



## Rev. Joseph "Joe" Samuel Harris Sr.

February 3, 1952 - September 11, 2021

On September 11, 2021, Reverend Joseph "Joe" Samuel Harris, Sr., age 69, went home to meet his Heavenly Father at 12:54p.m., after an extended illness. He graduated from Etowah High School in 1970 and from Gadsden Technical College in 1972. He dedicated his life to the Lord on the last Saturday night during revival in July 1978, at Cox Chapel United Methodist Church. He held many positions in the church throughout his life. In July 2002, he answered the call to preach God's word. He went on to graduate from Theological Seminary and pastored many churches. He preached his last sermon at Howelton United Methodist Church, sitting on the alter, last Sunday, September 5, 2021.

He married the love of his life on March 12, 1972 and went on to raise two children and enjoyed six grandchildren. Daddy worked as a master mechanical technician for Goodyear Service Store and Alexander Ford over 46 years. Daddy found joy in helping others with mechanical needs and loved talking and sharing the love of Jesus with everyone. Not only did daddy share Jesus' love through his testimony but literally by living out his life. Daddy was the most humble, Godly, man of valor, we have ever known.

He is survived by his wife of 49 years, Becky Suddath Harris, children; Joey and Jennifer Harris, and Nanna and James Posey. Grandchildren: Ashleigh Posey, Becca Harris, Aydan Harris, Daniel Posey, Drake Harris, and Kane Harris. Mother - in-law; Lela Suddath. Brothers and Sisters-in-law; Butch (Mary) Suddath, Billy (Janell) Hawkins, Jimmy (Gloria) Suddath, Bonnie (Billy)

Tidwell, Kevin (Beth) Suddath, Cindy (Max) Campbell, James (Shelia) Suddath, Mark (Cindy) Suddath, and Nancy (Michael) Smith.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Gordon and Virgie Harris.

Grandson, Austin Samuel Harris; Brother and Sister –in-law, Oscar and Elaine Harris; and Sister-in-law, Elizabeth Hawkins.

His funeral service will be at 2 p.m. Wednesday, September 15, 2021 at Etowah Memorial Chapel. Burial will follow at Howelton Cemetery. The Reverends Butch Suddath and Doyce Puttman will officiate. Pallbearers will be Jimmy Suddath, Billy Tidwell, Kevin Suddath, Mark Suddath, Michael Smith, Aydan Harris, Daniel Posey, Drake Harris, and Kane Harris. Honorary Pallbearers will be the men of Howelton United Methodist Church; and special friend Richey Elkins. Visitation will be from 12 until 2 before the service. Special thanks to MMC Ambulance Service, MMCS Emergency room staff, Dr. Evan Johnson, Dr. Ben Shepard, Dr. Jonathan Storey, Dr. Tom Payne, Dr. Sharad Malavade, Dr. Verraiah Siripurapu, Arlo Guthery and Marshall Medical Cancer Center Staff.

We are so thankful for the presence of the Lord as we walked through this stage of life with daddy.

We will leave you all with one of daddy's favorite scriptures... For to me to live is Christ, and to die is gain. Philippians 1:21

Etowah Memorial Chapel Directing

# Cemetery Details

## Howelton Methodist Church Cemetery

Hwy 179  
Altoona, AL 35952

# Previous Events

## Visitation

SEP **15**. 12:00 PM - 2:00 PM (CT)

Etowah Memorial Chapel  
12600 US Highway 431  
Sardis City, AL 35956  
(256) 593-4994

## Service

SEP **15**. 2:00 PM (CT)

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# Tribute Wall



“ *Rev. Joseph "Joe" Samuel Harris Sr.*

January 29, 2023 at 11:49 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Rev. Joseph "Joe" Samuel Harris Sr..*



September 14, 2021 at 12:56 PM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Rev. Joseph "Joe" Samuel Harris Sr..*



September 14, 2021 at 10:14 AM



“ *Joey, Jennifer & kids so sorry for your loss. I always enjoyed hearing your Dad preach. Him and your mom came to my church several times. Hold tight to your memories. You will just have one more reason to go to heaven now. I know he will be watching over you and your family from above. You are in my prayers. Love u your friend Becky Oliver.*



**Becky oliver** - September 13, 2021 at 06:12 PM

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*So sorry for your loss. Prayers for comfort. Loved this man as a brother. Loved working beside you, long rides and talks. Your home now!!*

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**Jerry Hammond** - September 15, 2021 at 12:56 PM

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“*Alexander Ford Employees purchased the Country Basket Blooms for the family of Rev. Joseph "Joe" Samuel Harris Sr..*



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**Alexander Ford Employees** - September 13, 2021 at 05:27 PM