



David F. Harris

June 20, 1944 - May 11, 2020

David F. Harris, 75 of Bluffton, passed away early Monday morning at his home surrounded by his family.

David was born June 20, 1944 in Bluffton to Ernest E. and Mary (McFarren) Harris. Upon graduation from high school, David enlisted in the U.S. Marine Corps. He proudly served his country during the Vietnam War as a Sergeant, where he was a crew chief and a mechanic working on helicopters. He then worked at INDOT for over 30 years. He was a well-known mechanic in the Bluffton area, always ready to help or lend a hand to anyone needing something worked on. He also worked part-time for Jack Wenger.

He is survived by his children: Tracie L. Singleton of Winchester, KY, Jamie D. Harris of Bluffton, IN and Trish L. (Jon) Maynard of Richmond, MO, eight grandchildren; Trish "Nikki" Diskey, Ashley Pond, Whitney (David) Sovine, Dustin Ferguson, Tanner Harris, Jarrett, Landon and Spencer Harris, along with ten great-grandchildren, and a sister Audrey Daniels of Bluffton.

He was preceded in death by his parents and siblings; Rex Harris, Evelyn Day, Naomi Elzey, Wayne Harris, Francis Harris, Diane Harris and Richard L. Harris.

Friends will be received from 4:00 to 8:00 p.m. on Thursday, May 14, 2020 at the Thoma/Rich, Lemler Funeral Home in Bluffton. Due to the current health situation, we are limiting the number in attendance during our visitations.

When you arrive for visitation, our funeral home staff will help you with directions and will be allowing up to 25 people in the funeral home at a time.

We appreciate your cooperation and patience.

Private Family Services for David will be on Friday, May 15, 2020 at the Thoma/Rich, Lemler Funeral Home in Bluffton with Jason Studebaker officiating. Burial will be in McFarren Cemetery in Bluffton, IN. Memorials may be made to the Wounded Warrior Project.

Funeral arrangement have been entrusted to the care of the Thoma/ Rich, Lemler Funeral Home in Bluffton. Friends can send online condolences to the family at www.thomarich.com.

Cemetery Details

McFarren Cemetery

1300 W 500 S
Bluffton, IN

Previous Events

Visitation

MAY 14. 4:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Thoma/Rich, Lemler Funeral Home
308 West Washington Street
Bluffton, IN 46714
<http://www.thomarich.com>

Tribute Wall



“ *Thoma/Rich, Lemler Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of David F. Harris*



Thoma/Rich, Lemler Funeral Home - May 14, 2020 at 03:21 PM



“ *David F. Harris*

September 08, 2022 at 08:26 PM



“ *Deb Gardner lit a candle in memory of David F. Harris*



Deb Gardner - May 15, 2020 at 10:02 AM



“ *Oh my..there are so many memories .Dave came in the store (handi spot) everyday for 10 years we all looked forward to him coming in .he brightened everyone's day with his presence.always smiled and always had nice things to say.i can proudly say he was my friend.i will miss him so much.r.i.p.Dave . I will cherish all of our memories.*

Deb Gardner - May 15, 2020 at 09:53 AM

TS

Thank you Deb. My siblings and I really appreciate the kind words

Tracie Singleton - May 16, 2020 at 05:22 PM

PP

“ *Jamie and family:*

I worked many years at the Old-First National Bank drive up south of Bluffton, where I got to know your dad. He worked at the State Highway department then, and every payday he would come to the bank. We always looked forward to him coming, but I think he liked coming there as much as we liked waiting on him. He would pull up with that ornery smile on his face and had the laugh to go with it. There were always jokes, wise cracks, some crude remarks, many interesting conversations, but always a laugh and kindness from him before leaving each time. What a fun guy he was and I have great memories of him. I hadn't seen him in quite awhile but was so sorry to hear of his passing. To the family I send my condolences and this saying;

*“Grief is the last act of love we have to give to those we loved
Where there is deep grief there was great love”*

RIP Dave, your work is done.

Peggy Paxson

Peggy Paxson - May 14, 2020 at 08:29 PM

TS

Thank you Peggy. Your kind words and your memories of our Dad.

Tracie Singleton - May 16, 2020 at 05:25 PM

TS

“ 1 file added to the tribute wall



Tracie Singleton - May 13, 2020 at 11:02 PM



“ 71 files added to the album Life Tributes



Thoma/Rich, Lemler Funeral Home - May 13, 2020 at 05:41 PM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of David F. Harris.



May 13, 2020 at 04:59 PM

KS

“ *What a great friend we have lost! May God be with the family we have had a time with your dad stopping in at Napa always cheerful to talk to. God bless each of you
Bruce & Kate Stinson*

Kate Stinson - May 13, 2020 at 03:03 PM

TS

Thank you so much Bruce & Kate. He was a friend to everyone who has the privilege of knowing him.

Tracie Singleton - May 16, 2020 at 05:26 PM

PL

“ *Our thoughts and prayers are with you. May God hold you close and help comfort you.*

Pam and Joe Longworth - May 13, 2020 at 11:05 AM

TS

Thank you very much.

Tracie Singleton - May 16, 2020 at 05:27 PM



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



May 13, 2020 at 09:54 AM

SM

“ My condolences to the family. Unfortunately since I've lived away from Bluffton most of my adult years I didn't know these cousins too well but have fond memories of the times we were together at the McFarren Reunions. May God grant you peace and may your memories sustain you in the days ahead.

Suzanne McFarren Markley - May 13, 2020 at 07:57 AM

VB

“ Vickie Baumgartner lit a candle in memory of David F. Harris



Vickie Baumgartner - May 12, 2020 at 08:20 PM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of David F. Harris.



May 12, 2020 at 07:37 PM

RM

“ Thoughts and prayers for the family. I wish we could have had one more visit. Will miss talking about Rich with you. You will be missed.



Robin Major - May 12, 2020 at 07:31 PM

DT

“ 4 files added to the album *Siblings*



Dawn Thornsberry - May 12, 2020 at 02:37 PM

DT

“ 1 file added to the album *Memories Album*



Dawn Thornsberry - May 12, 2020 at 02:33 PM

MV

“ *Missy Velasquez lit a candle in memory of David F. Harris*



Missy Velasquez - May 12, 2020 at 09:29 AM



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



May 12, 2020 at 12:43 AM



“ Sheila Grimm lit a candle in memory of David F. Harris



Sheila Grimm - May 11, 2020 at 09:28 PM



“ Well Dave(Joe)
I will cherish the opportunity I got to know you and to enjoy all our talks which were filled with wisdom laughter some BS. You will be missed my friend.
Love Fred

Fred - May 11, 2020 at 09:04 PM



This part made me smile. He really like you even though he could never remember your name. He would ask me time and time again your real name and would always say "well, she is Fred to me" lol. You brightened his day many mornings 😊 Thank you for that my friend

Tracie Singleton - May 13, 2020 at 11:19 PM



“ Prayers for the family. So sorry for your loss..

Kurt & Lisa Jack - May 11, 2020 at 07:45 PM

MV

“ *Uncle Dave was the Best and ornerirst Uncle around. His Smile could light up a room, and his laugh was contagious. He will be missed.*



Missy Velasquez - May 11, 2020 at 02:09 PM

DG

“ *So sorry to learn of Dave’s passing. He will truly be missed. Prayers to the Harris family.*
Dan Gerdom



Dan Gerdom - May 11, 2020 at 07:56 AM