



Boyd Harris,

October 15, 1931 - November 14, 2012

BOYD GAIL HARRIS, JR. age 81 passed away on Wednesday, November 14, 2012 at his home in Gainesville, VA.

Mr. Harris was born on October 15, 1931 in Abingdon, Virginia to the late Boyd G. Harris, Sr. and Mary Lorraine (Miller) Harris. He worked for Nationwide Insurance for 34 years retiring as a Regional Sales Manager; before his Insurance career Gail was a Major League Baseball Player who played for the New York Giants and the Detroit Tigers.

He is predeceased by his parents and his wife Evelyn Bess Harris. Survivors include his three children: Becky Harris Sellers of Roanoke, VA, Kathy Lavender and husband Gary of Norfolk, VA and Mark Harris and wife Vicki of Gainesville, VA one sister: Lillian Galliher and husband Sam of Lebanon, VA and two grandchildren: Rachel Harris of Washington, D.C. and Chris Harris of Gainesville, VA.

A Memorial Service will be held on Saturday, November 17, 2012 at 3:00 PM at Pierce Funeral Home, 9609 Center Street, Manassas, Virginia with Rev. Michael Brown officiating. Interment will be private.

In Lieu of flowers contributions may be made to: Capital Caring Hospice, 10530 Linden Lake Plaza, Suite 200, Manassas, VA 20109 in loving memory

of Boyd Gail Harris.

Tribute Wall

FG

“ *Boyd Harris,*

Frank Gahl - March 29, 2013 at 01:58 PM

LL

“ *Mark and Family*

Jo and I are sorry to hear of the passing of your dad, he was truly a great person, I truly was blessed to have known him in our softball days together, he was class on and off the fields and you were a shining example of his talents and his life. I am truly glad to have known you both May God Bless you and your family during this sad time and you all comfort each other during the sad time.

Lester M. Leonard - March 29, 2013 at 01:58 PM

TD

“ *Becky, Kathy and Mark,*

I came across this MASN tribute tonight while surfing the internet for baseball and the Nationals:

http://www.masnsports.com/byron_kerr/2012/11/remembering-gail-harris.html

I am sorry to hear of your Dad's passing. I have always had enormous respect for your Dad and his career in MLB. I have fond memories of coming over to your house and hanging out, all those years ago.

My deepest sympathies to you and your family.

Best regards,

Tom Dycus

Tom Dycus - March 29, 2013 at 01:58 PM

TY

“ *Mark, Vicki and family, As Gail joins our Lord in glory my thoughts and prayers go to you and all. I have many fond memories of Gail from the many instances talking with him either in church or at the baseball fields in Manssas in the 70's amnd 80's. His life was one to be cherished as was his heart for the Lord. Interesting, just the day before he moved on to be with the Lord I was looking at two of his baseball cards I keep with others near my office desk on a shelf, I was taking some time to study over his statistics and the comments on two of the cards of Gail from Detroit. I had not looked at these 2 cards of him for over a year. He was a classy man and may he rest in Gods arm in etermity. God Bless each of you....Terry Young*

Terry Young - March 29, 2013 at 01:58 PM

DA

“ It's not often when a single meeting with someone can provide a wonderful memory throughout a lifetime. Meeting Gail Harris was such an event for me. Many years ago, my dad was in the market for a new car and he took me to a dealer in Ferndale, Michigan with him. Mr. Higgins, the dealer's owner, introduced me to Gail who was there at the time. Being a devout Detroit Tiger fan than and now, I was, of course, thrilled but being the shy and nervous kid that I was, left me a bit terrified. Mr. Harris quelled those fears immediately and I was treated in such a warm, welcoming and open armed manner by him, that the fear swiftly dissipated. Although I only met him that single time, he made an impression on me that is, to this day, vivid in my memory and shall continue to be so throughout my life. Thanks for making a youngster very happy, Mr. Harris. I can guarantee that you'll never be forgotten by this kid.

David Aronoff - March 29, 2013 at 01:58 PM

FD

“ We just learned today of Gail's passing after seeing a note in the Sports section of the Washington Post. We are so very sorry that we missed his memorial service. Gail was a good friend for so many years while we lived in Manassas. We still traded some e-mail stories and jokes even after we had moved to Bealeton in 2002. Fran and Gail used to be workout "buddies" at Olympus Gym and enjoyed chowing down at Bob Evans after their morning workouts. He will be missed. Our condolences to Mark, Vicky, and their family as well as other family members. Gail will always have a place forever in our hearts.

Fran and Carmela Dougherty - March 29, 2013 at 01:58 PM

GB

“ *Mark and Family,*

I read today in the paper that your father had passed away. On behalf of my family I just wanted to express my sincere condolences to you and your family.

Geoff Brown - March 29, 2013 at 01:58 PM

FR

“ *Dear Mark, Vicki and family,*

I was saddened to just learn of Gale's passing. A recent memory of you all and your dad crossed my mind after all of these years (from the Slopers Team days) and I hoped all was well with you all.

Your father was an honorable and respected man whom I have always admired and feel privileged to have known. Please know that I will keep you and yours in my thoughts and prayers. I wish I could have expressed these thoughts to you personally.

*Faye Henry (formerly Robertson)
11/26/12*

Faye Henry (formerly Robertson) - March 29, 2013 at 01:58 PM

EH

“ *I worked for the VP at Nationwide Ins in Lynchburg VA in the late 80s / early 90s.*

I have thought about him a number of times since he retired, even just a couple weeks ago. He was always such a nice man, very kind. I remember him talking about fishing (I think) with his grandson. Praying that good memories will bring comfort and a smile in times ahead. Sincerely, Eileen Habermas

Eileen Habermas - March 29, 2013 at 01:58 PM

GM

“ I'll never forget living next door to Gail in Abingdon. Before spring training, he would ask my brother Dan and I to throw balls in the dirt to him so he could practice digging them out. He gave us a bat that I treasured.

Garret Mathews - March 29, 2013 at 01:58 PM