



## Lewis Franklin Harris

May 7, 1930 - April 5, 2020

Lewis Franklin Harris was born May 7, 1930, in a tent with a dirt floor near Eakly, Oklahoma, to Herndon Emerson and Emma Mae Kruger Harris. He died Sunday, April 5, 2020, at the Claremore Veterans Center in Claremore, Oklahoma, at the age of 89 years. Lewis was a veteran of the armed forces having served his country honorably with the United States Navy then again with the United States Air Force during the Korean War. He was married February 17, 1955, in St. Louis, Missouri, to Jean Brooks. They made their home in several places before settling in Collinsville, Oklahoma, in 1977. After serving in the Air Force, Lewis was in banking as a loan officer for several years. Lewis was a public servant and possibly best known as serving as Tulsa County Commissioner for over 28 years until he retired from the office. He was a dedicated servant for his constituents in District #1. Through his efforts, county roads stayed in great condition and little league ballparks were built. Through combined efforts, he had a hand in getting the bond issue passed for the construction of the new County Jail, as well as helping Driller's Stadium be built. He received the honor of throwing out the first pitch of the first game played there. Lewis enjoyed a variety of pastimes including traveling, camping, and fishing, as well as his volunteer work with the Northside Y Pancake breakfast and the 16 mile Walk for Mankind. He also announced a variety of sporting events in Tulsa such as little league baseball and NWA wrestling at the fairgrounds. He had a love for boxing and was the commentator at amateur boxing events. Early in his career, he changed the

accounting and distribution of funds for Tulsa County, and that became the model for other counties state-wide. Those he leaves behind who hold many cherished memories include:

His wife of over 65 years Jean Harris

Children; Wade Harris and wife April, of Collinsville, Oklahoma

Karen Fritts and husband Paul, of Fort Greely, Alaska

Lee Ann March and husband Chris, of The Colony, Texas

Stepdaughter; Dianne Boggs, of Bixby, Oklahoma

7 Grandchildren

5 Great Grandchildren

3 Great- Great Grandchildren

Three brothers; Stan Harris and wife Betty, of Enid, Oklahoma

Don Harris and wife Robyn, of Savannah, Texas

Dan Harris and wife Kayoko, of Tokyo, Japan

Sister; Mary Billey, of Edmond, Oklahoma

He was preceded in death by his parents Herndon and Emma Harris, brothers, Edwin H. Harris, and Benjamin Harris, and one sister, Annabelle Burnsed.

A private family graveside will be held at a later date. Final resting place will be at Ridgelawn Cemetery in Collinsville, Oklahoma. The family requests memorial contributions be made to the John 3:16 Mission, P.O. Box 1477, Tulsa, Oklahoma, 74103. Arrangements and services were entrusted to Mowery Funeral Service of Owasso.

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“ To the family of Commissioner Harris, please accept my deep condolences for your loss. Lew and I worked together for a long time and he was steadfast in his service to the community.  
M. Susan Savage

M Susan Savage - April 13, 2020 at 11:20 AM



Thank you, Mayor Savage!

Wade Harris - October 26, 2020 at 04:43 PM



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*Left, announcing amateur boxing.*

*Right, all of the Harris siblings. Lewis is 3rd from the left.*

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“ *All the siblings. Lewis is 3rd from the right*

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*Correction: third from the left*

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“ *Amateur boxing*

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