



## Carl Dennis Harner

August 18, 1940 - November 30, 2024

Carl 'Dennis' Harner, age 84 years, a resident of rural Vienna, passed away Saturday morning, November 30, 2024, at Deaconess Illinois Medical Center in Marion, Illinois.

Dennis, as he was known to family and friends, was born August 18, 1940 at the family home near Vienna. He was the son of Carl Preston Harner and Sarah Gail (Fairless) Harner.

On September 24, 1960, Dennis was united in marriage to the love of his life, Patricia Arends, in Kankakee, Illinois. They had met on a blind date and have enjoyed over 64 years of marriage.

In addition to his beloved wife, Dennis is survived by: 3 children – Dennis James (Vickie) Harner, Teresa Gail Richerson, and Patrick Preston (Debbie) Harner all of Vienna; 5 grandchildren – C.J. (Danny) Rosenfeld, Amber Dawn (Brandon Jackson) Harner, Shoshannah (Kyle) DiDomenico, Tori (James) Caraker, and Tyler Harner; 7 great grandchildren – Hayden Courville, Nolan Courville, Bryce Hettinger, Bennett Caraker, Olivia DiDomenico, Colt Jackson and Anthony DiDomenico; a sister – Linda Ming of Cypress; 2 brothers – Dallas (Charlene) Harner of Vienna and Jesse Harner of Robertson, Missouri; as well as a host of nieces, nephews, cousins, other relatives and many friends.

In addition to his parents, Dennis was preceded in death by: a son-in-law – Michael C. ‘Rat’ Richerson; and 3 brothers – Michael Ray Harner, Ronald Lee Harner, and David Bruce Harner.

When Dennis and Pat were first married, they resided in Northern Illinois for 8 years. Dennis was employed as a factory worker. Following the family’s move to Southern Illinois, Dennis began working as a heavy equipment operator and affiliated with the International Union of Operating Engineers (I.U.O.E.) Local # 318 in Marion, Illinois, where he was currently a 55 year retired member.

Dennis was an avid outdoorsman. He enjoyed hunting, fishing and gardening. Dennis is remembered for his love of farming and animal raising. Through the years, he raised cattle, hogs, quail & chukars, dogs and rabbits. Dennis also enjoyed watching a good western movie.

He was of the Baptist faith.

Throughout his lifetime, Dennis raised and raced many thoroughbred horses. He and Pat were familiar figures throughout the region’s thoroughbred race circuit.

In accordance with his wishes, there will be no visitation or funeral service. A private celebration of Dennis’ life will be held at a later date.

Memorials may be made to St. Jude Children’s Research Hospital, 501 St. Jude Place, Memphis, Tennessee 38105-1905 or to the Shriners Hospital for Children, 4400 Clayton Avenue, St. Louis, Missouri 63110.

# Tribute Wall

JH

“ *Jed Hand lit a candle in memory of Carl Dennis Harner*



Jed hand - December 07, 2024 at 06:23 PM

JH

“ *Jed Hand lit a candle in memory of Carl Dennis Harner*



Jed hand - December 03, 2024 at 07:31 PM

JD

“ *We were sorry to here of the passing of Dennis. He was always a neighbor we could rely upon should a need arise! There's a special place in Heaven for those that loved animals as much as Dennis did!*

Jim Davis - December 02, 2024 at 08:55 PM

SF

“ *From the family the family of Rev, Peter Slivinski of New Burnside, & Creal Springs, IL. May the Lord, Jesus Christ wrap His Loving arms around the entire family. God Bless 🙏*



Slivinski Family - December 02, 2024 at 05:40 AM

MM

“ Margaret Mathis lit a candle in memory of Carl Dennis Harner



Margaret Mathis - December 01, 2024 at 08:01 PM

CH

“ Curtis Huckelberry lit a candle in memory of Carl Dennis Harner



Curtis Huckelberry - December 01, 2024 at 07:43 AM

JS

“ John Slack sent a virtual gift in memory of Carl Dennis Harner



John Slack - November 30, 2024 at 09:44 PM

DR

“ Diane Rainbolt lit a candle in memory of Carl Dennis Harner



Diane Rainbolt - November 30, 2024 at 08:23 PM

CH

“ Cheryl Harris lit a candle in memory of Carl  
Dennis Harner



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**Cheryl Harris** - November 30, 2024 at 06:58 PM

SH

“ Scott Hunsaker



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**Scott Hunsaker** - November 30, 2024 at 06:52 PM

BR

“ Bobby Rentfro lit a candle in memory of Carl  
Dennis Harner



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**Bobby Rentfro** - November 30, 2024 at 06:07 PM

NB

“ Nancy Breeden lit a candle in memory of Carl  
Dennis Harner



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**Nancy Breeden** - November 30, 2024 at 05:57 PM

RH

“ *Great neighbors when I was growing up*



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**Randy Huckelberry** - November 30, 2024 at 05:37 PM

RS

“ *Rev. Richard & Vickey Swiney lit a candle in memory of Carl Dennis Harner*



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**Rev. Richard & Vickey Swiney** - November 30, 2024 at 05:31 PM

BJ

“ *Barbara Jeffress lit a candle in memory of Carl Dennis Harner*



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**Barbara jeffress** - November 30, 2024 at 05:13 PM

MH

“ *Mary Lou Hynes lit a candle in memory of Carl Dennis Harner*



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**Mary Lou Hynes** - November 30, 2024 at 05:08 PM