



## Rhyes Patrick-James Harris

May 27, 1992 - May 1, 2023

On May 27, 1992, The universe shifted and the world made room for whom we know as Rhyes Patrick James Harris. Gifted to us through his Mother Goddess, Patricia Harris in Longview, TX, Rhyes was the youngest of 9. As I child, he comically confirmed to us that he was "very important", something that we always laughed about but know now that the idea he had of himself was most true.

Encouraged by a tribe of many sisters, brothers, his mother Patricia, Aunt Alesia and wife Ksenia, Rhyes learned early to take a chance on himself. In this lifetime, Rhyes, the consummate showman, entertained and touched any life that ever sat with him at any of the 60+ different restaurants and bars in Washington D.C, Maryland, Virginia and Las Vegas that he served as a highly skilled mixologist. Quite persistent in living the life he wanted to live, on January 22, 2015 he married his soul mate Ksenia Harris. In 2022 he started his entrepreneurial venture The Handsome Olive after serving as the Duke of Libations at the Inaugural Arlington Pride Festival. He had the uncanny ability to charm and exasperate anyone who loved him, all in the same moment. In his last days he gifted us with the opportunity to witness a miracle. If there was ever a lesson to be learned from Rhyes, it was to LIVE, LAUGH & LOVE. He did all 3. Consistently.

Rhyes leaves behind with love, his mother and aunt Patricia Harris & Alesia

Harris of Maryland, his wife Ksenia Harris of Virginia, sister Kymberli Moore of Virginia, brothers Nicholas & Dexter Harris of California, brother Phillip Mills of Georgia, brothers Marcus & Michael Alexander of Texas, sister Markisha Mills also of Texas & nephews and niece William, Blake Jr., Diilian and Lillian Mills of Georgia. He was preceded to the ancestor realm by his brother Blake Mills Sr. in 2019. The universe shifted once again and the sunset on Rhyes Patrick James Harris May 1, 2023.

# Previous Events

## Visitation

MAY 8. 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM (ET)

Providence-Fort Washington United Methodist Church  
10610 Old Fort Road  
Fort Washington, MD 20744

# Tribute Wall



“ *Rhyes Patrick-James Harris*

October 05, 2023 at 05:18 AM



“ *Janice McLean sent a virtual gift in memory of Rhyes Patrick-James Harris*



Janice McLean - May 05, 2023 at 05:16 AM



“ *Janice McLean lit a candle in memory of Rhyes Patrick-James Harris*



Janice McLean - May 05, 2023 at 05:15 AM

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“ I knew Rhyes from both the restaurant industry and through mutual friends.

*I remember once he was my bartender at the Walrus in National Harbor and his service and presence was amazing. Great customer service and just fantastic behind the bar. I definitely had too many hurricanes that evening! He is also really great friends with my bestie Teresa. We are all devastated by the news.*

*Most recently Rhyes came to work on our Food & Beverage team at the Hilton Navy Yard where I am a manager. I never had to ask or tell him a thing. And this was for service at 5am! Rhyes was not afraid to move, work hard, and exemplify the best work ethic and customer service. We found time to laugh and joke too. Our whole hotel team; food & beverage, the front desk, the ops team and even our GM all loved him!*

*He really was the best of the best. People like Rhyes don't come along every day. We are truly heartbroken by this loss and our love and prayers go out to his family. Just know he made a difference wherever he worked and wherever he was.*

*Rhyes... may you rest in peace... you truly were THE BRIGHTEST LIGHT! We love you and we will never forget you bro.... shine down on us from heaven.... we miss you so much*

*Janice & the team at Hilton Navy Yard*



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**Janice McLean** - May 05, 2023 at 05:12 AM