



Robert Banks Harris

December 20, 1933 - March 16, 2015

Robert Banks Harris, age 81 years, a resident of Carbondale, Illinois, passed away Monday morning, March 16, 2015, at 10:12 AM in Carbondale, Illinois

Bob was born December 20, 1933 in Carbondale. He was the son of A.B. Harris and Helen (Reynolds) Harris.

Bob was formerly united in marriage to Barbara Joan Lucas. She survives of Carbondale.

Other survivors include: his children: Jeff (Sharon) Rigg of Mt. Sterling, Laura (Steve) Thomas of Astoria, Ted (Lois) Rigg of Little Sandy, Texas, Dierdre Harris of Dunfermline, and Nancy Harris of Carbondale; 8 grandchildren – Nicholas Kruzan, Lindsey Whitehead, Brandon Thomas, Shaunea Miller, Nathan Rigg, Trista Rigg, Amber Rigg, and Brandi Rigg; and 2 great grandchildren - Adalynn Kruzan and Trace Miller.

In addition to his parents, Bob was preceded in death by a son – Michael Rigg.

Bob was a 1953 graduate of Carbondale High School.

He served in the U.S. Army during the Korean War. Bob was employed by

Central Illinois Light Company (CILCO) at the Duck Creek Power Plant in Canton, Illinois

Bob was a former member and deacon of the First Baptist Church in Ashland, Illinois. He later attended First Baptist Church in Carbondale.

Bob was an avid outdoorsman. He enjoyed hunting, fishing, and arrowhead collecting. Bob also volunteered as a Boy Scout leader for many years. He also enjoyed reading western novels, particularly the literary works of Zane Grey and Louis L'Amour.

A Memorial Service was conducted Saturday afternoon, March 21, 2015, at 2 PM at Bailey Funeral Home in Vienna. Rev. John Peterson officiated. Inurnment was in Vienna Fraternal Cemetery. Military rites were accorded by the Beggs-Gurley VFW Post # 5222 and the Illinois National Guard Burial Honors Detail.

Memorials are suggested to the Hudelson Baptist Children's Home, 1400 East McCord Street, Centralia, Illinois 62801.

Cemetery Details

Vienna Fraternal Cemetery

N. 6th Street
Vienna, IL

Previous Events

Service

MAR 21. 2:00 PM (CT)

Bailey Funeral Home
705 North First Street
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Vienna, IL 62995
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<https://baileyfh.com>

Tribute Wall



“ *Robert Banks Harris*

January 30, 2023 at 12:19 AM



“ *I'm very sorry for Bob's passing. I worked with Bob for a short time at Duck Creek. He was a very conscientious man always ready to share his knowledge.*

Mark Kline - March 22, 2015 at 10:41 AM



Thank you so much for your kind remembrance of my dad. He had good stories to share of the men he worked with and thought a lot of. Thanks again! Sincerely, Dierdre Harris

Dierdre Harris - March 23, 2015 at 05:29 PM



“ *Dad,
You were always generous, "there" for each and every one of us. A honest, hardworking man. You took on the responsibility of four children, from the get-go and had two more! Now that is a responsibility and a job that not many men would take on! There is not enough space here to give you the credit you deserve! I wish I could have been there with you! I would have if I could have. I am confident now you know the true reasons. In loving memory, your Daughter, Dierdre*



Dierdre Harris - March 19, 2015 at 03:26 PM

DH

“ More good memories of Dad:
I rember Dad always telling everybody to be
CHEERFUL :) and all those trips to
Carbondale, visiting Gramdmother and
Grandfather, and trips to Six Flags.. Dad
keeping us occupied on those trips with (who could forget) Sing-a-
Long Songs, to and from! Also, the times we went out to eat as a
family, when we lived in Springfield, to that Sing-a-Long Pizza place.
So much fun! Going fishing with Dad was an adventure too and he
snagged me in the finger with his hook..Ouch!
Great Memories Dad!
Love Always, Dierdre



Dierdre Harris - March 19, 2015 at 11:14 AM

TR

“ Grampy, may you rest in peace in your permanent home in Heaven
with the Lord. Love and miss you. Love, Trista

Trista Rigg - March 18, 2015 at 09:42 PM

DH

“ Some facts were omitted from my Dads
obituary. Not at the fault of Bailey Funeral
Home.
So in addition I want to take the time to
recognize my Dad for his other life
achievements.
Following High School, Robert Banks Harris attended and
graduated from Southern Illinois University, Carbondale, Illinois. He
proceeded to work for the State of Illinois for several years
afterwards. He continued in life to be a great man and father to his
family!
Love Always, Dierdre Harris



Dierdre Harris - March 18, 2015 at 07:12 PM

DH

A correction needs to be made. My Dad attended Southern Illinois University for 3 years. I gave him credit for graduating also. Nothing wrong with extra credit.

Dierdre Harris - March 25, 2015 at 12:12 AM

LW

“ *The one thing I remember the most of grampy is when we would go down and visit and I would always take his dog, Gator, on walks. He would always let me play with him. He was a great man. Time for no more suffering and just to rest. My dad, uncle, and grandpa all give their condolences to the family. RIP Grampy.*

Lindsey Whitehead - March 18, 2015 at 06:25 AM

LT

“ *Dad, my earliest memory is of you and I sitting on a sofa. I was on your lap. You were wearing a maroon v-neck sweater and you asked me if I wanted you to be my new Daddy. I got up on my knees and turned towards you and gave you a big hug and said yes! I have only good memories from my childhood. You are the only Dad I can remember. You are the one that raised me so to me you are my Dad and I Love you, I look forward to the day I will see you again in Heaven.....Laura*

Laura Thomas - March 17, 2015 at 01:53 PM

NK

“ *Rest in peace Grandpy.*

Nick Kruzan - March 17, 2015 at 12:57 PM

RK

“ Sorry to hear of Bob's passing. I always thought of him as a good man & I still have some of the books he gave me years ago. Bob had a life quest when it cam to learning and his interests were wide and varied. I haven't seen him in over 25 years, but I still think of him with fond memories from time to time & hope he did the same for me. Rest in Peace Bob.
Ronald Kruzan

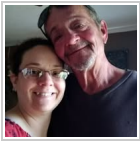


Ron Kruzan - March 17, 2015 at 10:10 AM

DH

Thank you Ron for all of your kind words! Much appreciated. Dad always thought a lot of you too. ~ Dierdre

Dierdre Harris - March 18, 2015 at 04:23 AM



“ Love and miss you Grampy. Now you don't have to be in pain or suffer no more. Until we meet again. Love, Shaunea

Shaunea Miller - March 16, 2015 at 09:08 PM

DH

“ Dad, I love you so very much! No more pain, no more fear now. Your in the loving arms of the Lord, and the rest of the wonderful family that passed before you. Love you! Your Daighter, Dierdre

Dierdre Harris - March 16, 2015 at 06:16 PM

DH

Daughter, not Daighter

Dierdre Harris - March 16, 2015 at 06:19 PM