



Michael W. Harris Sr.

June 10, 1949 - October 2, 2017

Michael W. Harris, Sr., age 68 years, a resident of Vienna, passed away Monday afternoon, October 2, 2017, at 12:30 PM at his home.

Mike was born June 10, 1949 in Metropolis, Illinois. He was the fifth of six children born to Elmer “Ted” and Goldia (Stephens) Harris.

On December 18, 2004, Mike was united in marriage to Mary E. (Leemon) Harris at the Vienna First United Methodist Church. She survives.

Mike is also survived by: his children – Michael W. (Maribeth) Harris, Jr. of Vienna, Michael M. Harris of Sevierville, Tennessee, and Christopher Harris of West Chicago; step children – Maribeth D. Ethridge-Hicks of Vienna and Joshua A. (Emily) Dippie of New Albany, Indiana; 6 grandchildren; 4 great grandchildren; a brother – Charles (Shirley) Harris of Pontotoc, Mississippi; and a sister – Judy Duarte of Dunedin, Florida.

Mike was preceded in death by his parents and 2 brothers – Louis Ray Harris and D. Russell Harris and an infant sister – Nioka Harris.

Mike was a member of the U.S. Navy and served in the Seabees.

Mike was the owner and operator of a street rod shop in Ventura, California

for a number of years. He also worked as a general contractor for Sunrise Construction Co. in Las Vegas, Nevada.

Mike had a passion for classic cars. He was a member of the “Insufficient Funds” Car Club. Mike also enjoyed home renovation and improvement projects, fishing, and growing a wide variety of plants. He attended the Vienna First United Methodist Church.

A service honoring the life of Michael Harris, Sr., will be held Friday morning, October 6, 2017, at 11 AM at Bailey Funeral Home in Vienna. Rev. Dr. Joe Richard will officiate. Burial, with military honors, will be in the Anderson Cemetery in the Boaz community.

Visitation will be conducted Thursday evening, October 5, 2017, from 5 PM – 8 PM at Bailey Funeral Home.

Memorials may be made to St. Jude Children’s Research Hospital, 501 St. Jude Place, Memphis, TN 38105-1905.

Cemetery Details

Anderson Cemetery

County Road 150 East
Karnak, IL

Previous Events

Visitation

OCT 5. 5:00 PM - 8:00 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

OCT 6. 11:00 AM (CT)

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Luncheon

OCT **6**. 1:30 PM (CT)

First United Methodist Church
301 N. 4th St.
Vienna, IL

Tribute Wall

ZH

“ As his grandson I miss him dearly this message has been written 6 and a half years later I have his 1 picture that my Nana aka Mary had left and they gave me his military flag but his garage is almost untouched I went looking through it today and it almost made me cry. The date is 6/19/25.

Zach hicks - June 19, 2025 at 01:05 AM

ZH

Sorry but I am his great grandson

Zach hicks - June 19, 2025 at 01:08 AM



“ Michael W. Harris Sr.

January 30, 2023 at 12:19 AM

RS

“ Rev. Richard & Vickey Swiney lit a candle in memory of Michael W. Harris Sr.



Rev. Richard & Vickey Swiney - October 05, 2017 at 10:41 PM

LC

“ Louis Harris And Cindy lit a candle in memory of Michael W. Harris Sr.



louis harris and cindy - October 05, 2017 at 05:42 PM

PP

“ Pat And Davis Prewitt lit a candle in memory of Michael W. Harris Sr.



Pat and Davis Prewitt - October 05, 2017 at 02:48 PM

RH

“ My thoughts and prayers are with you Mary, thinking of you and your family.



Ron Harner - October 05, 2017 at 09:16 AM

LR

“ Mary: We so sorry to hear about Michael's passing. Our thoughts and prayers are with you. Linda Ramsey

Liinda Ramsey - October 04, 2017 at 09:33 PM

TB

“ Mike, I'm so sorry for your loss. I remember many happy times hanging out in the garage with you, pops, and Dave. Watching you guys work on whatever project he had going at the time. Good Times, Good Friends. He was loved, he will be missed. God Bless you, and the rest he left behind.



Tammy Bell - October 04, 2017 at 01:58 PM

JL

“ *John and Jodi Leemon purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Michael W. Harris Sr..*



John and Jodi Leemon - October 04, 2017 at 11:35 AM

KR

“ *Kristin Romines lit a candle in memory of Michael W. Harris Sr.*



Kristin Romines - October 04, 2017 at 10:31 AM



“ *Small Garden Dish was purchased for the family of Michael W. Harris Sr..*



October 03, 2017 at 05:13 PM

JC

“ *Mary it was so very nice to have met Mike several years ago after I found out he owned the tree business. I always thought he was a very humbling person to be around and I always looked up to him. I’m so very sorry about your loss and thoughts and prayers be with you during this tough time. God Bless you and God Bless Mike. Will be happy to see him again someday!!*



John and Mariyn Cherry - October 03, 2017 at 04:44 PM

JC

John and Marilyn Cherry

John and Marilyn Cherry - October 03, 2017 at 04:45 PM



“ *Mary, I am so sorry to hear of the passing of Mike. May God give you peace, warmth and comfort as he wraps his loving arms around you during this difficult time.*



Elaine Rotan - October 03, 2017 at 04:32 PM

BG

“ *2 files added to the tribute wall*



Ben and Ann Gannon - October 03, 2017 at 03:07 PM

BG

“ *Mary,
There are no words to express how our hearts are broken for you
and your loss and the loss of our dear friend Mike of many years.
There are so many wonderful memories of our good times together,
before and after you came into his life. We are so glad he found
such love and happiness with you.
Our memories will forever be remembered and cherished.
Rest In Piece our friend.*

*Ben and Ann Gannon
Bakersfield, CA*

Ben and Ann Gannon - October 03, 2017 at 03:03 PM

JF

“ *Jason Grant & Family lit a candle in memory
of Michael W. Harris Sr.*



Jason Grant & family - October 02, 2017 at 07:21 PM

RS

“ *Rev. Richard & Vickey Swiney lit a candle in
memory of Michael W. Harris Sr.*



Rev. Richard & Vickey Swiney - October 02, 2017 at 07:13 PM