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Leroy Harrison Obituary

Leroy O. Harrison (CMSgt, USAF, Retired)

November 1, 1941 - August 1, 2025

Leroy "Oly" Harrison, 83, of Waipahu passed away on August 1, 2025 surrounded by his family.

Oly was born November 1, 1941 in East Providence, Rhode Island, the son of Viola M. Inez Harrison.

He graduated from East Providence High School in 1960 and then went on to enlist in the United States Air Force that same year.

Oly served 30 years in the United States Air Force. He spent his first 17 years in the Intelligence career field. He became a first sergeant in 1977 and retired as a Chief Master Sergeant in 1990. He served two tours in southeast Asia: Vietnam in 1965-66 and Thailand in 1972-73. He also served in the Phillipines, Germany, the United States, and he did six tours of duty in Japan. Post military retirement, he served as a corrections officer at the McNeil Island Corrections Center in Washington State, a Washington State Liquor Control Board enforcement officer, and a part-time bailiff at the Fife Municipal Court in Fife, WA.

He married the former Noriko Matsushima in Fukuoka, Japan in 1970 while stationed at Hakata Air Base, Japan.

Oly was an avid outdoorsman who enjoyed hunting and fishing. He was also an accomplished athlete who played football and softball for several years during his time in the military.



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Preceding Oly in death are his mother, Viola M. Inez Harrison; sister, Inez A. Good Peck; and brother, Andrew "Cab" Lemar, all of Rhode Island. He is survived by his wife Noriko, his sons Louis (Wendy) and Paul (Gina), and his grandchildren Nathaniel and Andrew.

A private viewing will be held on Monday, September 15, 2025 at the Mililani Memorial Park & Mortuary with a committal service to follow at the Hawaii State Veterans Cemetery in Kaneohe.

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to the family, please visit our floral store.

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James Rollins posted:

RIP Chief Oly Harrison. We served together at Yakota AB Japan. You were my friend and mentor and made me into a First Sergeant. I think of you often.

November 5 at 7:49 AM



James Rollins posted:

RIP Chief. You were my friend and mentor and made me into a First Sergeant at Yakota AB, Japan. I think of you often. James Rollins, MSgt, USAF (ret)

November 5 at 7:44 AM



James Rollins posted:

RIP Chief. You were my friend and mentor. You made me into a First Sergeant at Yokota AB, Japan. I think of you often. James Rollins, MSgt USAF (ret) La Grange, TX

November 5 at 7:38 AM



George Bratina, Cmsgt, Usaf, Rtd; Gs-13, Cia, Rtd. posted:

B10 was purchased for the family of Leroy O. Harrison by George Bratina, CMSgt, USAF, Rtd; GS-13, CIA, Rtd.. Send Flowers God's peace to Noriko, Skip and PJ from the Bratina family, George and Tomie, Lt. Col. Steven Bratina, Rtd. and Judith Bratina Stephens, WO-5, USA, Rtd. Oly was a once-in-a-lifetime friend. George Bratina, CMSgt, USAF, Rtd; GS-13, CIA, Rtd.

September 23 at 1:20 AM



Jasmine Montilla posted:

B8 was purchased for the family of Leroy O. Harrison by Jasmine Montilla. Send Flowers Hey Fam, we wanted to let you know you're in our thoughts and prayers. We are so sorry for the loss of Uncle Leroy and cherish the memories of him. Sending warm hugs and love from the Good fam Jasmine Montilla

September 23 at 1:20 AM



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MF

Much Love, Jeff Fry & Family posted:

B5 was purchased for the family of Leroy O. Harrison by Much Love, Jeff Fry & family. Send FlowersDear Harrison Family, Oly was a wonderful man. He was a loving husband, father, and grandfather. His legacy of kindness lives on in each of you.Much Love, Jeff Fry & family

September 23 at 1:20 AM

JS

Judith Bratina(Stephens) posted:

My sincere condolences to Noriko, Skip, PJ and their families of the loss of Oly. I was very young when my Dad, George Bratina and Oly were stationed together and I babysat Skip and PJ for Oly and Noriko. The cutest kids which both have turned into very handsome men. Oly was my Dad's best friend. My husband and I had the opportunity to visit Oly, Noriko, PJ and PJ's family in Hawaii a few years ago. I call Oly the Gentle Giant. A Big Man with a Big Heart. I am thankful for that time. I will never forget Oly. His friendship with my Dad instilled in me at a young age what the true meaning of love/friendship is. Our family loved the Harrison family. May Oly rest in peace.

September 11 at 5:22 AM

JC

John Clark posted:

My deepest condolences to Noriko, Lewis, Wendy, Paul, Gina, and Andy.Leroy was more than just a friend, but my mentor that I was extremelyproud of. He faced all challenges head on in sports, in the Air Force, and hisdistinguished civilian careers, and never, ever, settled for second best. I willmiss my close friend of sixty-two years.

September 9 at 8:42 AM

GR

George A. Bratina, Cmsgt, Usaf, Rtd. posted:

God's peace to a dear, respected friend and fellow serviceman. Perhaps the finest friend I ever had. We went from MSgt. to CMSgt together and spent a lot of time in each other's homes - I knew him well. I am not ashamed to say I miss him, as do a lot of mutual friends. I also want to say that Oly had one of the finest minds of anyone that I've known. His life was a success to be admired. The world is a better place for his having been here with us. George Bratina, CMSgt, USAF, Rtd., GS13, CIA, Rtd.

September 1 at 11:06 PM



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JD

Joan Rocha Daft posted:

I went all thru East Providence school system with Leroy. I remember his zest for life and friendly personality. RIP my friend

August 29 at 3:14 AM

JG

John Gonsalves posted:

What a loss. RIP ole classmate!!

August 28 at 9:04 AM

JG

John Gonsalves posted:

The most distinguished classmate. Bet there is no one who didn't know him. He will always be remembered. May he Rest In Peace

August 28 at 7:00 AM

PT

Patti (Lewis) Tirocchi posted:

As a former High School classmate, I can remember his friendly and outgoing disposition. May Leroy rest in peace with our Lord.

August 28 at 2:50 AM

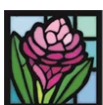


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