



## Ralph Harrison

September 28, 1940 - November 4, 2014

Ralph Harrison, 74, of Wauchula, passed away on Tuesday, November 4, 2014 at home. He was born in Elba, Alabama on September 28, 1940 and had been a resident of Hardee County for 46 years, coming from Sebring. Ralph served in the U.S. Marine Corps. and was a Protestant. For many years he was a photographer for all manner of events, and had been employed as the publication superintendent and photographer with the Herald Advocate for 46 years.

He was preceded in death by a daughter, Beverly Jean Harrison. Survivors include his wife, Carmen Harrison of Wauchula; two sons, Earl Harrison and wife Linda, and Gary Harrison, all of Wauchula; two daughters, Brenda Birmingham and Kim Pfeiffer and husband Greg, all of Zolfo Springs; three brothers, Paul Harrison of Elba, Alabama, David Harrison and wife Gail of Lake Placid, and Robey Harrison and wife Martha of Samson, Alabama; two sisters, Vesta Rhodes of Wauchula and Shirley Cauley and husband Larry of Opp, Alabama; six grandchildren, Cindel McVay, Kaylan Birmingham, Julianna and Amber Harrison, Anika and Alana Pfeiffer; and two great-grandchildren, Alexis and Bryson Barajas.

Visitation will be held on Thursday, November 6, 2014 at Robarts Family Funeral Home from 6-8 PM. Funeral service is Friday, November 7th at 10 AM at New Zion Baptist Church in Ona, with interment at New Zion Cemetery.

Rev. Jim Davis will officiate.

# Cemetery Details

## New Zion Cemetery

Ona, FL 33865

# Previous Events

## Visitation

NOV 6. 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Robarts Family Funeral Home  
529 West Main Street  
Wauchula, FL 33873  
(863) 773-9773  
robartsfuneralhome@gmail.com  
<https://www.robartsfuneralhome.com>

## Funeral Service

NOV 7. 10:00 AM (ET)

New Zion Baptist Church  
202 Sidney Roberts Rd.  
Ona, FL 33865

# Tribute Wall

OH

“ 1 file added to the album *New Album Name*



Opie Harrison - November 11, 2014 at 01:30 PM

AF

“ Such a large smile and a special man so good to have great memories. Watch out when fireworks were being shot off. My thoughts and prayers are with the family but may you think of. the good times and know he was well loved

Ann Powell Van Voorst and family - November 07, 2014 at 07:32 AM

LH

Thank you Ann and your family..

linda Harrison - November 09, 2014 at 07:36 PM



“ Secret Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Ralph Harrison.



November 06, 2014 at 07:48 PM



“ I first met Ralph in 1969 when I went I joined the staff of The Herald Advocate. Ralph was the production manager and I worked in the office first as a proof reader and later in outside sales. During the seven years I was there we had so many laughs and shed a few tears as well. Not many people remember this but Ralph had this great comb over that I talked him into shaving off. I actually shaved his head the first time and he kept it that way. I think I scared him a little with my straight razor. Every time I visited Wauchula seeing Ralph at the paper and the fair were highlights of my visit. Many years have gone by and I am so sorry I will not be able to come to his service. Please know that he was a special man and he will live in the hearts and minds of many. I am so fortunate to have had the pleasure of knowing him. My love and prayers to all his family.  
Susan Dease Metzgar  
Brandon, Fl.

Susan Metzgar - November 06, 2014 at 07:16 PM



Thank you Susan.

linda Harrison - November 09, 2014 at 07:35 PM



“ When Opie was about 6 or 7 I was his little league coach and he was pitching I called him over to the sideline to talk to him and as I was bent down to talk to him Ralph took a picture. Well about 1 week later Ralph gave me an 8x10 of that picture. Was very special to me.

BillyandGloria Reschke - November 06, 2014 at 04:20 PM

LH

*Wow, Mr. Reaschke, I remember Opie telling me that. That was also one of his fond memories and well as Ralph's.. We would be over for dinner and Ralph would usually talk about that. Thank you for being an inspiration not only to my husband , Opie, but to Ralph as well.*

**linda Harrison** - November 09, 2014 at 07:39 PM

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*“ Ralph was a ONE of a kind guy, he was there no matter what. If he was mad it didn't last, he said what he had to & then it was over. He had nicknames for some of his favorites. But his favorite thing to do was SCARE the bejebbies out of me. I would be sitting right there talking to him & then BAM I would scream and he would laugh. I'm sure going to miss him. He was family my blood & love. Love & miss you Ralph!*

**Trayce Daniels** - November 06, 2014 at 03:35 PM

LH

*Trance, he loved his Herald-Advocate family, it was his second family.. He loved to scare certain people.. Thank you for the memory.*

**linda Harrison** - November 09, 2014 at 07:41 PM

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*“ Trayce Daniels lit a candle in memory of Ralph Harrison*



**Trayce Daniels** - November 06, 2014 at 03:29 PM

KT

“ I will never forget the years that I worked at the Herald Advocate and my buddy Ralph! I feel as though I have lost a family member!!!  
Karen Turner

Karen Turner - November 06, 2014 at 10:58 AM

LH

Thanks Karen

linda Harrison - November 09, 2014 at 07:42 PM

LH

“ He always told me I was his favorite daughter in law, even though I was his only daughter in law. He said that way, he didn't have to pick a favorite, I picked it for him. I love him ..

Linda Harrison - November 06, 2014 at 05:02 AM



“ A GREAT MAN YES HE WAS ALWAYS FRIENDLY AND KIND TO EVERY ONE HE MET. HE WILL SURELY BE MISSED. PEACE AND COMFORT TO THE FAMILY.



Mary Avalos - November 05, 2014 at 04:00 PM

LH

Thanks Mary

linda Harrison - November 09, 2014 at 07:43 PM