

CELEBRATING THE LIFE OF  
*Elroy Harris*



**SEPTEMBER 21, 1946 – MAY 3, 2014**

**MONDAY, MAY 12, 2014**  
**2:00 PM**

**GOLDEN HILLS COMMUNITY CHURCH**  
2401 SHADY WILLOW LANE  
BRENTWOOD, CA 94513

**DR. ANTHONY EARL, OFFICIATING**

# OBITUARY

Elroy Harris was born in Fairfield, Alabama, September 21, 1946 to the parents of David and Sarah Harris. After the passing of his mother at age 3, he and his siblings went to live with their paternal grandparents, Helen and Rufus Harris in Fairfield, Alabama. At age 5, the family moved to Cleveland, Ohio.



While living in Cleveland, Elroy loved to visit his great grandparents, Phillip and Hattie Jones,' 28-bedroom home that was built by the Rockefellers. As a young boy from Alabama these visits gave him a whole new outlook on the possibilities for his life. After his grandparents passed away, Elroy moved to Northern California with his father and brother, Phillip.



As a teenager, Elroy, along with his father and brother, moved to Vallejo, California and lived in Country Club Crest where he attended Hogan Junior High School and graduated from Vallejo Senior High School in 1964. He was known as "Doo Dad". Due to his academic excellence, Elroy graduated early and at the top of his class.

He then applied to go into the military, but because he scored so high during testing, they looked him in the eye and said, "Boy, you need to go to College." He later stated that he believed that statement along with his decision to not enlist may have saved his life, as many of his

high school friends died in the Vietnam War.

Elroy attended the College of San Mateo where he studied to become an aircraft engineer. In 1966, he married his high school sweetheart, Perda Marie August. To that union came one child, Caterina Marie Harris.



Elroy worked for United Airlines as an aircraft mechanic at the Oakland Airport. Later he worked for World Airways

and became an Aircraft Maintenance Supervisor. He remained there until the airline left Oakland, California.

Remaining in the Aircraft Maintenance industry, Elroy moved to Tucson, Arizona and worked for Evergreen; Dee Howard in San Antonio, Texas; and lastly TIMCO in Greensboro, North Carolina. He traveled the entire globe for business and vacations. He received many awards in his industry. Because of his expertise, he was selected to work on Aircraft One.



After retiring in 2001, he relocated to Oakland, California to be closer to his daughter. In 2003, when his daughter was building a home in Brentwood, California, she asked him to come live and work with her in business. He lived a relaxed, retired lifestyle and worked in his daughter's business, behind the scenes, to support her in reaching a top position as a National Sales Director in Mary Kay, Inc. He proudly drove around in every one of the 11 Pink Cadillacs that she earned.

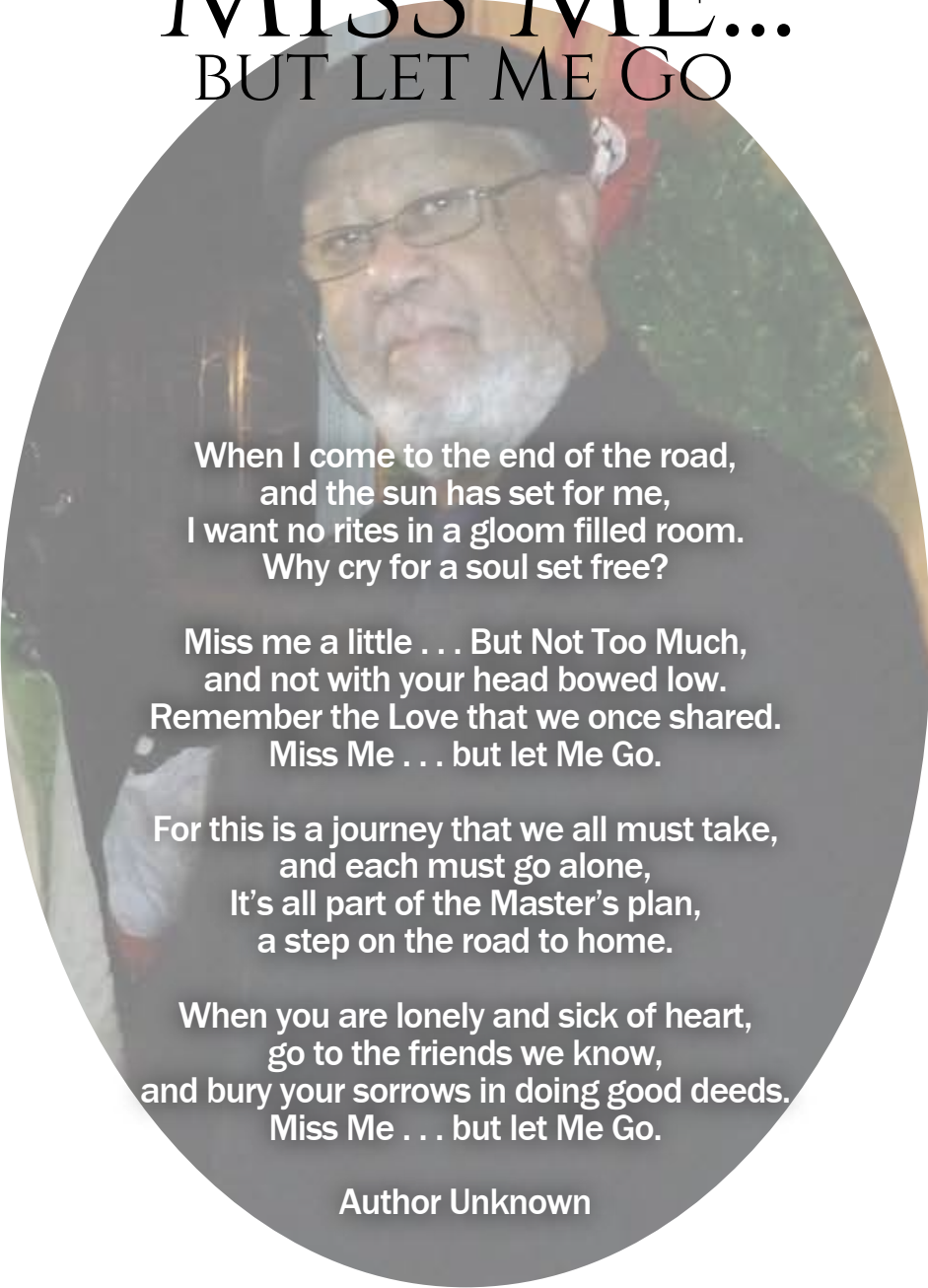
Elroy, was affectionately known as the man that could fix ANYTHING, Mr. Google, Mr. Wikipedia, The Gourmet Chef, the Gadget Man, the Chauffeur who would drive Ms. Caterina, the Race Car Driver, the Computer Geek and the Dog Lover, but most importantly he was a great provider as a husband, a loyal friend and a loving father.

His hobbies included computers (he had many), collecting and building sports cars (he had many) and motorcycles (he had many), watching sports, cooking shows and the History and Discovery Channels. He loved hanging out with his "Road Dog", Fletcher, aka Booper.

Elroy was proceeded in death by his father, David Harris and his mother, Sarah Harris. He is survived by his sister, Joyce Bolden; his brother, Philip Harris; Perda Harris, his soul mate and best friend for life; his daughter, Caterina Marie Harris Earl; son-in-love Dr. Anthony Earl; five grandchildren; eight great grandchildren and many nieces and nephews.



# MISS ME... BUT LET ME GO



When I come to the end of the road,  
and the sun has set for me,  
I want no rites in a gloom filled room.  
Why cry for a soul set free?

Miss me a little . . . But Not Too Much,  
and not with your head bowed low.  
Remember the Love that we once shared.  
Miss Me . . . but let Me Go.

For this is a journey that we all must take,  
and each must go alone,  
It's all part of the Master's plan,  
a step on the road to home.

When you are lonely and sick of heart,  
go to the friends we know,  
and bury your sorrows in doing good deeds.  
Miss Me . . . but let Me Go.

Author Unknown

# ORDER OF SERVICE

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Processional

Scripture Reading ..... Myra Clarke  
Old Testament.....Psalm 46  
New Testament ..... 2 Corinthians 5:1-5

Invocation ..... Minister Alicia Smith

Musical Selection..... Leasa Hart

Resolutions..... Traci Hill

Obituary ..... Juanita Walker

## Video Presentation

Reflections of a Daddy's Girl ..... Caterina Harris Earl

Musical Selection..... Minister Rhonda Harris

Expressions of Love (2 Minutes) ..... Family Members & Friends

Clergy Remarks ..... Pastor John Olubunmi

Message of Comfort ..... Dr. Anthony Earl

Recessional



*Repast immediately following in the Fellowship Hall*  
**Visit [www.dancingwithmyfatherharris.com](http://www.dancingwithmyfatherharris.com) and sign the Guest Book**

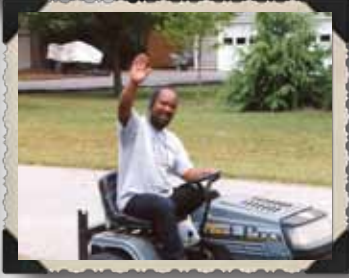
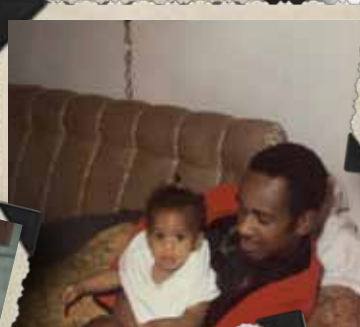




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The Family of the late Elroy Harris  
wishes to express this thought:

Perhaps you sang a lovely song, or sat quietly in a chair,  
Perhaps you sent beautiful flowers, if so, we saw them there;  
Perhaps you sent or spoke a kind word, as many friends could say;  
Perhaps you were not there at all, just thought of us that day;  
Perhaps you prepared some tasty food, or maybe furnished a car;  
Perhaps you rendered a service unseen near at hand or from afar;  
Whatever you did to console our hearts, we thank you so much.

Whatever the part, May God Bless You.  
The family appreciates your many prayers, deeds of kindness,  
thoughts of love and your attendance at the service.

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- *The Harris Family* -

Thank you to all that donated to  
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in memory of my Father.



Honorary Pall Bearers  
Dr. Anthony Earl • Beresford Wiggan  
Dwayne Jones • David Bolden  
Kendal Alan Earl • Edwin Moore

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