

Charles Franklin Harris, 81, of Inglis, FL, passed away April 16, 2024, in Tampa General Hospital, Crystal River, FL. He was born on October 24, 1942, to Clarence Franklin and Virginia Lucille Deihls Harris in Richmond, VA. He graduated from Montpelier High School, Hanover County, VA, in 1959, then briefly served his country in the US Army. Employed in computer software development for most of his professional life, Charles worked for IBM and later traveled extensively, both domestically and internationally, as an employee of Computer Sciences Corporation. Charles was an avid outdoorsman and loved fishing, all types of hunting and gardening, especially tomatoes. He was a member of Ducks Unlimited and Curles Neck Hunt [Duck] Club in Henrico County, VA. Charles loved baseball, having been a catcher in high school, and was a lifelong New York Yankees fan. He loved automobiles - especially fast ones for which he built engines. In his youth, he would street race his own cars and was a driver on the stock car circuit. A Hanover County "farm boy," he raised tobacco and polled Hereford cattle. He was an amazing home chef – his cooking will be greatly missed by all who shared a meal with him. Charles was a voracious reader, but westerns were his favorite. He was a skilled woodworker and even built his own home, furnishings, and his Chesapeake Bay deadrise workboat ("just throw away traditional tools"). Charles was preceded in death by his parents and his brother Edwin Keith "Billy" Harris and is survived by his loving wife of 43 years, Sandra "Sandy" Beale Harris; son Stanley Keith Harris (Robbin), daughter Sharon Harris Heath (Glenn); grandson Lonnie Alexander Harris; many members of his extended family and a myriad of friends that became like family in Florida and Virginia. On Monday, April 29, 2024, the family will receive friends from 1-2 PM with a Celebration of Life to immediately follow at Brown Funeral Home & Crematory, 5430 W Gulf to Lake Hwy, Lecanto, FL. The family would like to say a special thanks to the wonderful staff at Moffitt Cancer Center and Tampa General Hospital, Crystal River for all their care and support. Please consider memorial contributions to Moffitt Cancer Center Foundation, 12902 USF Magnolia Dr., Tampa, FL 33612-9416.

