

Raymond Harris Memorial Scholarship

LEAP Forward, Inc. administers the Raymond Harris Memorial Scholarship. This scholarship honors the memory of an outstanding businessman.



Raymond Harris: Activist • Community Leader • Businessman.

Raymond Harris lived in Prince Frederick all his life. He graduated from Brooks High School and completed one year of college at the University of Maryland Eastern Shore. Committed to his country, he served in the U.S. Army from 1960 to 1962 and was a member of the American Legion Gray-Ray Post #220. Raymond's career span included positions at BG&E Power Plant and the Calvert County Highway Department. He was the first African-American member of the Prince Frederick Fire Department.

His real success, however, was realized as a businessman. He owned Ray's Groceries, Harris Citgo and Rose's Deli. He was also a school bus contractor for many years and often drove because of his love for the children. Raymond felt a strong need to **give back** to the community he loved. He served in many capacities including master of Carroll/Victoria Masonic Lodge #71, NAACP, CAASA, 40&8 club, and business manager of local union #832. One of Raymond's greatest strengths was his ability to quietly use his resources to bring about positive changes. He devoted his life to encouraging others to be the best that they could be and had a special place in his heart for our youth. He was instrumental in getting a baseball team started for young boys who would not have been able to play. He even provided the uniforms and transportation! His impact to our community is **unquestionable** and his legacy continues as the family honors his memory, so that our youth can continue to be the best they can be!