



Perry B. Harrell

October 9, 1939 - August 14, 2025

Perry B. Harrell passed away peacefully at his home on the morning of August 14, 2025. He was preceded in death by his parents, J.N. Harrell and Dorothy Batton Harrell. He is survived by his loving wife, Evelyn; his three children; grandchildren; and great-grandchild, as well as his elder brother, Jimmy Harrell of Medart, and his sister, Caroline Lambert Diez of Cummings, Georgia.

A memorial service will be held at First Baptist Church of Tallahassee on August 24, with visitation at 3:00 p.m. and the service at 4:00 p.m. A burial service at Tallahassee National Cemetery will follow on September 1, with the time to be announced.

Born in Live Oak, Florida, Perry spent most of his life in Tallahassee. He was a proud graduate of Leon High School, Class of 1958, where he played football and ran track. He later attended Florida State University before joining the U.S. Army in 1960.

On September 1, 1962, Perry married the love of his life, Evelyn Joyce Redd. Together they shared 63 wonderful years and joyfully helped raise their three children: Sharon Harrell Green of Fort Lauderdale; Ben Harrell (Shirley) of Tallahassee; and Joel Harrell (Paula) of Charleston, South Carolina. Perry was also a devoted grandfather to Justin Harrell (Nicolette), Andrew Harrell, and Jason Green, and a proud great-grandfather and namesake to Perry Joseph "P.J." Harrell.

In his early career, Perry owned and operated Apalachee Printing Company in

Tallahassee. He later worked more than 30 years with the U.S. Postal Service. Perry's faith was central to his life. He was often seen reading his Bible at home, always keeping it close at hand. Over the years, he served as a deacon, mentor, and Sunday School teacher for an all-boys class, where he invested deeply in the lives of young men—organizing camping trips and creating lasting memories. In more recent years, Perry and Evelyn attended First Baptist Church of Tallahassee. His favorite hymn was In the Garden, inspired by the Gospel of John, chapter 20.

Perry loved his family deeply. He delighted in being a father and grandfather, never missing an opportunity to show his support—from football games and science projects to band concerts. He was his grandsons' biggest fan, always making time for them and reminding them often, "I am proud of you".

He also cherished his extended family, with roots stretching from Mississippi to Central Florida. Annual family reunions were among his greatest joys, and he rarely missed a gathering. Perry treasured memories of time spent on his grandmother's farm and even preserved many of those stories in writing to share with others.

Beyond family and church, Perry found joy in community and friendship. He met weekly with his beloved Leon High classmates—affectionately known as "The Fat Boys Club"—for lunch every Thursday. Known for his warmth, kindness, and servant's heart, Perry also regularly called and visited those in need.

A lifelong supporter of FSU football, Perry held season tickets in the same seats for nearly 50 years. He passed on his love of tailgating and Seminole football to his children. 'Famous' for his BBQ skills, he was known for his smoked turkeys and ribs. Sharing them generously on holidays and game days. Family lore recalls that, ribs were occasionally traded for hugs — or for an even better parking spot!

Perry's delightful sense of humor shone through in his many "Perryisms." He was quick with a witty comeback and often answered the phone with a playful, "Got a quarter?"

Though Perry will be deeply missed, his family and friends find comfort in knowing he now rests in the eternal love and light of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. The love he gave so freely will never be forgotten and will remain imprinted on our hearts forever.

The family will receive friends, Sunday, August 24, 2025, from 3:00 PM until 4:00 PM, at Tallahassee First Baptist Church, 108 W College Ave, Tallahassee, FL. 32301, The memorial service will follow at 4:00 PM. Todd Wahlquist is assisting the family with their arrangements (850-385-2193, www.bevisfh.com).

Cemetery Details

Tallahassee National Cemetery

5015 Apalachee Parkway
Tallahassee, FL 32311

Previous Events

The Family Will Receive Friends

AUG **24**. 3:00 PM - 4:00 PM (ET)

First Baptist Church
108 W. College Ave.
Tallahassee, FL 32301

Memorial Service

AUG **24**. 4:00 PM (ET)

First Baptist Church
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Tallahassee, FL 32301

Tribute Wall

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“ Evelyn, even though we have lost contact throughout the years, I have loved Perry and you my entire life on earth. Y'all were wonderful Sunday school teachers in my teenage years and I learned so much about being a Christian - not just through both of your teachings, but most of all from the example you and Perry set for me. It was a blessing to have such loving and fun teachers as you and Perry and I will always cherish the memories that I have made with both of you over all these decades. Running into you here and there...all the tight hugs...all the sweet smiles...all the laughter...and the way you both were always there for my family and me whatever the need was. Priceless! Perry and you always had a gift of making me feel loved even when you didn't try or even know it and that still carries through to this very day. What a beautiful love you shared with each other throughout your lives together and I know your heart is so shattered. If I know anything though, I know you will be together in Heaven one day and ohhhh what a beautiful reunion that will be! I moved from Tallahassee to Central Florida a couple of years ago and am sad that I won't be able to attend his memorial service on Sunday and see you and your sweet family. Please, please know that I will be remembering Perry with tears in my eyes and holding you ever so tightly inside my heart! I love you so much Evelyn! Forever and ever!

Sue Anne Davis

Sue Anne Davis - August 23, 2025 at 02:13 PM

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“ Lou, Frank, Frankie, Danielle & Eric purchased the Ocean Breeze Spray for the family of Perry B. Harrell.



Lou, Frank, Frankie, Danielle & Eric - August 21, 2025 at 09:05 PM

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“ The Land Family purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of Perry B. Harrell.



The Land Family - August 21, 2025 at 02:57 PM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Perry B. Harrell.



August 21, 2025 at 01:21 PM

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“ Evelyn, we send our deepest condolences, love and prayers to you and the family. Perry was such a wonderful person. He always had a warm smile, a kind word and the best wit! Such a loving soul! He will be missed but he will live in all our hearts always.
Love, Lou, Frank and Frankie

Lou, Frank and Frankie

lucia castagna - August 19, 2025 at 09:24 PM

MM

“ : Evelyn: When you and I worked together, it was always obvious that you and Perry had the best possible marriage .I wish that had lasted longer. My condolences go to you and your family. Mary Ellen

Mary Ellen Mockbee - August 19, 2025 at 08:43 PM

JF

“ Evelyn is my dear cousin, spending time with her and Perry was always special. The love and kindness they showed each other was beautiful and I am proud to call them family. My prayers go out to her and the family. Love Janice Friscia

Janice Friscia - August 19, 2025 at 05:35 PM

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“ A great loss to all who knew him ~ no kinder and more uplifting person to be around. Tom Harrison

tom harrison - August 18, 2025 at 09:47 AM



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August 18, 2025 at 09:19 AM