



## Kenneth David Harris

May 20, 2024

Kenneth David Harris was born in Pennsylvania in 1950 and was the only child of Kenneth and Ruth Harris. He was named after his father and a family friend. Known by his middle name, David, which appropriately means “beloved,” most called him Dave. He grew up in Pennsylvania and graduated from Slippery Rock Area High School and Bucknell University with a degree in Mechanical Engineering.

Dave was a miracle, having been diagnosed with a malignant brain tumor at the age of 33, he lived another 40 years despite the statistics. He touched many lives before he passed peacefully in 2024 in Colorado at the age of 74.

Three things were of utmost importance to Dave – his faith, his family and his friends. He became a committed follower of Jesus Christ in 1981. As a result, he studied the Bible, attended and taught numerous Bible studies, had a servant heart, was a man of prayer, and has now begun his eternal journey with his Savior and Lord.

Dave was married in 1971 to Joyce in Slippery Rock, Pennsylvania. Their love story is one with many ups and downs, twists and turns but ended strong, lasting almost 53 years while residing in 7 states and 3 foreign countries, plus calling 26 places home! They had two children, their daughter, Jennifer and their son, Scott. Both Jen and Mark Sleeter and Scott and Carrie Harris were

married in 1999. Dave was extremely proud of both children, their spouses and all their accomplishments in life, including five grandchildren Lauren, Terrell, Colin, Ashley and Belinda. He also became a spiritual parent to several who became family regardless of whether they were younger or older than him.

He made numerous friends throughout his life, some for a short time and some for a lifetime. From grade school to high school to college and career, he was loyal to and cared deeply about his relationships whether it was playing baseball, basketball or golf together, or bridge at the Sig Ep frat house, or encouraging one another over Saturday breakfasts, or online with the guys in Bible Study Fellowship.

After college, Dave also enlisted in the United States Air Force for 3 years, but because of his love for his country and his fellowman, he became an officer and served over 20 years, retiring as a Major. He respected both those he served under and those who served under him and felt that was a unique perspective he had acquired in his varied service. Following his retirement he worked for SATEC Systems, Inc until his 2nd retirement.

In 2018, Dave and Joyce made their last move to Loveland, Colorado to be near family. They lived in two different 55+ communities. Even health issues did not dampen his involvement in the varied activities available in both locations until the last several months. He invested in people to the end.

Celebration of Life Open House

Saturday, June 29, 2024, 11am - 1pm

Village Cooperative of Loveland

4350 Arriba Ave, Loveland, CO 80538

Come meet Dave's family, see his life in pictures and taste his favorite sweets!!



# Previous Events

## Celebration of Life Open House

JUN **29**. 11:00 AM - 1:00 PM (MT)

Village Cooperative of Loveland  
4350 Arriba Avenue  
Loveland, CO 80538

# Tribute Wall

“ Kenneth David Harris  
by Judy Shidemantle

*He was born in Pennsylvania an only child to be,  
named after his dad and a family friend who was always there you  
see.*

*Known as Dave coming from the Hebrew, “beloved” or “favorite” for  
some,  
He possessed an innate ability to guide, with empathy and wisdom.*

*Growing up so many years ago was simple with no fear,  
but being the youngest in his class, he was always in the rear.*

*His mother cooked hamburger and baked chicken to spoil him as a  
child,  
and his grandmother kept chocolate cookies in the dryer, which  
drove him wild.*

*Grandpa came twice a year, to plant a garden and then for the  
harvest,  
He also taught him how to play golf and of course Dave loved that  
best.*

*He met Joyce in science class when she scratched his arm until it  
bled,  
she dated all his friends but in college they fell in love and decided  
to wed.*

*Dave didn't want to go in the Army, so he decided to join the Air  
Force,  
Because the draft was coming after graduation back then of course.*

*He thought the idea of travel and working with talented people was  
a gem,  
He spent his Air Force career honoring their opinions and trusting*

*them.*

*Their marriage had ups and downs but ended strong after almost 53 years on the roam,  
They resided in 7 states, 3 foreign countries, and called 26 places home.*

*When it was time for Jen to be born, he came running home dirty uniform and all,  
After delivery, the nurse said don't touch that child, as they went down the hall.*

*With Scott, they had trained and practiced breathing to the abound,  
But he had to leave the room when the room started spinning around!*

*As an only child he couldn't understand why Jen and Scott would argue and fight,  
Sometimes he wanted to bang their heads together but learned to sit tight.*

*Counting U-turns driving around Europe is a favorite memory of Jen,  
plus building a treehouse in the backyard for her kids was a ten.*

*Sports highlighted his time with Scott including the annual golf on Father's Day,  
Plus, running the bases at Busch stadium where they once got lost, they say.*

*Marriage, salvation and a malignant brain tumor were three events that shaped his life,  
Jesus did a miracle in each and despite the grim statistics there was no strife.*

*Becoming a committed follower of Jesus Christ, the Bible he read with care,*

*with a servant heart, he was also a man of prayer.*

*Even health issues did not dampen his involvement with any friend,  
He was a spiritual parent to many young and old and invested in  
people till the end.*

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**Joyce Harris** - June 22, 2024 at 02:08 PM

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“ *I'm so thankful that we got to know Dave and Joyce. We experienced their kindness, generosity and their love for the Lord! Joyce you will continue to be in our thoughts and prayers 🙏❤️ Love...Steve, Terry, Troy, Haily, Ryleigh and Ezekiel*

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**Terry Sprenger** - June 17, 2024 at 08:46 PM

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“ *As Dave's Pastor, I could not have wanted a more supportive nor a more committed Christian friend. Rest well my "beloved" friend.*

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**Larry R Spear** - June 14, 2024 at 07:12 PM