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The family of Dale Alan Harris, M.D., age 61, is heartbroken to announce his passing on October 3, 2025. Born in Columbus, Ohio, to parents Emerson F. Harris, Jr., and Doris Marie Robbins Harris, Dale lived a life marked by compassion, dedication, and joy.

A proud graduate of Westerville North High School (Class of '82), Dale went on to earn degrees from Miami University of Ohio and The Ohio State University College of Medicine. He completed his residency in Anesthesiology and Pain Medicine. He built a distinguished career serving patients with care and expertise for over 25 years.

Dale's early years included a brief time in New Hampshire, where he played football for Milford Area Senior High School and helped lead the team to a state championship. Upon returning to Ohio, he continued his athletic pursuits at Westerville North, excelling in football and track, and participating in the school's Medical Careers program. From a young age, Dale knew he wanted to become a doctor—and he never wavered from that dream.

Dale was a man of many passions. He was a devoted Westerville North Warriors and USC Trojans fan. He always dressed in cardinal and gold on "SC" football game days. He loved his dogs deeply and cared for them with tenderness. He found joy in scuba diving in the world's bluest waters, playing racquetball and tennis, cooking gourmet meals, listening to music, traveling, and spending time with friends over card games and good conversation.

Known for his vibrant personality and generous spirit, Dale was a loyal friend who never missed reminding others of an upcoming birthday, anniversary or special occasion. He stayed connected with loved ones near and far, often through thoughtful messages and calls. To many, he was "a friend to everyone," "one of a kind," "a beautiful and kind soul," and "a great man." His warmth and humorous quips could light up any room.



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Affectionately nicknamed “Little Bubby” by his family and “The DooWah Kid” by friends, Dale lived life with enthusiasm and heart. One of his favorite sayings was “Hoka Hey!”—a reflection of his bold and adventurous spirit.

Dale is preceded in death by his parents, Emerson Floyd Harris, Jr. and Doris Marie Robbins Harris; grandparents Emerson F. Harris, Sr. and Edith Beavers Harris, and John Willie Robbins and Marie Robbins Dunlap; and uncles James “Jack” Johnson and Robert Hunter.

He is survived by his brother Bryan D. Harris (Brenda); niece Millie M. Dolcé (Greg); great-nephews Ezra and Joel Dolcé; great-niece Vera Dolcé; aunt Ruth J. Hunter; stepbrothers Robert (Rhonda) Evans and Leonard (Monique) Evans and families; a host of loving cousins, cherished friends, “special nieces” and his beloved border collie, Ringo.

A Celebration of Life will be held in Dale’s honor on Friday, October 17, 2025, at St. Philip Episcopal Church, 166 Woodland Ave. Family and friends are invited to pay respects from 5:30 to 6:00 p.m., followed by a service of remembrance at 6:00 p.m., officiated by Father Christopher Richardson. A small reception will follow at the church. All are welcome.

In tribute to Dale’s love for USC, guests are welcome to wear cardinal and/or gold—though not required.

The service will be livestreamed at:

<https://www.youtube.com/@st.philipepiscopalchurchco2127/streams>

Dale loved his dogs and took great care of them. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made in Dale’s memory to the Humane Society of Delaware County at the link below:

<https://www.hsdcoho.org> or <https://hsdcoho.org/donate/#top>

Dale will be deeply missed and forever remembered for the love he gave, the joy he shared, and the life he lived so fully. Hoka Hey!





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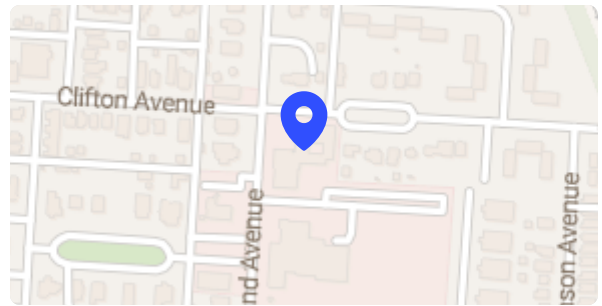
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Celebration of Life

 **Friday**, October 17, 2025

 5:30 PM ET

 **St. Phillip Episcopal Church**
166 Woodland Avenue, Columbus OH 43203





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Lesley Ike posted:

Dale just had a way of assuring g you everything would be alright. I remember when my brother Reggie and I were pulled in by Dale to perform in front of the St. Philips Episcopal Church. Reggie played the drums, I was just learning how to play the violin and Dale said he can play the piano. Well we never practiced a single note together, but here we were in front of the church, me with the violin and flimsy music stand, my brother Reggie on a snare drum and Dale on the piano telling us not to worry, we will be alright, just follow his lead. We were to play Morning Has Broken. It started out great, then Dale stopped playing, and since he was our lead I stopped and Reggie stopped playing. We sat there in stone silence until someone gracious in the audience clapped for us and that was our unspoken que to pack up and walk back to our seats. I remember looking at Dale with eyes wide open and he just shrugged his shoulders. Embarrassing then, but great laughs as adults. Safe to say we never did that again.Dale was like my 4th brother and he will always be loved and missed. Love and prayers to Brian and family. 🙏❤️

October 17 at 8:45 PM

PC

Phil Cannon posted:

St. Philip Episcopal Church was integral to the Harris and Cannon families. It was through the Scouting program there in the 1970s that the lessons of achievement that we were absorbing via osmosis in our homes became tangible through the medals and badges which we earned across a myriad of disciplines.Dale and I were in the Pack 48 Cub Scouts/Webelos together. We bonded over a shared middle name and welcomed the challenge of building on the standards set by our parents and (challenging) older brothers. To my dismay, the mutual path of our formative years diverged in the late 70s as my Scouting experience continued closer to my home in the St. Mary's/Shepard district.I was greatly saddened to learn of his passing. As one of my brothers put it, "a life too short, but well-played".Rest in Peace, Dale.Condolences to Bryan and all Dale's relatives and friends.Phil Cannon

October 17 at 8:08 PM



Jennifer Combs posted:

I am so sorry and saddened to hear this. I can still remember Dale banging out Charlie Brown tunes on the Parish Hall piano...😭 my sincere condolences 🙏

October 17 at 5:53 PM



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October 17 at 5:51 PM



The Sunico, Iljas & Klosterman Families sent a Blue Caribbean Bouquet to the Harris family.



October 16 at 3:54 PM



Sara Barton posted:

I always loved meeting up with Dale on Sundays at the Funny Bone to see Bill Foley perform. He was always so full of fun and energy, and I always loved seeing him. Most importantly, I'll miss his dedication to his friends. His friend, Brian, was my fiancé who passed away in 2001. Dale always made a point to message me in my birthday and on Brian's to Let me know he knew exactly what day it was. For some reason, if Dale liked you, he gave you the middle initial P. I'm not sure why he did that, but I always loved it.

October 14 at 11:12 PM



Laura Shinn lit a candle in honor of Dale.

Dale You always had a smile and remembered every Birthday 🕯️ You will be greatly missed.



October 14 at 8:06 PM



Laura Shinn posted:

I met Dale when I was at Westerville North. He had a crush on my good friend, Tammy (T.J.) Payne. The three of us hung out together (I was the 3rd wheel but Dale never minded). I remember him being a really nice guy. I also attended Miami University and majored in Zoology which Dale was also majoring in and planning to go to Medical school. I've run into him several times through the years. Most recently at a class reunion get together where we were trying to get the classes of 1982 and 1983 together. Dale always had a smile and remembered every birthday. He will be greatly missed.

October 14 at 7:26 PM



Memories only last if you share them

Join us in honoring Dale by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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