



## Jimmy Redden "Jack" Harris

August 13, 1933 - May 22, 2020

Ripley, MS - Jimmy Redden (Jack) Harris, 86, passed away Friday, May 22, 2020 at his home in Ripley, MS. He was born August 13, 1933 to the late Greely and Minnie Markham Harris in Sulligent, Alabama. He moved with his family to Amory, MS at an early age. He graduated from Amory High School, Itawamba Junior College, Mississippi State University and received his Master's of Education degree from Mississippi State University. In 1954, he married Tommye Bryant in a union that lasted sixty-five years until his death. He served in the United States Armed Forces serving in Germany during the Korean Conflict.

Jack was a member of First Baptist Church in Ripley, where he served as a Deacon and substitute teacher of the Men's Sunday School Class.

He was admired and greatly respected in his chosen profession. Jack began his career at Baldwin High School where he was football coach and teacher. He was also a football coach and teacher at Ripley High School and Aberdeen High School. He moved back to Ripley to become the Principal and later became Superintendent of the South Tippah School District where he served until his retirement in 1991.

Jack spent many years as an administrator, but he admits to always being pleased when a former student told him that he was a great math and algebra teacher.

After retirement in 1991, he raised Polled Hereford cattle and enjoyed playing golf with friends.

Jack was a loving husband, father, Daddy Jack to his grandchildren, friend and colleague.

He is survived by his wife, Tommye Bryant Harris of Ripley; one daughter, Jan Harris Jamieson (Phillip) of Tupelo; one son, Jackie Harris (Denise) of Ripley; six grandchildren, Lori Jones (George) of Tupelo; Leah Nabors (Robert) of Booneville; Anna Young (Daniel) of Meridian; Jill Lindley (Grant) of Nashville; Emma Harris and Molly Harris; one great-granddaughter, Meg Jones, six great-grandsons Jack, Gus, and Philly Jones, Ryker and Quinn Nabors, and Harris Crawford Young; a host of nieces, nephews, cousins and friends.

He was preceded in death by his parents, one brother, Billy Harris; three sisters, Ema Jean Jackson (Otto), Mary Elledge (James) and Betty Sue Harris, one nephew Jimmy Jackson and one niece Debra Gibson.

The Harris family wants to give a special thanks to Dr. Charles Elliott, Tonya Pearson, Kindred Home Health and Home Care Hospice for their services. Visitation will be Sunday, May 24, 2020 from 1:30 P.M. to 2:30 P.M. at McBride Funeral Home. Graveside service will follow at 3:00 P.M. at Tippah Memorial Garden with Dr. Micah Carter and Bro. Austin Hamilton officiating.

Due to circumstances with COVID-19, we will abide by all CDC precautions, which includes crowd size and distancing.

In lieu of flowers consider a donation to the youth program at First Baptist Church of Ripley or Alzheimer's Association, Mississippi Chapter, P. O.Box 96011, Washington, D.C. 20090-6011

Expressions of sympathy for the Harris family may be sent to [www.mcbridefuneralhome.com](http://www.mcbridefuneralhome.com)

# Previous Events

## Visitation

MAY **24**. 1:30 PM - 2:30 PM (CT)

McBride Funeral Home, Inc.  
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Ripley, MS 38663  
(662) 837-8101  
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<https://www.mcbridefuneralhome.com>

## Graveside Service

MAY **24**. 3:00 PM.

Tippah Memorial Gardens  
Hwy 370  
Ripley, MS

# Tribute Wall



“ Jimmy Redden "Jack" Harris

October 05, 2023 at 12:14 PM



“ Anita Decker lit a candle in memory of Jimmy Redden "Jack" Harris



Anita Decker - May 27, 2020 at 02:29 PM



“ Charlotte Coley Propes lit a candle in memory of Jimmy Redden "Jack" Harris



Charlotte Coley Propes - May 26, 2020 at 10:42 PM



“ Mr Harris was a very professional educator, and also my freind, we shared the love of raising cattle. Thoughts and prayers for his family.

Stanley Rolfe - May 25, 2020 at 07:09 PM



“ Mr Harris was a great person. To the family we praying for y'all.

Jackie and Amy McKenzie - May 25, 2020 at 04:38 PM

BH

“ *Mr. Harris was a great Principal and kind man. "Class of 73" We pray that God will grant his loved ones comfort in the knowledge that with faith in God they can see him again.*

Brenda Hopkins - May 25, 2020 at 01:17 PM

WC

“ *He was the best principal we had at Ripley High School. He was a good man. Prayers for his family. Wanda Carr "class of 74" Go Tigers.*

wanda carr - May 25, 2020 at 11:27 AM

LM

“ *Nancy and I had great respect for Mr. Harris who was a valued mentor held in the highest esteem. Rest In Peace.*

Lynn McGee - May 25, 2020 at 11:22 AM



“ *Gregory Davis lit a candle in memory of Jimmy Redden "Jack" Harris*



Gregory Davis - May 25, 2020 at 06:42 AM



“ *Lois Watson lit a candle in memory of Jimmy Redden "Jack" Harris*



Lois Watson - May 24, 2020 at 12:10 PM

JS

“ Jackie And Polly Stokes lit a candle in memory of Jimmy Redden "Jack" Harris



Jackie and Polly Stokes - May 24, 2020 at 11:39 AM

WC

“ WEST RIPLEY BAPTIST CHURCH sent a virtual gift in memory of Jimmy Redden "Jack" Harris



WEST RIPLEY BAPTIST CHURCH - May 23, 2020 at 05:58 PM

JJ

*Our love and prayers are with you today. May God comfort you and give you peace. Mr. And Mrs. Jim Jamieson (Uncle Jim & Aunt Shelley).*

Jim and Shelley Jamieson - May 24, 2020 at 02:48 PM

DH

*Jack Harris will sing with the angels and Rest in Peace. He was a great person, and successful teacher, coach, principal and superintendent. Many fond memories of him as my track coach, teacher and manager of Ripley's new swimming pool. Sincere condolences to his many friends and family. Bunny Cunningham Hunt.*

Dr. Bunny Cunningham Hunt - May 25, 2020 at 12:54 PM