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Colonel Sammie E. Harrison (Sam) passed away on Sunday, May 12, 2024.

He was

86. He was born in Stephenville, Texas, and lived much of his early life in Dallas, Texas.

Col. Harrison is survived by his loving wife, Shari Bishop Harrison; his sons Tom

Harrison (Jennifer) of Blooming Grove, Texas; Richard Harrison (Lori) of Freeport,

Florida, and his daughter Julie Guay (Tom) of Madison, Alabama, seven grandchildren,

and four great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his father, Thomas C.

Harrison, his mother, Veneta Bessire Bates, and his brothers, Joe A. Harrison and Tom

G. Harrison.

Col. Harrison graduated from Sunset High School in Dallas, Texas, and attended the

University of Texas at Arlington. He graduated from the University of Nebraska in

Omaha and received his Master's Degree from Sul Ross State University in Alpine, Texas. He also graduated from the U.S. Army Field Artillery Officers Candidate School, the U.S. Army Aviation School, the U.S. Army Ordnance School, and the U.S. Army Command and General Staff College. Col. Harrison served in the U.S. Army and the U.S. Marine Corps for thirty-five years. His career included four years as an enlisted Marine, three years as an enlisted soldier, and twenty-eight years as an officer in the U.S. Army. Assignments included command of units ranging from squad leader to brigade commander. He considered it a privilege to serve as the Commander of the Warrant Officer Candidate Company at Fort Rucker, Alabama; the 70th Ordnance Battalion, Fort Bliss, Texas; the 83 rd. Ordnance Battalion, Republic of Korea; and the 269th Ordnance Brigade, Redstone Arsenal, Alabama. He served three years in Southeast Asia and eight years in the Republic of Korea. Following retirement from the Army, Col Harrison was the Administrator of the Solid Waste Authority in Huntsville, Alabama. His hobbies included traveling, cooking, fishing, sailing, diving, painting, sculpting, and reading. He previously held a 100 Ton Master's Certificate from the U.S. Coast Guard and was a certified rescue diver. He

and his wife,

Shari, loved and cared for many pets in their 39-year marriage, including Ruby and

Abbey, who grieve his loss. Col. Harrison was an Episcopalian and was very active at

the Church of the Epiphany in Guntersville and, most recently, Christ Church in

Albertville.

A service of thanksgiving and remembrance will be held at 1:00 pm on June 1, 2024, at

Christ Episcopal Church, 607 E. Main Street, Albertville, Alabama. Col Harrison will be

interred at the National Cemetery in Dallas-Fort Worth, Texas. In lieu of flowers,

memorial gifts may be made to Christ Episcopal Church, P. O. Box 493, Albertville,

Alabama 35950.

Cemetery Details

National Cemetery

Dallas-Fort Worth, TX

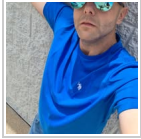
Previous Events

A Service of thanksgiving and remembrance

JUN 1. 1:00 PM.

Christ Episcopal Church
Albertville, AL

Tribute Wall



“ *Richard Harrison lit a candle in memory of Sammie E Harrison*



Richard Harrison - January 20 at 01:20 PM

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“ *My condolences, Shari, to you, your family and friends. I was Sammie's chaplain at the 83rd in Korea, 1978-79. Serving under his command was such a joy! He was a wise leader, dedicated soldier, fun guy and good friend. I still have my ancient crock pot, often used to cook meals in Sammie's hooch on the hill at Camp Ames. Years later, I envied tales of his and your sailing adventures! I am certain he has reserved interesting activities for us in Heaven. Cannot wait to join him for a long catch-up chat. Love to you and the blessings and comfort of our Lord.*
INGRAM PHILIPS, CHAPLAIN (COLONEL), USA, Fairfield Bay, Arkansas.

W I Philips - July 10, 2024 at 05:17 PM

JM

“ *Bill and I shared so many wonderful times with you and Sam - sailing, fishing, playing with all our lovable dogs and cats and just spending time together. My heart truly aches for you.*

Judy Morrow - May 29, 2024 at 10:37 AM

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“ *Shari and family, I was privileged to have met Sam and to know him even a little. I am praying for his rest and for your comfort in the grief you are having to bear. Bill Curry*

Bill Curry - May 23, 2024 at 08:43 PM