Soldier's Creed

I am an American Soldier.
I am a warrior and a member of a team.
I serve the people of the United States, and live the Army Values.

I will always place the mission first.

I will never accept defeat.

I will never quit.

I will never leave a fallen comrade.

I am disciplined, physically and mentally tough, trained and proficient in my warrior tasks and drills.

I always maintain my arms, my equipment and myself.

I am an expert and I am a professional.

I stand ready to deploy, engage, and destroy, the enemies of the United States of America in close combat.

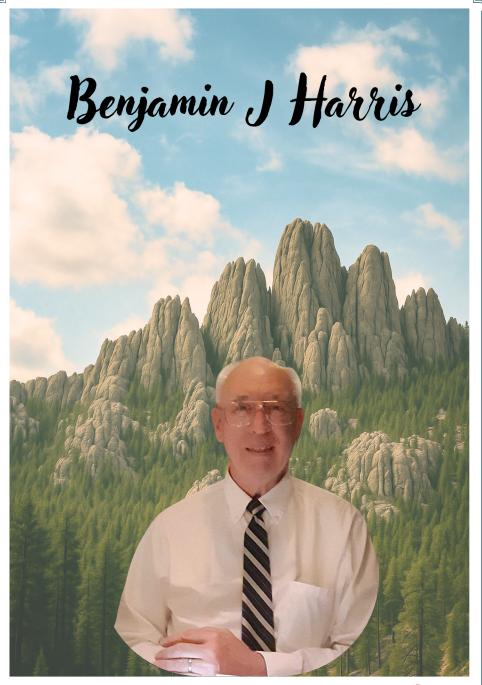
I am a guardian of freedom and the American way of life.





The Airman's Creed

I am an American Airman. I am a
Warrior. I have answered my
Nation's call. I am an American
Airman. My mission is to Fly, Fight,
and Win. I am faithful to a Proud
Heritage, A Tradition of Honor, And a
Legacy of Valor. I am an American
Airman. Guardian of Freedom and
Justice, My Nation's Sword and
Shield, Its Sentry and Avenger. I
defend my Country with my Life. I
am an American Airman. Wingman,
Leader, Warrior. I will never leave an
Airman behind, I will never falter,
And I will not fail.



31 March 1948 - 19 July 2025



Obituary for Benjamin Joseph Harris

Benjamin Joseph Harris, beloved husband, father, grandfather, brother, and faithful servant of God, passed away peacefully on Saturday, July 19, 2025, at 6:46 a.m., at the age of 77.

Born on March 31, 1948, in Orlando, Florida, to Homer and Mildred Harris, Benjamin lived a life defined by faith, service, and dedication. At the age of 20, he enlisted in the United States Air Force and later transitioned to the United States Army Reserve, where he proudly represented our nation with honor and integrity on multiple deployments around the world. His patriotism and commitment to duty were evident throughout his military service.

At a young age, Benjamin served a two-year mission for The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints in El Salvador and Guatemala, where he developed a deep love for the Latino people. Fluent in Spanish, he used his language skills for the rest of his life to serve others, offering kindness, assistance, and fellowship to those in need. His devotion to his faith was unwavering. He served in numerous callings within the Church and lived as a true disciple of his Savior, Jesus Christ. He held a firm testimony of the gospel of the restoration.

In addition to his military and church service, Benjamin also served his community through the Civil Air Patrol, where he mentored young cadets in character development and emergency services. He was also actively involved in emergency communications, serving with RACES (Radio Amateur Civil Emergency Service), ARES (Amateur Radio Emergency Service), and ARPSC (Amateur Radio Public Service Corps), using his skills and time to support disaster response and community readiness.

Benjamin is survived by his loving wife, Jo Ellen Harris; his two sisters, Linda O'Connor and Joy Harris; his son, David Harris, and daughter-in-law Shirlene Harris and their five children; and his son-in-law, Josh Wright, and his three children. He was preceded in death by his daughter, Rebecca Wright.



Presiding

Bishop Neil Brinkerhoff

Opening Hymn # 293

"Each Life That Touches Ours for Good"

Invocation:

Phil Nelson

Speaker: David Harris

Special Musical Number: Jackson & Karin Bench

Speaker: Robert Hatch

Closing Hymn # 295

"O Love That Glorifies the Son"

Benediction

Elson Rice



To all who knew him, Benjamin was a man of deep conviction, quiet strength, and selfless love. His final words of counsel to family and friends reflected his life's mission: "Gain a personal relationship with Jesus Christ."

His life was a testimony of faith in action. He will be deeply missed and forever remembered.