



## Dr. Rudolph Harris

November 21, 1935 - April 16, 2019

Dr. Rudolph Harris: Patriarch, scientist, educator, and Alpha, was born November 21, 1935 to the late Bessie and Frank Harris Sr. in Shreveport Louisiana.

A proud Alumnus of Booker T. Washington High school Class of 1952, Rudolph went on to Receive his B.S from Southern University in Baton Rouge, La where he became a Member of Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Beta Sigma Chapter 1954. After serving in the Air Force, he received his Masters & Ph.D from The Catholic University of America.

Rudy married the love of his life Janette Hoston Harris in 1962 in the Little Chapel at Howard University.

Professionally he worked in federal service for 39 yrs and retired as Branch Chief, Novel Ingredients (HFS-207) with the Food and Drug Administration. In his career he served as a fellow with National Cancer Institute at NIH, and as a Biology professor at The University of the District of Columbia.

Rudy was a gardener and an active member of Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc. serving as the Mu Lambda Chapter President, Vice President, Foundation Board Member, and founder of the Henry Arthur Callis Beautillion which taught high school boys the rites of passage to manhood. He also served as

the Chair of the ladies Activities for the 91st Alpha Phi Alpha General Convention held in Washington D.C. Rudy's active life membership in Alpha spanned across 65 years and he still found time to provide his civic duty to his neighborhood, community and city, serving as Advisory Neighborhood Commissioner 4C04 in Ward 4 and Chair of ANC-4C, President of the 16th Street heights community assn, President of The Minorities In Science & Technology Network; and President of the Organization of Black Scientist Washington D.C. Chapter and founding board member of the D.C. Hall Of Fame

His devotion was to the three pillars in his life, His family, his church John Wesley AME Zion and Alpha Phi Alpha; but his heart was Janette Hoston Harris who preceded him in death by 6 months.

Rudolph Harris is survived by his children, Son Rylan Rudolph and wife Beverly, daughter Junie Janette, Step Son Ronnie and wife Dorothy Johnson, Grand Daughter Kennedy Gullatte, siblings Frank and Sheryl Harris, Linda and Walter Caldwell, his niece Harrine Freeman and a host of relatives, and close friends. Rudy closed his eyes on Tuesday April 16th to meet his wife at the pearly gates, he will be forever missed.

# Cemetery Details

## Fort Lincoln Cemetery

3401 Bladensburg Road  
Brentwood, MD 20722

# Previous Events

## Visitation

APR 26. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

John Wesley AME Zion  
1615 14th Street  
Washington, DC 20009

## Service

APR 26. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (ET)

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# Tribute Wall



“ *Dr. Rudolph Harris*

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October 23, 2023 at 08:15 AM



“ *We the March Family and Marshall-March Staff wish to extend our deepest and heartfelt sympathy in the passing of your loved one. Our prayers go out to you and your family in your time of loss. We know and understand that you have received many expressions of love and we will continue to lift you up in prayer. May the memories you cherish of brighter and happier days help to ease your sorrow and comfort you always.*

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**Marshall-March Funeral Homes** - April 23, 2019 at 07:55 AM