



## Dr. W. Gerald Harris

April 4, 1939 - January 11, 2018

Gerald was born in Dothan, AL, on 04/04/1939 and died 1/11/2018. He was predeceased by his parents T.J. and Mary Frances Harris and his sister Laurita Woodham and brother James Harris.

He grew up in Graceville, FL, and was voted most athletic his senior year. He played baseball, was captain of the basketball team, and co-captain of the football team. Two of his favorite life-long activities were hunting and fishing. He loved sharing stories and tips with fellow outdoorsmen.

Gerald was an ATO at FSU and graduated with a Bachelor of Science degree in 1961. He attended Medical College of Virginia dental school where he was a member of Psi Omega and began his long career in dentistry in 1965 in Graceville, FL and continued when he moved to Tallahassee in 1968. He loved his patients and felt like every day he was with friends.

He was a member of Trinity United Methodist Church, a Florida State booster, and a former member of Northside Kiwanis Club, the Quarterback Club, the Florida Dental Association, the Northwest Dental Society, and the Leon County Dental Association where he served as President 1973-74.

Gerald is survived by his wife of 52 years Mason Harris, son Wes Harris (LeAnna), daughter Elizabeth Evans; his granddaughters Morgan and Mason Ann Evans, Evelyn and Fiona Harris; his sister Mary Harris, Baton Rouge, LA; his brother-in-law Budge Kent (Carolyn), Danville, VA; and numerous cousins, nephews, and nieces.

A memorial service for Gerald will be held at 1:00PM Tuesday, January 16,

2018, at Trinity United Methodist Church. A reception at the church will be held immediately following the service.

A private family burial will be Monday, January 15, 2018, 11:00AM central time in Graceville, FL.

Memorial contributions to Gerald's memory may be made to Trinity United Methodist Church, 120 West Park Avenue, Tallahassee, FL 32301 or National MS Society, North Florida Chapter, 8940 Western Way, Suite 16, Jacksonville, FL 32256.

Rocky Bevis of Bevis Funeral Home in Tallahassee (850/385-2193 or [www.bevisfh.com](http://www.bevisfh.com)) is assisting the Harris family with their arrangements.

# Previous Events

## Memorial Service

JAN 16. 1:00 PM (ET)

Trinity United Methodist Church  
120 West Park Avenue  
Tallahassee, FL 32303

# Tribute Wall

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“ *Janice Crosby Bryan lit a candle in memory of Dr. W. Gerald Harris*



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**Janice Crosby Bryan** - January 15, 2018 at 10:52 AM

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“ *Annette and I (Bill Clark) wish to express our condolences to Mason and the family. Gerald and Mason were very good friends back in Graceville. Many fond memories are of the times we shared together.*

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**Bill Clark** - January 14, 2018 at 05:48 PM

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“ My memories of Dr. Harris is for his integrity and I think the best dentist in Tallahassee. Sometimes, when he needed an assistant, I would fill in. This is how I found out how perfect his dental work was. I remember time in the lab, in the A.M, before seeing patients, we would catch up on fishing, hunting, and what the weather would be like on Wednesday and the weekend. Most of his patients knew, Wednesday afternoons he would take the day off. This was his fishing and hunting time. On Wednesday mornings, one of my jobs was to call the dam and get the reading. This determined if he would be hunting or fishing. Mr. Carl Spooner (from the dam), and I were on a first name basis. I worked almost 30 years for Dr. Harris. He was an awesome guy. He was all about honesty, loyalty, being truthful and being perfect in his dental work. He will always have a special place in my heart, as well as his family, Mason, Wes, and Elizabeth. Rest in peace Dr. Harris, you will be missed by your family, friends and patients. .... Janice Crosby Bryan

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**Janice Crosby Bryan** - January 13, 2018 at 06:06 PM