



## Nelson Harrison

August 28, 1938 - August 12, 2008

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“ You will be greatly missed Mr. Harrison. You were one of our best teachers at HHS.,

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**Culberson Funeral Home** - April 14, 2015 at 12:01 AM

JP

“ Yes, I had Mr. Harrison for drivers ed too and he made it a lot of fun. One time, we were driving down 38 and there was a car probably a mile ahead of us. I wasn't really paying attention and didn't notice the car slowing down to turn off. Mr. Harrison just kept looking at me and finally he was like, "are you gonna hit the brakes?" He ended up having to slam on the brakes and it was kind of a close call. But we both laughed about it afterward. He said he was never worried but I think deep down he was kind of nervous. Mr. Harrison was just a great guy and teacher and was always very kind to me. He touched so many people's lives . I recently purchased a book called, "Something Worth Leaving Behind," by Brett Beavers and Tom Douglas. There is a poem at the beginning but the quote at the end of each verse is, "If I will love then I will find I have touched another life and that's something, something worth leaving behind." I know Mr. Harrison touched many, many lives and what he left behi,

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**Jade Peelle** - April 14, 2015 at 12:01 AM

LL

“Wow, as if words could actually describe how great of a guy Mr. Harrison was to everyone. He was one of the best people I have ever met and it was definitely a blessing to have known him. He is the guy that got me to go out for tennis because he said I had a good backswing. Didn't he always have something good to say about everything and everyone?! He was the most positive person and the smile on his face, well it was always there. He helped coach me in basketball, of course Cindy was my coach too, what a great coach they both were to me. I guess she learned from the best. Every Harrison I know from HS, well you all act just like him and that is something to be so very proud of always! Thanks Mr Harrison for everything you ever did and for being the awesome person that you always were! Love Leigh (Conner) Lombardi,

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**Leigh Lombardi** - April 14, 2015 at 12:01 AM

CH

“What a loss for the world and what a gain for Heaven. Dad was such the family man, who loved Mom and his kids, and his 18 grandchildren. He flew Ol' Glory, trusted God, loved to fish and hunt. He always had a good and kind thing to say to about everyone he met. The calling last night was a real tribute, a testimony to the kind of person Dad was. This is my estimate, but about 2,000 well-wishers went through the line to see Dad and to offer Mom and the family their condolences. He is so missed by everyone, one of a kind he was that's a fact. Dad taught his kids morals, ethics, and to be just a good person, choosing right over wrong. Dad said that "No matter what you do, whether it's stocking a shelf, sweeping a floor, operating a nuclear power plant, or running the greatest country on Earth (USA), do your best." Novels could be written to cover Dad's life, from rabbit hunting in Fountain City to turkey hunting in Coloma, MI, from the house on Clyde Oler Road to his home on South Perry Street. Reality spoken, this downright sucks! Love you Dad! And miss you a ton. Dave,

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CH

“ We were so sorry to read about Mr. Harrison's passing. He taught both myself and my husband at Hagerstown back in the 1970's. Our thoughts and prayers are with all of you during this sad time. Craig & Debby ( Wilson ) Strickler,

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“ Trudi Neal,

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SD

“ This weekend is father's day. I so happy that God blessed me with such a great dad! Miss you dad!,

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**Shamara Daniel** - April 14, 2015 at 12:01 AM

JB

“ There are so many memories I have with Mr. Harrison. One that stands out in my mind is when he was helping coach our girls basketball team. There was no one to guard Jen Patterson at 6'4, and she was a little bored with no one to challenge her. So, Mr. Harrison hopped in the drill, drop stepped, and took it to her! He had so much energy, a big smile, and loved every minute of it. Kory and I feel so blessed to have such a wonderful role model, teacher, mentor, and person in our young lives. It goes without saying how many lives he touched through his years on this earth. He is responsible for so many wonderful things and his gift is something that keeps on giving, even now that he is gone from us. I know so many of us would not be where we are today without his influence in our lives. He was loved and is truly missed.,

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**Jessica Stout Bell** - April 14, 2015 at 12:01 AM

DH

“ there are so many great and wonderful memories of one of the greatest guys to ever grace this earth. What a true american, father, mentor, DAD, teacher and inspirator (if that is a word). Taking me out back and telling me the last one standing wins this fight, ran away from that one. Filling the oil at all hours of the night when 10 below. At church one Sunday, he had one dollar left to his name and gave it to the offering, I love this guy. His hand out while you walk in the house to say love you and you are welcome. That laugh. I am so glad my son got 5 years with this man. The Fish and Chips though only 2 of them was the greatest time a man could asked for and dad just loved watching his sons have a great time and look like idiots. He golfed 36 holes this year with us and didn't complain once. His paddlings when young, him knowing what I got on a test before I did, his piece of crap cars, driving buses in the summer, fishing, always trying to invent things, his cooking and everything else I will always keep with me and so will all of you. He was and till is a legend and we should all learn and keep with us the values he had. Take care dad and do not let Jesus lick your glasses either, would not be fair to us. Spend some quality time with your dad, tell him hi and tell him thanks for my middle name.,

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Daniel Harrison - April 14, 2015 at 12:01 AM

SD

“ Per Andy Oler: He was my driver's ed teacher, and bet me a milkshake that I would get a ticket within six months of getting my license. I didn't realize at the time that it was a total sucker bet. I lost within the first three weeks. Paying him remains one of my clearest memories from high school.,

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Shamara Daniel - April 14, 2015 at 12:01 AM

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“ Our thoughts and prayers are with you during this time with deepest regrets. He will be remembered and missed.,

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JP

“ Oops, got cut off. But he touched so many lives and what he left behind will live on forever.,

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**Jade Peelle** - April 14, 2015 at 12:01 AM

CH

“ One day, in the seventh grade on the tennis courts behind the elementary school, I hit the ball hard enough to bounce off the back fence and back onto the court. Coach Harrison yelled, "HOME RUN!" in that booming voice of his and I was so happy that I could have run all the way home to tell my parents about the homer. And I did, and don't you know they all had a great big laugh when he came by later to hear how I thought there was really such a thing as a home run in tennis. He did that thing where he laughed his huge, huge, laugh and at the same time sort of winked like we had a secret joke. That's how he was--he didn't need to hit you over the head and tell you that you were being stupid, he kind of let you figure it out on your own, and in a way that made you laugh at yourself. I just loved him. Loved his spirit and his warm hearted soul. No one had a greater capacity to see the goodness in people than Nelson Harrison. He was one of the most instinctively caring people I've ever known, and that came through in everything he did. I wish I had gotten to tell him one more time how special he was to me. He was true blue, and I will miss him.,

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“ My heart is sad. We have all lost a great guy. Gary and I were lucky to have Nellie as a teacher 40 some years ago. He was the best.,

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“ Mr.Harrison you will forever be Sadly Missed... You taught me a Life Lesson and I will never forget you teaching me how to Drive and giving me the lessons in Class.. Remember those days of going out and driving around with 2 other Kids in my grade... my prayers and thoughts are with Your Family!!!! your in a Much Better place now.... Love Always Sabra(Stomm) Walter,

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“ Mr. Harrison was one of the few reason's I even halfway enjoyed school. No matter what that man had a way of making you smile. My thoughts and prayers are with the entire Harrison family. ,

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“ Mr. Harrison was many things to me. A coach, a teacher, a friend, a role model, and he was pretty much family too. What an incredible man! He's made such an impact on many lives. May he rest in peace. He is probably the only man crazy enough to try and teach me and all of my friends how to drive in the same year...even though some of us maintained our speed through the rest areas. I'll miss you Nellie!! Love,Shaye,

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MB

“ Mr Harrison was stupid! It was because of him that I didn't finish high school! He had another popular boy to invite me to smoke a cigarette with him so he could catch me because he couldn't catch me any other way. Then the new music teacher at the time, who by the way couldn't even play the piano, wanted to make a name for himself, kicked me out of music class because I was caught smoking. It had nothing to do with what I did. If I new then what I knew now, I would have sued Mr. Harrison!!! Music was and still is my passion! I was the only one who was both in the Indiana all state choir and the Indiana mixed choir the same year. And my grades were always A in music! I also went to Ball State University and received 1st place both times I went in solo competition. I hope Mr. Harrison is where he is supposed to be! Mitch.,

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**Mitch B** - April 14, 2015 at 12:00 AM

CG

“ I still think about you every day, Dad. I miss you so much. I sure wish you were here. I have a lot to tell you and I really need your awesome advice. I love you. Cindy,

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**Cindy Glaze** - April 14, 2015 at 12:00 AM

JT

“ I remember first meeting Nelson Harrison when I was in school at HHS. At first I thought he was one of those serious grumpy types, but soon learned that he smiled a lot, knew everyone by name, and always had a comforting sound in his voice. As time went by, I would see Nelson Harrison from time to time around town, and each and every time he always had that loving smile, always said Hello. It was obvious that he enjoyed life, family and friends. God didn't make many men like Nelson, and I'm proud to say that I had the pleasure of knowing him. ,

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**Jo and Barry Tyra** - April 14, 2015 at 12:00 AM

DD

“ I reckon it was about 4 years ago. Dad came up to go turkey hunting with me (Dave) at Coloma, Michigan. We didn't see anything. We didn't hear anything. Dad sat in the southeast corner of the property just south of Hagar Shore Road, I sat more to the southwest corner. Being fidgety like I usually am, I sat for a while and then starting walking towards where Dad was sitting. Knowing he wasn't gonna get anything because I am not stealth-man, I just started walking directly toward him. BLAM!!! Dad put the butt of the stock on the ground and the barrel toward the sky and pulled the trigger, KAPOW! Scared the hell out of me!!! Dad laughed and he laughed and he laughed. That SOB 'bout made me crap my pants! Wouldn't trade it anything. Dave,

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**David default** - April 14, 2015 at 12:00 AM

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“ He will be greatly missed as a friend and fishing partner.,

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**Shamara Daniel** - April 14, 2015 at 12:00 AM

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“ Great Uncle Nelson - you will be dearly missed - I am so grateful and blessed to have gotten to see you last month when we made our trip to Indiana - what a wonderful time we had with your family. You are all in our thoughts and prayers and we love you all! Take care of each other and let us know if there is anything you need. ,

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DD

“ For the past 2 years, Dad and his 5 sons (Scott, Gary, Dave, Dan, Chris) went over to Lake Erie over 3 days to fish and also to shoot son golf. We got there and Dad went to put on his shoes and lo and behold he packed 2 "right" shoes instead of the normal left-right, ha! We had a hoot with that one, hence the picture. Dave,

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**David default** - April 14, 2015 at 12:00 AM

DD

“ During the sons Fish and Chip with Dad, we were out on the water on Chelsea II (name of the boat). "FISH ON!" the captain said. Dad's turn to crank 'er in. He gets up from his seat (the cooler) and was heading to the back of the boat. Lake Erie isn't the most calm of seas, and like a tempest tossed, the boat was rocking a bit back and forth. Dad lost his balance and landed on the container of fishing line clips and shattered it! Dad was fine, laughed about it, as did we.,

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**David default** - April 14, 2015 at 12:00 AM

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“ Debra Chance,

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“ AUSTIN AND KRISTAN RILEY,

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BO

“ As long as I can remember back our families spent so much time together it felt as though we were family. I just wanted to say that even though life got in the way of us all getting together the way we did as kids I have never stopped loving all of you. You were so lucky to have been blessed with a wonderful father and friend. I could see that even as a child how much he loved everyone of us. I actually have a lot of memories of him and I will always cherish them in my heart. Thank you Nelson for being my friend too and for all those great smiles of yours. I forgot to tell him that the tiles that he put on my shower back in 1961 just started to fall off, pretty lousy job if you ask me, they should have held for at least 50 years!,

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Becky Owens - April 14, 2015 at 12:00 AM

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“ Andy and the whole Harrison family. My heart goes out to you. its tough losing a parent or any other family member. I always enjoyed the time I spent with your family. I am sure he will be missed by more people than you can imagine. Take care and god bless. Linda Johnson ,

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DH

“ My Hero by Debbie Hinton Young  
As I ponder the love that I saw in his eyes,  
A Godly love, given without compromise....  
I recall many times that he stood by my side,  
And prodded me on with great vigor and pride.  
His voice ever confident, firm and yet fair,  
Always speaking with patience, tenderness and care.  
The power and might of his hands was so sure,  
I knew there was nothing we couldn't endure.  
It's true, a few others provided insight,  
Yet, he laid the foundation that kept me upright.  
He's the grandest of men to have lived on this earth,  
Although he's not royal by stature or birth.  
He's a man of great dignity, honor and strength.  
His merits are noble, and of admirable length.  
He's far greater than all other men that I know,  
He's my Dad, he's my mentor, my friend and hero.,

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**Daniel Harrison** - April 14, 2015 at 12:00 AM

CH

“ You have our deepest sympathy at the loss of one of Hagerstown's Icon. Nelson touched the lives and hearts of everyone who knew him. I had him as a teacher in the 60's and my Daughter had him in the 90's. He was always there for everyone (yes even through drivers training) of course he probably would have rather been any where but in the car with some of us. He will be sadly missed by all of us. Linda (Brown) Doll & Kelly Jo (Blann) Davis,

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“ WOW! What an awesome video tribute. What an awesome man! Mr. Harrison touched everyone he met, leaving a lasting impression on each one. What a great way to be remembered.,

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CG

“ Well Dad we celebrated your birthday last night and boy was that a tough one. We went to Willow Springs just for you and ordered what you liked--fried chicken. We took up most of the back room. It sure was hard sitting there and not seeing you sitting at the end of the table. Mike sat in your seat for you. I can't begin to tell you how much I miss seeing you or talking to you on your birthday. Jaigen bought you a balloon for your birthday and put it on your chair. I heard Steph and the entire gang wrote you notes and attached them to balloons and let them go at the high school. Scott is still arranging the garage--you'd love it, Gary was down to celebrate your day and helped with the yard, Suzy called-she wished she could've been there, David wrote a wonderful poem about you, I cried, Steph let off balloons with notes on them for you, Dan also wrote a fantastic poem for you, Chris worked real hard on the yard--It's looking great, Sham made a cake for you and her teachers ate it, Andy and his gang came to the restaurant to celebrate, Aunt Nancy ate chicken just for you. Most importantly, Mom was first in line to celebrate your big day. She's been great and we'll take care of her just like you wanted us to. We all miss you more each day and it doesn't seem to be getting any easier. Just wanted to wish you a Happy 70th Birthday, Dad. I love you tons, Cindy-The Fav,

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**Cindy Glaze** - April 14, 2015 at 12:00 AM

CH

“ To the Harrison family: Thank you for sharing Nellie with all of us. I knew Nellie when I was an athlete at Centerville and a coach at Northeastern. He was a kind and gentle man. Nellie would always greet me with a "huge BEAR" hug. He would immediately ask how I was and my family. He really wanted to know. Nellie was genuine. His face would light up when he mentioned his family--their newest accomplishment or addition. He truly loved life. EVERY TIME I saw Nellie he was upbeat and positive. I can picture in my mind his beautiful smile. Just think how lucky heaven is now to have Nellie as it's newest occupant. Blessed to have know him, Janel Wetzels,

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CH

“ To the GREATEST GUY I know. I knew you touched many lives, but I never realized how many until you were gone. I loved hearing all the stories, but it breaks my heart to have to hear them now. I wish you were here to laugh with us. I want you to know that I love you more than words can say. You were the absolute best. You were given a huge tribute and you deserved it. The town of Hagerstown will NEVER be the same and neither will our family. We miss you so much. I hope you had time to visit with your dad. I know you have a lot of catching up to do. I know he is so very proud of you just like we all are. Miss you more each day. Love you. Cindy,

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CH

“ To the family - God blessed you with this wonderful man for all of these years. Keep all of the memories close, cherish the time you had with him, and enjoy life as he enjoyed life. That is what he would want. My love and prayers are with each of the family members for the loss of a wonderful husband, father and grandfather. This community has lost an amazing man, and an amazing friend.,

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CG

“ The memory's still vivid, one month ago today, we painfully watched you, as you slipped away. It hurts so much, not having you here, I woke up this morning, still trembling with fear. Since you've been gone, not a day goes by, that I can remember, that I don't cry. I'll never forget, seeing your last breath, my heart was ripped, upon your death. I can't believe, how quickly you were taken, I wish I had the power, to make you awaken. I miss your voice, I miss your smile, I miss your laugh, I'll miss you always not for awhile. I love you, DAD, more than words can say, I'm thinking of you always, and on this very day. I miss and love you Pop. ,

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**Cindy Glaze** - April 14, 2015 at 12:00 AM

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“ The Harrison Family, Nelson was a great friend and teacher, and I knew Sham through Jason Black many years ago. I always enjoyed talking to him and never saw him down and out. He was always happy and had a way of making you laugh. I hope in these days you all remember what a great person he is, and know that we are all mourning your loss. Godspeed. Shan Willis,

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CH

“ Thank you to Mr. Harrison for being a GREAT teacher and mentor. He will be missed! I am a better driver because of him and have always thought of him from time to time as I drive to where I'm going. Anytime I take turn too sharply, I think of him telling us he needed a spatula to scrape himself off the passenger side window. He had a great sense of humor but always took our driving seriously. I always respected him for the fact that he never let anyone be exempt from the BMV's driving test with the parallel parking!!! God Bless his family!! What an honor for him to be your dad!!! Amy Meyer Carter, Class of '87,

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CH

“ Sup Pop, I remember us watching the food channel. And fishing that one time at Scott's. You were awesome! I remember us at Christmas time alot doing stuff. Love you, Kork Dear Pop, I love you, but you are in a better place now. I know everyone loves you, but they should know that everyone's gotta go someday. So, I hope that everyone will meet you in Heaven. Love your grandson, Kyle,

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CH

“ My thoughts and prayers go out to the Harrison family. I am honored to say that I had the privilege of having Mr. Harrison as a teacher at Hagerstown. I have many fond memories of our days in drivers ed. It has been 20 years since those school days but everytime I saw Mr. Harrison in town he would always stop to talk. Our community has lost a truly great man. God Bless, Jennifer Rhodus Campbell Class of '87 ,

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“ *My thoughts and prayers are with you and your family. My very deepest sympathy, Sandra,*

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“ *Mr. Harrison was one of my favorite teachers. He taught me how to drive--and we had a lot of laughs in the process. I'll never forget him buying cookies for me and my driving partners and then making us drive while eating them. He said, "You're gonna eat while ya drive anyway, ya may as well learn how to do it the right way." He also loved to make fun of my "need for speed." His nicknames for me were "lead foot" and "crash." :) What a great, fun-loving guy. Tammy (Reece) Root,*

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CH

“ *Mr. Harrison made drivers ed a blast! I can remember his nervousness (well I think he was pretending) and my nervousness when it was my turn to drive on I-70. Mr. H. always had a way to make me laugh and to enjoy life. To the entire Harrison family, I am sorry for your loss but I know that Mr. H. has gone on to a better place in life. Cindy, you know I will always remember the drives in the ole' station wagon. I think that is why I passed drivers ed:) Take care and may time heal your heart. Jessica (King) Soukup '87,*

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**Culberson Funeral Home** - April 14, 2015 at 12:00 AM

CH

“ Me and Janies prayers and thoughts are with the Harrison Family during this hard time. I was one of many individuals that had the privledge of having "Nellie" as a Teacher,a Coach,but most of all a Friend,and a man that always waved at me everytime he saw me.I had the oppportunity to spend a few days on the water with Nellie fishing at Brookville before his passing.We talked about everything from his first Drivers Education teaching experience to the paddlin' he gave me back in 1977(ouch)I still remember the smile on his face when he landed his first walleye from Brookville.And all the fishing emails and pictures we shared with each other.Mr Harrison will be sadly be missed in the Hagerstown and surrounding community, Jimmy Lang and Janie Welliver,

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CH

“ Im so sorry to hear the passing of Nelson...My deepest symphany goes out to all his family.Im so sorry for your loss...My thoughts and Prayers are we all the family through this horrible Loss..I had him for a few yrs as a teacher and a Drivers Ed teacher and he was my favorite one.He was the sweetest the most caring person and so funny..He had the best personality and always had a smile on his face.. I know he will be missed by so many people..He touched alot of people hearts with his smile and laughter and his caring ways.. Again Im so sorry for your Loss and my Thoughts and Prayers are with each and everyone of you....R.I.P MR. HARRISON!! We all will miss you!!God saw you were getting tired, and a cure was not meant to be So he put his arms around you, and whispered come with me With tearful eyes we watched you, as we saw you pass away Although we love you deeply,we could not make you stay. Your golden heart stopped beating, hard working hands at rest, God broke our hearts to prove to us..He only takes the best Lori Toschlog Roots ,

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SB

“ I will miss seeing you at the kids' ball games, parked in front or where you're not supposed to be. I 'll miss seeing you every morning before school to have our cup of coffee and deciding whether or not to go to Carla's. I'll miss hearing "going to C's" for your cup of coffee at 9 sharp. Who'll take mom and I to Wal-Mart about every other day? Who's gonna laugh at Chris's stupid jokes? I miss seeing you in that huge chair giving high fives to all who enter. Speaking of the chair, thanks for all the change you left in the seat everytime you sat down. Everything around this town reminds me of you. I miss you. You meant so much to me. I love you and I cherish the time we got to spend together. I also cherish the moments you spent with the boys. Until we meet againLove,THE FAVE,

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**Steph Beeson** - April 14, 2015 at 12:00 AM

CH

“ I was very saddened to hear of Nellie's passing. I was Asst. Prin. at Hagerstown Jr. Sr. High School for only two years. One of the best memories I have of that job was being able to look back and say I got to know Nellie. He was a great educator and an awesome person who loved teaching and who loved his family even more. I did get to go on a couple of fishing trips with him and never stopped laughing and having a good time.Nellie...I hope you're catching them up there.Bill Gard ,

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**Culberson Funeral Home** - April 14, 2015 at 12:00 AM

CH

“ I was so sorry to hear the news of Mr. Harrison. I am glad that I got to see and talk to him at the ball park this summer. He was a wonderful man. I had the priviledge of having him teach me to drive, he was always telling me to turn down one way streets, that were the wrong way, and of course I would start to do it, he was my teacher, what a sense of humor he had. My thoughts and prayers are with the whole family at this very sad time. Be strong and be together. Kathy Williams (Bennett) class of '86,

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“ I was so sorry to hear about Mr. Harrison. He was a great teacher and I loved having him for one. He will be missed alot. With love for the whole family. Tammy Beal Hogan Class of 1982,

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“ I was so sad when I heard of "Mr. Harrison's" passing. He was a great teacher who always had a smile for us. My prayers are with all of his family. Lynn Oakes Biggs, Portland, TN,

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“ I hate the cold, but I always looked forward going on the almost annual hunting trip with all the girls and you. I loved getting 5 layers of clothes on, getting our picture taken with you before we left. I loved going to the truck stop for breakfast before our big outting. You knew you weren't going to catch any deer, but you took us any way. All of us just loved being with you and we knew you weren't going to catch anything either. I will miss those times forever. I love you Dad and I miss you more and more each day. I often think of that wonderful smile and that awesome laugh. I will visit you often just like you wanted us to. I love you. Your favorite, Cindy,

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**Cindy Glaze** - April 14, 2015 at 12:00 AM

CG

“ Here's a little story about our dear old dad on one of our hunting trips. I was pregnant for Jensen and went hunting with dad. Dad was on the deer look-out deck (whatever you call those things) and we were sitting on five gallon buckets under some tree limbs. While Dad was waiting patiently for a deer (like he was ever going to see one with us there), we got the giggles. Dad kept giving us the "look", which made us giggle even more. After an hour or two, out of the blue, Dad fired off his gun. Well, being pregant, I couldn't hold my bodily functions very well. That gun fire scared me to death. I flew backwards off the five gallon bucket and totally peed my pants--all through 3 layers of clothes. Dad laughed and laughed. I sure do miss that laugh. I'd pee my pants every day if I could bring him back. That is just one of the special memories that will never die. Love ya, Cindy,

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**Cindy Glaze** - April 14, 2015 at 12:00 AM

CH

“ Gary: I'm deeply saddened to hear about the passing of your father. I want you to know that you and your family are in our prayers. Scott Duff,

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Culberson Funeral Home - April 14, 2015 at 12:00 AM

CH

“ Deepest sympathies to all the Harrison family.....I know this was an untimely loss and I pray that God will ease your troubled hearts until you all are together again. What a great man "Nellie" was - funny too! He always had a smile! Never met anyone quite like him. He was an outstanding teacher and a true epitome of how a person should be in his community. He meant a lot to Hagerstown and will be truly missed. Nellie was always upbeat and happy and I still don't know how he managed to remember all of us "kids" like he did over the years. I'm 45, have been gone from Hagerstown for 28 years (except for occasional visits) and he still asks my Aunt Kit about me. Amazing - what a caring heart his was! Over his years of service, there must have been thousands of kids - he never forgot any of us! He truly "loved" us all and it showed. God rest you Nellie! ,

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CH

“ Dear, sweet, Mr. Harrison! You will be so missed! You poured so much of yourself into your students, family, and friends, and we have all been blessed by your loving spirit and wonderful smile. I always have cherished memories of driver's ed, in particular-- stopping at Willow Springs or Dutch Oven to get your coffee and then warning us not to make you spill it or we would fail the class. LOL We knew you weren't serious, but we still didn't want you to end up with scalding hot coffee on your legs. I think of you often when I'm out driving...remembering the warnings and the advice...I still drive with the my lights on in the daylight because you taught us we were more visible that way--and this was before newer cars that had automatic dayrunning lights. You also advised my parents to make me wait until summer before taking my driver's test. I look back now and realize that was probably a pretty good idea. Thank you for always having your students' best interest at heart. Thank you for your wonderful smile and laughter. Thank you for all the years you've given to the children and youth of Wayne county and Hagerstown High School. You are loved. Your family is such an awesome testament to your love and faith. God speed, Mr. Harrison. And, God bless your family and friends as they remember you. Tonia Severance,

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“ Dear Harrison Family, We are so sorry to learn of the death of Nelson. He taught all three of our kids and was wrestling coach to the boys. We admire all that he did for the students of HHS. It's a great loss to the community. Mike Bennett's story in the P-I is a great tribute. Our thoughts and prayers are with you at this sad time. Sincerely, The Mattheis family,

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“ Dad, It has been a week and it is still not easy. The little things you did and we shared remind me every day of you and how much we all loved you and miss you and what you did for us. Watched Carson get on the bus today, you would have been proud of that little guy and he is a great boy/son because of the lessons you taught us. We all, family/friends/town, owe you you a great deal. You will never be forgotten and missed greatly. Love you and we will make you proud as you made us proud. Love you.,

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SB

“ Chris, mom and I were playing "quarters". Instead of drinking, the person would have to do a dare. Mom lost and she had to do a ballerina dance around dad in the kitchen. Dad just laughed and shrugged his shoulders. Gary came home from the Air Force and thought he could take dad. Dad threw him against the wall, over the couch and then sat on him. Poor guy never had a chance. He never messed with him again.....wrong. Got his butt kicked the second time. Wasn't very bright was he? I loved going to Glen Miller Park as a kid. Dad would buy a sack of hamburgers and cheeseburgers and a sack of fries. That was always a fun family "vacation",

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**Steph Beeson** - April 14, 2015 at 12:00 AM

PK

“ As a young PE teacher I came to know Nellie as I taught with him in the late 80's. His smile is unforgettable. His teaching style was quite different then the average teacher. He was able to get the most out of his students because they knew he genuinly cared about them. They also knew how to respect him. All he had to do was "give a student the look" and they knew where they stood. Messing around was out of the question.I learned so much working with Nellie, not only as a mentor, but on the personal level. Jackie was the love of his life, and as he would talk about his children, his eyes would light up. It was so evident to anyone that knew him, that his family was his pride and joy.I believe I am a better person knowing Nellie. I know I am the successful teacher today, because of Nellie. It has been a privledge to know him and I will miss him.Pam Kirk ,

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**Pamela Kirk** - April 14, 2015 at 12:00 AM

DD

“ A tribute to Dad was seen last night at the calling, where an estimated 2,000 well-wishers paid their respects to Dad and offered condolences to Mom in a line of constant flow past Dad's casket that lasted over 6 hours! How can you sum up in a few sentences the legacy Dad left behind, the love and care he poured out over his lifetime, the events, incidents, the laughs, the tears, the joys, the sorrows? Taint easy I'll tell ya that. Just know that Dad was a Christian, a Patriot, a Republican, a father, a grandfather, a teacher, a mentor, an EMT-Intermediate, a hunter, a fisherman, a golfer, a family man, a man of history, and a man of morals and ethics. We'll miss you Dad!Love, Dave,

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**David default** - April 14, 2015 at 12:00 AM

CH

“ Rodney & I were very sad to hear about the loss of Coach Harrison. He was a great family man, teacher and coach. He was someone that we always hoped to see when we would come home for a visit. Our thoughts & prayers are with all of you. Rodney & Barb Day,

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TH

“ Coach Harrison...A man with big wings When I was in grade school in the early 70's, I was a small kid with an attitude. Coach Harrison took me under his wing. He put me on a wrestling mat and adjusted my attitude. He taught me so much about right and wrong...he let me know real quick HE was right and I was wrong! He did it in a way that made me want to do the right thing. I never wanted to let him down. He kept me on the mat and under his wing throughout my high school career. I stayed out of trouble, for the most part. It amazes me to think how many kids, (now adults) he took under his wing through the years. Coach Harrison was a big man with a big heart and even bigger wings. Coach you will forever be in our hearts.,

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**Terry Hobbs** - April 14, 2015 at 12:00 AM

CH

“ There are very few people that you meet in your life that you know on four different levels. First there was Mr. Harrison, the teacher the man that demanded your respect and earned it. The fear of his legendary paddle was enough to always make me fly right in his class room or in the halls near it. Second, there was Coach Harrison the man that demanded you do your best and always giving the proper instruction to help you do so. Third, there was Nelly the man that always had a smile on his face and would laugh with you while you joked about his son and one of your best friends. Or you congratulated him on one of the grandchildren on how well they were doing at the little league park. Fourth was Nelson Harrison. The man that was first in line at my own fathers calling and if not first, one of the first five at my little brothers. The man who when I raced out to the sight of my sons accident and saw him being put on a stretcher with a neck brace and all the fears that go with it, assured me he was fine and it was precautionary. They say a mans legacy is left in what he has left behind, I'm speaking to the boys that I know so well. Even though you are all rascals, and now to the girls as well, I can't think of a better legacy. To Jackie as I told you last night, he was a good coach and a good teacher. Even more he was a better man. To Gary, my dear, dear freind. I know how rough it is. I know your devastated. If you need anything. Avon isn't as far away as we say. Love always, DAWG! ,

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SD

“ Every time I would call home, you would answer the phone "WHAT". You would laugh (oh what a great laugh you had) and ask how I was doing or how things were going. You would then quickly ask if I wanted to speak to ma'ma' or "the head-headed wench" as you would playfully call mom. You always told me you loved me before handing over the phone. I have called home many times since you left and it's sad when someone picks up the phone with a simple "hello".,

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**Shamara Daniel** - April 14, 2015 at 12:00 AM

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**Patty Upchurch (DeArmond)** - April 14, 2015 at 12:00 AM

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**Angela Davis** - April 14, 2015 at 12:00 AM

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“ Nellie both Kyle & myself had him as a teacher at some point in our life. Mine was as a drivers ed instructor. I'll never forget having finished drivers ed than working at Welliver's a few years later, a couple I had picked up at the airport had there wing damaged from a person mowing the lawn, the driver of the mower... Mr. Harrison himself. I never let that one get by him. What a great person though. Both of my kids had him also either as a teacher or as a "Coach". He will be greatly missed in the public eye & now at Dales Pizza where the whole family is regulars. Our thoughts are with you.,

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CH

“ Coach. He was always "Coach". Not Mr. Harrison, Nelson or Nellie. I was just one of many, many student athletes lucky enough to have him as my coach. He taught me a lot, not just about sports, but about fairness and sportsmanship. He will be missed by all those whose lives he touched. ,

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“ We just called Mr. Harrison "Coach". I began wrestling for him in 7th grade (1967, I think). He taught me that even skinny kids had a place in wrestling. I was also blessed to have him as a coach in High School tennis. The one thing that I remember the most of all his coaching and advice, is his reminder to be humble. He would say, "If you are good, you don't have to tell anyone, they will figure it out themselves." I have passed that advice on to my own children and many others through the years. I will always be grateful for the time and care "Coach" spent on me. My thoughts and prayers go out to the family that will miss him dearly. Thank you for sharing Mr. Harrison with the rest of us. With loving memories, Steve Newton,

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CH

“ *May God comfort you with the wonderful memories that Nelson has given everyone he knew. My sons (Kyle And Cole Whalen) and myself will always remember both Nelson and his family for their love to always joking around, being with lots of family and friends. May God bless you all. Kim Whalen,*

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JC

“ *TO THE FAMILY OF ELZO & MIDDIE SEXTON, WE ARE SO SORRY TO HEAR ABOUT ELZO & MIDDIE. WE KNEW THEM FROM STONEY CAMPGROUND IN CHEROKEE, NC FOR MANY YEARS. THEY WERE GOOD FRIENDS. YOUR FAMILY IS IN OUR THOUGHTS & PRAYERS. CLAUDE, BETTY, & JENNIFER CAMPBELL AND SONNY WORLEY ALL OF SPARTANBURG SC.,*

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**JENNIFER CAMPBELL** - April 14, 2015 at 12:00 AM

EB

“ *Randy, You and your sisters have my heartfelt condolences. I pray that each of you will find comfort and peace while you mourn for Middie and Elzo. Ed Bowling,*

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**Ed Bowling** - April 14, 2015 at 12:00 AM

CH

“ i remember is was about 13 yrs 9 yrs old. having a bad day already, probably getting beat up by my older brothers, i ran to my room to get away from everybody. dad came upstairs to see if i was ok. he said lets go. i asked him where we were going. he said don't worry about it, just follow me. if your not a harrison brother or sister you don't know what it meant to us when he took one of us each time he would mow the runway at the airport. it may sound lame or whatever, but to me that day it meant something special. always aware of somebody elses feelings. he took the bullet for me so many times, there is no way of measuring how much i owe my life to that kick ass man!!!!,

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“ *Patty, Leona, Norma and Randy, My thoughts are with you.*  
*Roxanne Engle,*

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