



Ernie "Wildman" Harlow

October 1, 1932 - May 1, 2016

Ernie "Wildman" Harlow, 83, of Mt. Vernon, passed away at 12:05 a.m. Sunday, May 1, 2016, at his home.

He was born October 1, 1932, in Mt. Vernon, the son of William Kelly and Lora Belle (Minor) Harlow. On April 26, 1952, in Mt. Vernon, he married Rita Ann Wilson, and she preceded him in death on January 1, 2001.

He attended Harlow School and Mt. Vernon Township High School, and worked as a welder, machinist, and truck driver. He was an avid outdoorsman, and enjoyed fishing, hunting, and metal detecting. He also enjoyed polka music and opera. He was known for his great sense of humor and for being self sufficient.

Mr. Harlow is survived by one son, Ernest Dean Harlow of Mt. Vernon; three daughters, Pat Minor and husband Melvin of Mt. Vernon, Brenda Brand and husband Don of California, and Tammy Austin and husband Steve of Mt. Vernon; six grandchildren, Tracy Thompson and husband Scott of Mt. Vernon, Michael Minor and wife Gina of Mt. Vernon, Kelly Dean Harlow and wife Amy of Castroville, Texas, Mandi Dawn Williams and husband Eddie of Simms, Texas, Robbie Brand of California, and Steven Ray Austin, Jr., and wife Sarah of Mt. Vernon; fifteen great-grandchildren; eight great-great-grandchildren; one brother, Cletus Max Harlow and wife Linda of Sarasota, Florida; and very special friend and fishing buddy, Mark Lowery.

In addition to his wife, Rita Ann Wilson, he was preceded in death by his parents; one sister, Doloris Chambliss; and one great-grandchild.

Funeral Services for Mr. Harlow will be held 1:00 p.m. Thursday, May 5, 2016, at the Osborn Funeral Home in Dix, with Rev. Elton Storey officiating. Burial will follow at East Salem Cemetery. Visitation will be held Wednesday, May 4, 2016, from 5:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m., at the funeral home. Memorials may be made to the East Salem Cemetery, and will be received at the service, or by mail to the Osborn Funeral Home, P.O. Box 130, Dix, Illinois 62830. Online condolences may be made at www.osbornfuneral.com, or on the funeral home's Facebook page.

Cemetery Details

East Salem Cemetery

Mt. Vernon, IL 62864

Previous Events

Visitation

MAY 4. 5:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

Osborn Funeral Home
322 North Main Street
Dix, IL 62830
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office@osbornfuneral.com
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Service

MAY 5. 1:00 PM (CT)

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Tribute Wall



“ *There are so many special memories I hold close to my heart. But daddy always looked forward to us coming home for dear season. He always waited to see how the guys came in the drive, he could always pretty much tell if they had one or not. Then when my husband was lost and we all found out he was close to nephews house, he bushed up laughing. So Many Memories. I miss you Daddy ,but Will never forget the good time we all shared as a family*

Brenda Brand - May 06, 2016 at 01:27 PM



“ *Mark and Betty Higgins purchased the Medium Dish Garden for the family of Ernie "Wildman" Harlow.*



Mark and Betty Higgins - May 04, 2016 at 04:34 PM



“ *My memory that I always enjoyed was going to sing Christmas songs and give Ernie a Christmas Goody Box he always asked us all in the house I will never forget the first time I was standing there and the rattle snake in the glass case right behind me someone pointed it out I jumped and screamed out I was so scared I don't like snakes but I will miss coming to his house to sing I know how much Ernie enjoyed us stopping by*

Sandy Hicks - May 03, 2016 at 09:55 PM

JR

“ We knew Ernie best when we would go sing songs at Christmas time from Church Zion United Methodist , He really enjoyed all of us gathering around in his living room singing to Him His eyes were filled with tears of joy...Sorry for your Loss .. We will all miss him ..Love and Sympathy to the Family from Don and Janice Ransbottom

Janice Ransbottom - May 03, 2016 at 03:59 PM

MC

“ Mitsubishi Cement Corporation purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of Ernie "Wildman" Harlow.



Mitsubishi Cement Corporation - May 03, 2016 at 09:52 AM

 Kayla Cox

“ May you R.I.P Papa Ernie.

Best wishes and prayers out to all of the family. <3

Kayla Cox - May 03, 2016 at 08:42 AM

KC

“ And the angels await with their arms wide open.May you R.I.P Ernie. Love you guys. Kevin

kevin crider - May 02, 2016 at 07:21 PM