physical labor and expertise in helping churches remodel their physical locations, he spent a lot of time helping in the church in many other aspects such as ministering to children and providing transportation so others could attend. While Ray was very proud of his dedication to the Lord and the work he put in for his Christian faith, there were many other things in his life to be proud of. Ray fought for the United States in the Vietnam War as a very young man. As a member of the 1st Cavalry Division in the United States Army, he was awarded The Army Commendation Medal for Meritorious Service in 1968 for his service in the Vietnam War. After returning to the states from the war, Ray worked the rest of his life in several other careers. Though Ray drove trucks for a living as well as operated a Holsum Bread Store, his construction skills were a main stay throughout his life. Ray worked for major construction companies for a few years before starting his own Ray Harris Construction Company. After a few years of working on his own, Ray was offered a very nice job to continue his love for construction with El Paso Natural Gas. He worked for this company for over 17 years before branching off again to start his own company with one of his sons in Harris Building & Development

Inc. After just a couple of years on his own, he and his son were offered a deal too good to pass up to go to work with Western Industrial Resources. After several years with this company, he and both of his sons returned to work on their own, and started up what is today, one of Tucson, Arizona's premier HVAC companies in Air Tropics LLC. After just a few years, Ray was able to retire. It was at this point that he returned to his roots in Broken Bow, OK where he was reunited with his first sweetheart, Ann Hudson. Ray would live out the final days of his life making memories with her and his family but continuing his love for construction by completely remodeling the home he and Ann shared. Though Ray was a jack of all trades and could do just about anything he wanted, from overhauling engines to building Christian Children Ministries, he will always be remembered as a Master Carpenter.

Ray was a good Christian man. Anyone and everyone that met him will tell you that he was a one of a kind with the biggest heart. He did so much for so many and always put others before himself. He was a hard worker, Master Carpenter, jack of all trades, loving husband, caring father, amazing grandfather, and great friend. He will be missed by many and forever loved by all.

A viewing/visitation will be held Saturday, May 15, 2021, from 9-9:30am at Canyon Del Oro Baptist Church, 9200 N Oracle Rd, Tucson, AZ 85704 -with the funeral services to follow at 10am. Pastor Troit Stowe will be officiating.

# Cemetery Details

## Evergreen Cemetery

3015 North Oracle Road  
Tucson, AZ 85705  
<https://evergreenmortuary-cemetery.com>

# Previous Events

## Viewing

**MAY 15.** 9:00 AM - 9:30 AM (MT)

Canyon Del Oro Baptist Church  
9200 N Oracle Rd  
Tucson, AZ 85704

## Service

**MAY 15.** 10:00 AM (MT)

Canyon Del Oro Baptist Church  
9200 N Oracle Rd  
Tucson, AZ 85704

# Tribute Wall

 Kevin  
Harris

“ *I need you pops! I miss you so much! You were always my go to, my best friend, my shoulder to cry on, my ear to listen to me, the voice of reason and understanding, my guide through life, the one person who was always there for me and NEVER let me down. I love you Dad!*

---

Kevin Harris - June 24, 2021 at 11:59 AM

 Kevin  
Harris

“ *Watch "Ray Lee Harris" on YouTube  
<https://youtu.be/5H1mjPfuEbM>*

*I love you pops!*

---

Kevin Harris - May 18, 2021 at 07:58 PM



“ *Sentiments of Serenity Spray was purchased for the family of Ray Lee Harris.*



---

May 13, 2021 at 10:41 PM



“ *Sacred Duty Spray was purchased for the family of Ray Lee Harris.*



---

May 13, 2021 at 01:47 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Ray Lee Harris.*



---

May 09, 2021 at 02:21 PM

DW

“ Diane Willis lit a candle in memory of Ray Lee Harris



Diane Willis - May 08, 2021 at 03:57 PM

AD

“ Ray Harris was and still is my good friend. We met through his wife who I worked with at Dennys. Ray had a rough outside, but deep inside he was a rough, tough, creampuff of a guy. He would help anyone of his friends such as me who was trying to make a difference in his or her life. I cannot count all the ways he helped me out during his life here on this earth.....to many to count..... I remember one day we were sitting outside my trailer and this Mexican lady was selling Ice Cream to make a living. One day she turned the corner and her car sounded like a dump truck. So we approached her and asked her to pop the hood.....her fan belt was split in half, so he told her in his BEST Mexican that the fan belt was bad and needed to be replaced. She said Thank you and asked him if he wanted some ice cream, he said no and smiled and she went on her way. The next day she had her car was fixed. Ray not knowing this lady just wanted to help her out because she was working so hard and didn't know what was wrong with her car until Ray showed her.... That's the type of person Ray was. He'd help anyone that was helping to better themselves. That's one of many of stories that I can tell you. He helped me remove my cooler from my roof and put a new one up there with his assistance. When we got done he looked at me and said....."Now its MORE BETTER".....I looked at him like what kind of Redneck are you".....lol....he just smiled his smile and was happy to help me. That is Ray Harris that I know and will ALWAYS remember.

May you R.I.P now Ray Harris.....you are truly missed by EVERYONE that you touched with your kind heart. I will NEVER forget you Ray Harris.....you were my Good Buddy, my friend, you made me a better person just knowing you.

Arthur Deschenes - May 08, 2021 at 01:31 PM

JB

*I am so heartbroken about Ray Harris, passing away, He was truly a gentle, giving man, I remember back in 2002 my husband and I started going to Trinity Life chapel, after my husband had a drug over dose, Ray Harris and Troit came to the Hospital to pray for my husband, and to invite us to come to their church, so after my husband was back home, and able to get around again, we went to their church, Donnie was out of work, and Ray Harris asked Donnie if he wanted to come and work for his Company which was Western Industrial, Donnie was so Thankful ,donnie had the skills of doing pipeline work, and Donnie didnt have a Drivers License, that was one of the recommends was to drive to work, but Ray put donnie under his wings, and came early to pick him up for work, anytime, we needed help, Ray was the kind of man that was right there to come to our aid. There was another time Ray had a double wide mobile home he needed fixed up, and asked donnie to help him, I remember being there also, and he was always there with extra work for my husband, My husband Donnie always looked up to Ray as a father figure for good advise, and so loving towards my husband. I will never forget all the good things about Ray Harris!! I know the Good Lord has a very special place in heaven for Ray!! We will miss you ,here on earth,till we see you again on those streets of gold with our Lord Jesus!! Goodbye buddy for now! You were a good and faithful servant,and I know Jesus will say the same!!* 🙏 🌹 🌿 🌹 🌿 🌈 🦋 🌈 🙌 🙌 🙌 🙌 🙌

Jenny Baldwin - May 11, 2021 at 02:30 AM



“ 1 file added to the album Memories Album



Evergreen Mortuary, Cemetery & Crematory - May 06, 2021 at 04:42 PM

AD

*My Good Friend that I am surely miss already.....R.I.P My good friend....*

Arthur Deschenes - May 08, 2021 at 01:34 PM