



## David Ellyson Harris

February 27, 1933 - December 22, 2019

David Ellyson Harris, 86 of Grand Island went to his Heavenly Home on Sunday, December 22, 2019.

Celebration of life service will be at 11 AM Monday, December 30th in the Sanctuary of Trinity United Methodist Church. Reverend's Del Roper and Trudy Kenyon Anderson will officiate. Family will greet friends an hour before service time and following the service.

Burial of ashes will be at 1:30 PM Monday, December 30th at the Grand Island Cemetery. Military honors will be rendered by the U.S. Navy and United Veterans Honor Guards.

All Faiths Funeral Home is entrusted with the arrangements.

David was born February 27, 1933, in San Francisco, CA, born to Alfred Richard Harris and Arel T. (Ellyson) Harris. He leaves to mourn his passing his loving wife of 61 years, married August 17, 1958, Jean Eileen (Hueftle) Harris, two sons, Timothy S. Harris, Lincoln, NE, and Theodore D. Harris, Grand Island, NE and numerous relatives and friends.

He was preceded in death by his parents and his brother, Elwin Richard Harris and his favorite cousin Arel T. Lewis.

A memorial fund will be established in memory of David.

David graduated from Punahou High School, Honolulu, HA, in 1952, obtaining his BA degree from the University of Nebraska, Lincoln, in 1959, and his Master of Divinity degree from Pacific School of Religion, Berkeley, CA in 1962. While finishing high school, he enlisted in the U.S. Navy Reserve, U.S.

Naval Base, Pearl Harbor, Honolulu, in 1951. During the Korean War, he served on active duty two years and was Honorably Discharged in 1959. While in the military, he served as a Chaplain's Assistant at the U.S. Naval Station, Annapolis, MD., mustering out as Petty Officer Third Class. He was ordained into the Christian ministry in 1962, serving Congregational (UCC) Churches in California, Hemingford, NE and Ainsworth, NE. Following his ministry, he served as a Nebraska State Parole Officer, becoming state director of Youth Resources (a court diversion program), and subsequently Assistant State Social Services Representative for Region Three, based in Grand Island, NE until 1985. He then served as pastor of the Alda, NE United Methodist Church until poor health forced his retirement in 1992.

David suffered polio as a young teen. He joined Rotary International because it supports the effort to rid the disease world-wide and was recognized as a Paul Harris Fellow. He enjoyed volunteering and was associated with such groups as Adult Basic Education, Kiwanis, Heartland United Way, Grand Island State Fair Board, Grand Island City Singers, Grand Island Concert Association, Grand Island Little Theater, Stuhr Museum, American Legion Life Member, UNL Alumnae Association Life Member, Association of Retired Methodist Ministers and TeamMates. Second only to his love of his family, was his lifetime love of music. He played organ and piano; he sang in UCC and Methodist church choirs for many years. He was specially recognized by the 1992 Nebraska Annual Conference of United Methodist Churches at his retirement. He was a member of Trinity United Methodist Church, Grand Island. His greatest love was his family, trying to be the best dad to his boys and the very best hubby to the love of his life, Jean.

# Cemetery Details

## Grand Island City Cemetery

Grand Island, NE

# Previous Events

## Celebration of Life

DEC **30**. 11:00 AM (CT)

Trinity United Methodist Church  
511 N. Elm Street  
Grand Island, NE

# Tribute Wall



“ *David Ellyson Harris*

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October 08, 2023 at 11:02 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of David Ellyson Harris.*



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December 27, 2019 at 09:57 AM