



Mr. Harrison M. Gamble

March 6, 1943 - March 30, 2013

Harrison M. Gamble, March 6, 1943 – March 30, 2013. After a courageous 15 year battle with COPD, Harrison passed away peacefully at his home, in Bartlesville, OK, on Saturday March 30, 2013. With him were his wife, Pat and his daughter Rebekah.

Harrison was the tenth and last child of Timmie Gambles and Beulah Sewall Gambles of Marlin, TX. He is survived by a brother, Timothy (Laverne) and two sisters Vera and Leola. He moved to Denton, TX at an early age and graduated from Fred Moore High School. Harrison attended Texas Western College (UTEP) on a combined football/academic scholarship. One of his proudest moments was being a member of the team that won the Sun Bowl in 1965. From that period, he developed friendships that continued throughout his life. After graduation, he remained at the university, for a short period, as an assistant football coach. Harrison held teaching credentials and later moved to Livermore, CA, where he taught English. During this phase, he tried his hand at modeling and entertaining.

Music was always an integral part of his life, from singing in the church choir, playing trumpet in the hi-school band, college musical productions, community groups and special productions over his lifetime. He came to know his talent was a Godly gift that he used to minister to others. Harrison was a member of a Southern Gospel quartet, “Living Sacrifice”. The group recorded two albums. He was a loyal member of the choir of First Baptist Church Bartlesville and the community group The Ad Lib Singers.

Harrison and Pat met at The Travelers Insurance Co in Dallas, TX in September 1971, where they were both employed. When they married, on March 10, 1972, they blended a family of four children, Melbourne (TX), Jason (MN), Keven (CA), and Yvette (CA). Later grafted into that family was a nephew, who became a “son”, Terrence (AZ). In 1982, their daughter Rebekah was born to complete the family unit. Harrison is survived by his wife, children, ten grandchildren, and countless other friends and family who were blessed to know him.

Harrison's twenty-six year career with The Travelers allowed the family to move to several different states and cities. He retired from Travelers in 1996 and moved to Bartlesville in 1997 as the Director of CMI (Claims Management Institute for Wal-Mart). He retired from that position in 2006.

Harrison touched the lives of many people with his music but also with his generosity and friendship. In each place he lived, the family quickly connected with a local church and became involved in the community. One of his favorite activities was volunteering at the First Baptist Church Family Life Center. He developed lifelong friendships and a cherished number became "family".

The family will receive friends at the Davis Family Funeral Home, (918-534-3030), 113 S. Osage (Hwy. 75), Dewey, on Friday, April 5, 2013, from 5:30 – 7:00 p.m. In lieu of flowers, please make a donation to the charity of your choice.

Celebration of Life services for Mr. Gamble will be held 10 a.m., Saturday, April 6, 2013, at First Baptist Church of Bartlesville. Dr. Joe Dan Fowler will officiate. Arrangements are under the direction of the Davis Family Funeral Home. Online condolences may be left at www.DavisFamilyFuneralHome.com.

Previous Events

Visitation

APR 4. 9:00 AM - 8:00 PM (CT)

Davis Family Funeral Home - Dewey Chapel
113 S Osage Ave
Dewey, OK 74029
(918) 534-3030
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Family and Friends Gathering

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Service

APR 6. 10:00 AM (CT)

First Baptist Church of Bartlesville
405 S Cherokee Ave.
Bartlesville, OK 74003
<http://www.bfbc.net>

Tribute Wall



“ *Davis Family Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Mr. Harrison M. Gamble*



Davis Family Funeral Home - March 30, 2013 at 12:00 AM

LL

“ *To the Gamble Family,
Mr. Gamble was my 7th grade English teacher in 1968 at Mendenhall Middle School in Livermore, CA. He was my favorite teacher as he was kind, charismatic and a really good English teacher.*

I remember him bringing books to life as he read them to the class with such expression that I always felt the bell rang way to soon. He helped me believe in myself and in retrospect it amazes me as he was such a young man at the time. I have a fond memory of my family attending one of his concerts and being so impressed with his musical talent. We were saddened that he was leaving teaching but understood he needed to pursue his dreams.

It looks as if he achieved his dreams through a life well lived, rich with family and friends who loved him dearly.

*Sincerely,
Lynn Postel Laney
San Diego, CA*

Lynn Laney - June 24, 2018 at 02:13 AM

KW

“ *1 file added to the tribute wall*



Kevin White - May 05, 2014 at 07:41 PM

JO

“ My sincerest sympathy goes out to the friends and family of Harrison . It is such a difficult thing to deal with. As time goes by, you will begin to realize that as you think of his smiles, his love of his family, his laughter, the pain will have diminished a bit and you'll find yourself smiling again. I didn't know him personally but, having lost someone dear to me, I can empathize with the pain you are experiencing. What comfort such scriptures as John 5:28,29 brought me! You will read there about the promise Jesus gave of resurrecting our loved ones back to life. When he resurrected His friend Lazarus back to life (John 11:38-44) He showed his ability and desire to fulfill that promise. Can you just imagine the joy Lazarus' sisters felt when they held him in their arms once again? This joy we too will feel in the very near future. Until that day comes, we have the promise that God will draw close to those whose hearts have been broken (Psalms 34:18) I truly hope these few scriptures have helped lessen the pain you feel as they had mine.

Joni - April 25, 2013 at 10:30 AM

AS

“ Harrison, I am still in denial that you are gone. I enjoyed working with you and respected you as a manager, but more so, a mentor. You taught me so much during my time at CMI. I am so honored to have been able to call you a friend and respected your friendship in the years after you left CMI. This place will not be the same since you are gone. Rest in Peace my friend. I will see you again someday.

Ashley Goff

Ashley - April 10, 2013 at 03:37 PM

NJ

“ We were so looking forward to coming to see Gamble and meet the family. Lou had just talk to him about a week before his passing. They had talked about a reunion with the close ex-football and basketball player from UTEP. He to Lou he could no long do his yard work and could not travel, so we were working on bringing the reunion to him. Sorry, we couldn't get the date for the services several of us were planning to come. Gamble will always be remembered with LOVE and our fondest memories.

Lou"Creep" & Norma James El Paso, TX. (915-598-5370)

Norma and Louis James - April 06, 2013 at 01:47 PM

LK

“ Harrison, thanks for being a man after God and an encourager in my life. Love to Pat and your family during this time of home-going. Can't wait to see you again on the streets of Heaven. The Anchor holds.

Lee Kanakis - April 06, 2013 at 08:36 AM

TJ

“ My prayers and sympathy are with you, Aunt Pat, Mel, Rebekah and Keven. Uncle Harrison was a funny, intelligent man who always carried himself with great class and distinction. One of my earliest memories of Uncle Harrison is hearing his deep voice sing a gospel song at my grandmother’s house—I just knew he was a star! Absolutely CONVINCED he was a celebrity. It took a while for my grandmother to convince me he was her baby brother. His presence, charm and character always filled up a room.

I know that your heart is heavy with grief, but I hope that your memories of his brilliant personality and love for each of you will provide you with some comfort in the coming days.

Love and blessings

Toni Johnson-Simpson

(Vivian Johnson’s Granddaughter & James’ Daughter)

Toni_Simpson2003@yahoo.com

Toni Johnson-Simpson - April 05, 2013 at 11:58 AM

DJ

“ I have known Harry and Pat since I was 11 years old. We lived in Manchester, CT and met Harry and Pat soon after they moved from Texas to CT. That was 39 years ago. My family(the Jordans) and the Gambles became fast friends and ultimately considered each other "family". Harry was like a son to my mother and father(Elisha and Eunice Jordan). We were blessed to have shared many of life's milestones together. I have numerous fond memories of Harry; especially our Bid Wist games! I will truly miss Harry and am very saddened by his passing. He was a wonderful man.

Doreen Jordan-Chapman - April 04, 2013 at 09:11 AM

HF

“ To the Gamble Family, My wife and I send our condolences to you. Harrison and I got to Texas Western College together. I remember how friendly and outgoing he was. He was the one that gave my the nickname "Flo". He will be missed. May God comfort you in your time of mourning. God will take care of you.

Harry and Sukari Flournoy



Harry Flournoy - April 04, 2013 at 05:54 AM

EL

“ Dear Gamble Family: I just received word of Harrison's passing. I had the pleasure and privilege of working with Harrison in 2001-2002 while overseeing the CMI office located in Bartlesville, Oklahoma. During this time Harrison and I became strong alliances, colleagues, and more importantly friends. Harrison, was a great example to all of us! He always focused on doing what was right as opposed to being right. He had a genuine concern for the Wal-Mart employees working in the CMI office and was respected and liked by everyone on his team. I apologize that I am unable to attend his services, given I now live in the Chicago area. Please accept this note in my absence, I am so sorry for your loss. I know Harrison will be missed! Kindly, Elizabeth Santilli (Espinosa) email: Elizabeth_santilli1@yahoo.com

Elizabeth - April 03, 2013 at 08:15 PM

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“ Larry Durham, Texas Western College, 1961-1965 purchased the With Distinction for the family of Mr. Harrison M. Gamble.



Larry Durham, Texas Western College, 1961-1965 - April 03, 2013 at 07:26 PM

BQ

“ Harrison was a special man. I will never forget his rendition of "Old Man River" at one of the CMI Management Meetings. He is now on the ultimate river. My condolences to the family.

Becky Quisenberry

Becky Quisenberry - April 03, 2013 at 01:00 PM

GM

“ Pat, so sorry for your loss. You are in my thoughts and prayers. Gale Mills

Gale Mills - April 03, 2013 at 08:53 AM

BS

“ Here is a man that not only had lots of respect but gave respect back. This is someone that lots of people are proud to call their friend. He was mine. HG you will be missed RIP

Billie Shepherd - April 02, 2013 at 09:19 PM

AC

“ I had the honor of working with Harrison at Wal-Mart Admin. though I worked in another department he was always so friendly to everyone. He was gentle and kind hearted and I loved it when he would sing to us. May God comfort your family in this time. You were an blessing and joy to work with.

Angela Cade - April 02, 2013 at 08:03 PM

JI

“ 1 file added to the album Tribute Wall



Jack Ed Irons - April 02, 2013 at 07:32 PM

CP

“ I met Harrison when I began working at CMI in Bartlesville OK. I remember how scared of him I was only to find out that he was the most gentle person ever. He knew I was intimidated by having to learn so much and then having to go to him to help me make a decision. He made me feel at ease and treated me like family. He made learning fun and he also believed in me. I truly am blessed to have known him. We have remained friends even after I left CMI to get married moving to Wichita KS. He would always call me Connie Marie or Connie Sue knowing that was not my middle name. He always made working a fun thing but we had to get our job done. I will miss him so much. He was a wonderful man and was loved by everyone. He no longer will have to suffer and is in a better place now. Good bye my friend for now and I will see you someday soon. I love you HMG.



Connie Perrigo Patton

Connie Perrigo Patton - April 02, 2013 at 03:40 PM

CL

“ I was privileged to meet Harrison a few years ago when we were both doing pulmonary exercises at the Hospital. He was an inspiration and a kind, Christian man who I was proud to call a friend.

Charlie K. Lowe

C. K. Lowe - April 02, 2013 at 10:30 AM

MS

“ Harrison was fun to work with at CMI. Our desks were directly across from each other and I could listen to him speaking with customers and handling them with kid gloves. We had our ups and downs but always remained friends, he had a good sense of humor and was always kind and fair with his associates. He was loved by many and will be missed dearly. Prayers to Pat and the family.

Maureen Sandwith - April 01, 2013 at 12:44 PM