



## Henry Allen Harrison

April 6, 1968 - December 2, 2022

Allen Harrison, 54, of Little Rock, Arkansas, died on December 2, 2022. He was born on April 6, 1968, in Fayetteville, Arkansas, to Henry Ernest “Hank” Harrison, Jr. and Cheryl Diane Allen Harrison. Allen was raised in Siloam Springs and graduated from Siloam Springs High School in 1986. He received his nursing education at the University of Tulsa, followed by his Degree of Medicine from the University of Oklahoma in 1998.

His grandparents, Henry and Maxine Harrison, Sr, Delbert and Charlotte Allen, Sr. and his infant niece, Mia Murdock, precede Allen in death. Allen is survived by his parents, Hank and Cheryl, of Siloam Springs, Arkansas; siblings, Aaron Harrison and wife Teresa, of Jackson, Missouri, Cara Smith and husband Kevin, of Owasso, Oklahoma, Marla Lightburn, of Springdale, Arkansas and Abby Mahan, of Siloam Springs, Arkansas. Uncle Allen had 13 nieces and nephews, whom he loved to brag about and brought him tremendous joy.

He was an avid Arkansas Razorback fan and rarely missed an opportunity to cheer on those Hogs. Allen loved 80’s rock bands and concerts. He was a gifted cook and enjoyed sharing new recipes with his siblings. His baking skills put the rest of his siblings to shame. Allen loved to travel and spent many vacations with his family at Captiva Island, Florida. He was an enthusiastic international explorer, having traveled to Europe, Asia, the South Pacific, the Caribbean, and Canada numerous times. Most of all, Allen was extremely passionate about his career. He served as the Research and Quality Project

Manager of the Neonatal Intensive Care Unit at Arkansas Children's Hospital for the last 12 years. Allen played a key role in the foundation and development of the Children's Hospital Neonatal Consortium, which is now the largest database of complex newborns in the world. This will positively impact care for generations of newborns in the future.

A Celebration of Life in honor of Allen will be held on Saturday, December 17, 2022, at 2:00 P.M., at Wasson Funeral Home, in Siloam Springs, Arkansas.

Dress is casual; feel free to wear your favorite Hogs, Cardinals, or Braves gear or any other casual attire you choose. To sign the online guestbook, please visit [www.wassonfuneralhome.com](http://www.wassonfuneralhome.com). In lieu of flowers, please make donations in Allen's memory to Arkansas Children's Hospital Neonatal Intensive Care Unit using the following link: <https://www.archildrens.org/giving/> Click "Donate" and fill in "In memory of Allen Harrison." Then choose the drop down box to select Neonatal Intensive Care Unit.

# Previous Events

## Celebration of Life Service

DEC 17. 2:00 PM - 3:00 PM (CT)

Wasson Funeral Home

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# Tribute Wall

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“ *Leasa Souza lit a candle in memory of Henry Harrison*



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**Leasa Souza** - April 26, 2023 at 12:43 AM

AR

“ *Dear Harrison Family,*

*Allen and I met when I was asked to check out the annual CHND symposium in 2016 when our organization was in the process of joining the registry. He was the first person to greet me with open arms. He took me under his wing that weekend helped me navigate, make introductions, and make sure I had a friendly face to talk to. He was a great mentor, colleague, and friend. I loved his out of the blue phone calls over the years to talk shop on how to pull data out of the registry and to catch up on life. I wanted to let you all know how special he was to all of us here that participate with CHND registry and that he will be truly missed. In honor of his memory, a group of fellow abstractors, physicians, and colleagues from CHND all pooled together to make a donation of \$850 in his name to the Arkansas Children's Hospital NICU. Our thoughts are all with you.*

*Sincerely,  
Amanda Ramer*

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**Amanda Ramer** - February 03, 2023 at 02:23 PM



“ *Harrison Family*

*I am a friend of Allen's - he taught me so much on the CHND database, when I started as the program manager back in 2013. He was great at teaching and always had time to answer my questions. Even after I left CHND we kept in contact and talked about every couple months, I will always cherish those phone calls especially the last one we had over the Thanksgiving holiday.*

*We both had a passion for college football, I would always cheer on the Hogs and he said he would cheer for my Huskers.*

*I miss him dearly, I so enjoyed talking to him.*

*I am so very sorry for your loss, he was an amazing man, teacher, role model, and friend.*

*Teresa Tobin*

**Teresa Tobin** - January 26, 2023 at 01:37 PM



“ *Harrison Family*

*So very sorry for your loss. You are in our thoughts and prayers.*

*Cara and Rob Gaw & The McCratic Family*

**Cara Gaw** - December 17, 2022 at 06:10 PM



“ *White Sympathy Floor Basket was purchased for the family of Henry Allen Harrison.*



December 17, 2022 at 11:51 AM

JK

“ I am a friend of Allen’s from PA - we worked together on the CHND database but he became a friend. We shared a love of horse racing and talked about the big races and betting strategies including prep races for the Derby. He was the best teacher - he was never too busy to answer a question or discuss a strategy for entering a difficult case into the data base. He was knowledgeable, patient and passionate about sharing his wisdom - no question was dismissed and he was kind about responding. He was my go to, I will miss him. I will be thinking of him on the first Saturday in May - it will not be the same with out my friend. My thoughts and prayers are with you all - I am so sorry. Jeanette Koran

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**Jeanette Koran** - December 15, 2022 at 02:17 PM

TP

“ Over the years, I had heard several stories from my husband, Jim, about going to concerts with his friend, "Al", when he attended the University of Tulsa in the late 80s. After my dear Daddy's memorial service in the spring of 2021, we went back to Aunt Cheryl and Uncle Hank's house for a bit to visit and see cousins. Sweet Allen was there and started visiting with Jim. When Jim realized my cousin was, in fact, "Al" from his college days - the phone calls he made to mutual friends on the way home all started the same way..."You're never going to believe who I just hung out with...Al! He's Tiffany's cousin! Friends at TU over 30 years ago and now we're in the same family." We will never stop remembering and loving Allen. His name will forever be etched on our hearts.

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**Tiffany Harrison Parrick** - December 14, 2022 at 11:30 PM

AD

“ I have many great memories of Allen as I worked with him over the years in CHNC. We shared a love of the STL Cardinals. He was always willing to help anyone out and was a HUGE wealth of knowledge. He will be greatly missed within the organization.

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**Amy Distler** - December 14, 2022 at 11:06 AM

KN

“ Kevin and Anna Neal purchased the White Standing Spray for the family of Henry Allen Harrison.



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**Kevin and Anna Neal** - December 13, 2022 at 08:43 PM

JP

“ I worked with Allen over the years through the Children's Hospital Neonatal Consortium. He will truly be remembered for his contributions in making this organization stronger. His contributions are making a difference for patients not just in Arkansas but nationally and internationally. My condolences to his family and friends. He will be missed!

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**Jean Pallotto** - December 12, 2022 at 09:56 AM

JN

“ Dear Hank, Cheryl and family, I cannot imagine the depth of your sorrow. Allen and I have been friends for the past 12 years. Meeting through our work with CHNC and bonding over our love of sports. We spoke on the phone 2-3 times a week both for work and as friends. Hank, Mark and I were happy to host you and Allen when you came to Detroit on one of your baseball treks. It was easy to the bond between father and son. He spoke of his family so much I feel as if I know you all. The distance will not allow me to attend the celebration of Allen's life, but I will be there is spirit. Sending warm thoughts and hugs to you all,

Jay Ann Nelson

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Jay Ann Nelson - December 10, 2022 at 08:55 AM

PR

“ To our dear friends Hank and Cheryl. We are deeply sorry for your loss. We are praying for you daily and know God will reach down to hold you near. Allen was such a nice man. You can be so proud of him and his accomplishments. God Bless You and the entire family.

Phillip and Penny

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Penny Rice - December 09, 2022 at 04:31 PM

JE

“ Allen was truly larger than life. From spending time with him on numerous CHND calls and at the yearly conferences, to his generous visit here to take my son and I to the Classic West concert at Dodger's Stadium to see his beloved Eagles live, there was never a dull moment. I will miss our chats and that boisterous laugh that was so infectious. Rest well, my friend. You will be missed, terribly.  
Love, Julie



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**Julie Evans** - December 09, 2022 at 12:45 PM

JG

*Dear Harrison Family  
My deepest condolences for the loss of your precious son, Allen. I will keep you in my prayers. Nothing is harder for parents than the loss of a child at any age.  
Love, Judy K Graves*

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**Judy K Graves** - December 20, 2022 at 05:59 PM

JE

“ Julie Evans lit a candle in memory of Henry Harrison



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**Julie Evans** - December 09, 2022 at 12:26 PM

JM

“ The staff and exec of the CHNC are so very sad to hear of the passing on December 2nd of Allen Harrison, a unique and wonderful friend and colleague.

Allen was involved in CHNC from our very early years, when “CHNC” was just a vision and he continued to be a wonderful CHNC advocate in our mission to improve care for babies with complex disease. Allen was always generous in sharing his valuable expertise, unique in its span and including neonatal medicine, nursing, clinical data and research; his comments were often the highlights of the literally hundreds of CHNC meetings and work streams that he contributed to over these many years.

We will remember Allen with great fondness and know Allen’s dedication, kindness and wonderful humor will be sadly missed by all of us in the CHNC community We extend our heartfelt condolences for his loss to his family, friends and to the whole Arkansas Children's and UAMS team.

Jackie Evans, MD, Executive Director, CHNC  
On behalf of the whole CHNC leadership team



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**Jacquelyn R Evans MD** - December 09, 2022 at 11:32 AM

JA

“ To all of the Allen Family: So very sorry for your loss. He will have a special place in Heaven with all the little ones that didn't make it. I love you and you all are in my prayers daily. Judy Cloyd Arbia

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**Judy Arbia** - December 09, 2022 at 11:21 AM

CM

“ *Cindy Greenwell (office mate) purchased the Roses For Sympathy for the family of Henry Allen Harrison.*



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**Cindy Greenwell (office mate)** - December 09, 2022 at 09:46 AM

PE

“ *I'm praying for your family at this very difficult time. Let your memories of him bring you peace and joy. Always tell stories about him and he will never be far away. One day you will each be with him again. I'm sending you much love.*  
*Sincerely, Patti Van Poucke Eiland*

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**Patti Eiland** - December 08, 2022 at 05:06 PM

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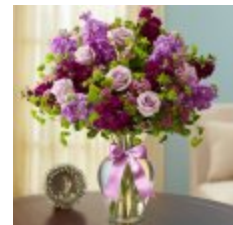
“ *We're so very sorry to hear about Allen's passing. Prayers for your family, and may you find comfort in the beautiful life he lived.*  
*Ron Ramsey & Loree Foreman*

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**Loree Foreman** - December 08, 2022 at 03:35 PM



“ *Shades of Purple was purchased for the family of Henry Allen Harrison.*



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December 08, 2022 at 01:33 PM