



Billy Harris

November 18, 1940 - January 22, 2021

Billy Harris, age 80 years, a resident of rural Dongola, Illinois, passed away unexpectedly Friday evening, January 22, 2021, at 8:20 PM at the Vanderbilt University Medical Center in Nashville, Tennessee.

Billy was born November 18, 1940 in Anniston, Missouri. He was the son of Carl W. and Geraldine (Martinie) Harris.

On July 17, 1959, Billy was united in marriage to Deloris J. Tatum at East Prairie, Missouri. She survives.

In addition to his wife, Billy is survived by: his children – Mechelle (Jackie) Greer of Dongola and Billy H. (Carol) Harris, II of McClure; 6 grandchildren – Benjamin (Audrey) Greer of Dongola, Zack (Melissa) Greer of Belknap, Levi (Katie) Harris of Dongola, Clay (Katie) Harris of Dongola, Beth Sandvos of McClure, and Jacob Sandvos of Scott City, Missouri; 6 great grandchildren – Dillon, Lily, Cheyanne, Kaden, Dalton and Kamdin Greer; a sister – Carla Huffman of Jonesboro; a sister-in-law – Cheryl Harris of Vienna; a brother-in-law Howard Thomure of Belleville; as well as a host of nieces, nephews, cousins, other relatives and many friends. Billy was anxiously anticipating the birth of another great granddaughter in June 2021.

In addition to his parents, Billy was preceded in death by 2 sisters & a brother-

in-law – Margaret Thomure and Jerry (Billy Joe) Haines; and a brother – Robert P. “Bob” Harris.

Billy was a 1958 graduate of the Anniston, Missouri High School. He was employed for approximately 18 years as a supervisor at Transcraft, Inc. at Anna.

Billy’s passion and lifelong vocation was farming. He had a great love of the land and also enjoyed fishing and hunting. Billy was a member of the Union County Farm Bureau.

He and Deloris were members of the Cowboy Church in Draffenville, Kentucky. Billy was a devoted family man and cherished time spent with his relatives and friends.

A service honoring the life of Billy Harris will be conducted Saturday, January 30, 2021, at 1:30 PM at Bailey Funeral Home in Vienna. Pastor Clint Nale and Pastor Chris Clark will officiate. Entombment will be in the Friendship Cemetery near Dongola.

A walk-through visitation for relatives and friends will be conducted Friday, January 29, 2021, from 4 PM – 7 PM at Bailey Funeral Home in Vienna.

Those attending the visitation and service are reminded to observe customarily accepted social distancing guidelines. The wearing of a face mask or covering is strongly encouraged.

Memorials may be made to St. Jude Children’s Research Hospital, 501 St. Jude Place, Memphis, Tennessee 38105-1905 or to Cardinal Glennon Children’s Hospital, 1465 South Grand Boulevard, St. Louis, Missouri 63104.

Cemetery Details

Friendship Cemetery

Friendship Church Road
Dongola, IL

Previous Events

Walk-Thru Public Visitation

JAN **29**. 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

Bailey Funeral Home
705 North First Street
PO Box 695
Vienna, IL 62995
(618) 658-2311
baileyfhinc@hotmail.com
<https://baileyfh.com>

Service

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Tribute Wall



“ *Billy Harris*

January 30, 2023 at 12:19 AM



“ *So sorry to learn of Billy Harold's passing. My heart goes out to you and your family. You are in my prayers that God will comfort and strengthen you during this time.
With Sympathy, Sue Grider Byers*

Wesley Byers - January 29, 2021 at 09:09 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Billy Harris.*



January 28, 2021 at 11:01 AM



“ *We were saddened to hear of Bill's passing... I worked with Bill for many years he taught me alot about work and friendship. I will always rêmber those times.....
Prayers for Delores and All His Family....Xo
Jimmy and Jean Pind*

Jimmy and Jean Pind - January 28, 2021 at 09:17 AM

LB

“ *The smile of a beloved friend is gone from our lives, but Heaven has gained that beautiful enduring smile from Bill. It was always such a pleasure to see Bill and Deloris on Sunday Mornings at Cowboy Church. He had a sweet, sweet spirit and we will miss him so much! Prayers for his beloved family!*



Louie & Patty Belt - January 27, 2021 at 07:07 PM



“ *Strength & Solace Spray was purchased for the family of Billy Harris.*



January 27, 2021 at 12:40 PM

DS

“ *DeLois Fisher & Jacob Stevens lit a candle in memory of Billy Harris*



DeLois Fisher & Jacob Stevens - January 27, 2021 at 12:26 AM

TM

“ *Theresa Mckenzie-Trovillion lit a candle in memory of Billy Harris*



Theresa Mckenzie-Trovillion - January 26, 2021 at 05:25 PM

LH

“ *Lonnie Hinton lit a candle in memory of Billy Harris*



Lonnie Hinton - January 26, 2021 at 10:07 AM

LK

“ *Linda Koehler lit a candle in memory of Billy Harris*



Linda Koehler - January 25, 2021 at 10:30 PM



“ *Serene Retreat was purchased for the family of Billy Harris.*



January 25, 2021 at 09:55 PM

DD

“ I first met Bill when I was about 14 and he was 21 or 22. I'm now 73. He took me and others my age hunting and fishing many times. I still remember many of those times so vividly. I even traveled to IL to stay with him and Deloris when I was 16 just to hang out and coon hunt with him. He was one of the nicest people on this earth and will be sadly missed.

Dee Dill

Dee Dill - January 25, 2021 at 05:26 PM

DL

“ Dee Dill & Brandon Lee purchased the Sentiments of Serenity Spray for the family of Billy Harris.



Dee Dill & Brandon Lee - January 25, 2021 at 05:14 PM

LC

“ Our deepest condolences to your family on your loss.

Larry and Dianna Choate - January 25, 2021 at 09:45 AM

TG

“ Sorry for the broken ax handle. Love y'all and always will. Tom and Michelle Goines and Don Goines



Tom Goines - January 24, 2021 at 05:19 PM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Billy Harris.



January 24, 2021 at 04:32 PM



“ Prayers of comfort and peace to the family. Ben,Audrey and family you are in our thoughts and prayers. and to all of you May God give you strength during these times of grief Willie & Terrie Rhymer

terrie rhymer - January 24, 2021 at 02:10 PM



Sure am going to miss Mr Bill, such a kind man. Prayers for the family.

Barb Williams Campbell - January 24, 2021 at 03:03 PM



“ John Slack sent a virtual gift in memory of Billy Harris



John Slack - January 24, 2021 at 01:14 PM



“ Justin & Tricia Hartline lit a candle in memory of Billy Harris



Justin & Tricia Hartline - January 24, 2021 at 09:13 AM

SJ

“ Steve & Darla Jones lit a candle in memory of Billy Harris



Steve & Darla Jones - January 24, 2021 at 09:11 AM

GY

“ George And Vicky Yates lit a candle in memory of Billy Harris



George and vicky Yates - January 24, 2021 at 08:04 AM

JB

“ Ted and Joy Beggs



joy beggs - January 24, 2021 at 12:46 AM

MN

“ Our thoughts and prayers are with you all.



Matt & Della Naese - January 23, 2021 at 10:58 PM

LB

“ *Laura&Steve Botarf lit a candle in memory of Billy Harris*



Laura&Steve Botarf - January 23, 2021 at 09:03 PM

VE

“ *Vicki L Eastwood lit a candle in memory of Billy Harris*



Vicki L Eastwood - January 23, 2021 at 09:02 PM

SB

“ *Steve &Laura Botarf lit a candle in memory of Billy Harris*



Steve &Laura Botarf - January 23, 2021 at 09:01 PM

LW

“ *Linda And Jeff Wentworth lit a candle in memory of Billy Harris*



linda and jeff wentworth - January 23, 2021 at 07:27 PM

WM

“ Wayne, Kathy, Lee, Cindy, Tyler, Emmy and M purchased the Guiding Light Bouquet for the family of Billy Harris.



Wayne, Kathy, Lee, Cindy, Tyler, Emmy and M - January 23, 2021 at 07:02 PM

TR

“ Teresa Richerson lit a candle in memory of Billy Harris



Teresa Richerson - January 23, 2021 at 06:15 PM

CH

“ Cherylmoakwinters lit a candle in memory of Billy Harris



Cherylmoakwinters - January 23, 2021 at 02:49 PM

KB

“ Karen (Evans) Brumley lit a candle in memory of Billy Harris



Karen (Evans) Brumley - January 23, 2021 at 01:15 PM

RH

“ So sorry to this. Prayers for all the family.



Rosie and Kenneth Hartline - January 23, 2021 at 12:06 PM

LM

“ Larry And Carolyn McGill lit a candle in memory of Billy Harris



Larry and Carolyn McGill - January 23, 2021 at 12:01 PM