



Harry Echols

October 22, 1948 - March 17, 2024

Harry Echols, 75, of Mt. Vernon, passed away at 10:58 a.m., Sunday, March 17, 2024, at Barnes Jewish Hospital, in St. Louis, Missouri.

He was born October 22, 1948, in Mt. Vernon, the son of Claude and Alice (Coleman) Echols. On December 10, 1968, he married Sue Tinsley, and they celebrated 55 years together.

Harry graduated from SIU, Vocational Technical Institute in 1968, and was self-employed as a journeyman tool and die maker, a craft he loved. He spent many days fishing, and he loved to travel. He was a wonderful gardener and grew many crops, which he happily shared with friends and neighbors. He was a member of Boyd Christian Church, where he held several positions over the years. He loved his family and his church family.

In addition to his wife, Sue Echols of Mt. Vernon, he is survived by brothers, Frank Echols of Houston, Texas, and Jeff Echols of Mt. Vernon; sisters, Janet Hanes and husband Bill of Mt. Vernon, Anita Thompson of Mt. Vernon, Loretta Karcher and husband Gail of Mt. Vernon, Cindy Diller of Katy, Texas, Jane Douthit and husband Marty of Dix, and Nancy Wessling of Ashley; brother-in-law, David Tinsley and wife Kathy of Mt. Vernon; sister-in-law, Debbie Tinsley of Dix; many nieces and nephews; and many great nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Claude and Alice Echols; father-and-mother-in-law, Claude and Charlene Tinsley; brother, Eddie Echols; sister, Brenda Smith; niece, Rebecca Hanes; and brothers-in-law, Dannie Tinsley and Don Wessling.

Funeral Services for Mr. Echols will be held at 12:00 p.m. Friday, March 22, 2024, at Boyd Christian Church, with Steve Bratton officiating. Burial will follow at Boyd Cemetery. Visitation will be held Friday, March 22, 2024, from 10:00 a.m. until the hour of service, at the church. Memorial gifts may be made to Shriners Children's Hospital or the Woodlawn Baptist Church Food Pantry, and will be accepted 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

Boyd Cemetery

Dix, IL 62830

Previous Events

Visitation

MAR 22. 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM (CT)

Boyd Christian Church
19844 N Boyd Ln
Dix, IL 62830-3418
(618) 735-2804

Funeral Service

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Tribute Wall

JR

“ Harry and Sue always showed kindness and love to my family while visiting from Chicago. I will remember his big heart, smile and unconditional love. I will also remember swimming in his pond. The first time I jumped in he told me to watch out for the snakes! A true gentleman with the perfect amount of mischief.

Jennifer Richards - March 22, 2024 at 11:28 AM

PP

“ Harry was a kind person and will be missed. The Lord has given him rest. So rest high upon that mountain your work on earth is done. Phil, Pam & Family.

Pam & Phil - March 22, 2024 at 09:41 AM



“ 37 files added to the album Life Tributes



Osborn Funeral Home - March 21, 2024 at 12:19 PM

JS

“ Jay and Debbie Simmons purchased the "God H as You" 21" Sonnet Chime for the family of Harry Echols.



Jay and Debbie Simmons - March 20, 2024 at 03:07 PM

DB

“ I will forever be grateful for Harry and Sue including mom, my baby girl Bobbie Jo and I during the Christmas holidays. When I married we started our own tradition. I always enjoyed Harry's post about their garden vegetables and canning, trips and his fishing trips. I pray that the Lord gives the family comfort during this time. Rest in peace cousin.

Debbie Gowler/Baltzell

Debbie Baltzell - March 20, 2024 at 10:43 AM

PO

“ Pat Duce, and Charlie and Dakota Owens planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Harry Echols.

Pat Duce, and Charlie and Dakota Owens - March 19, 2024 at 02:59 PM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Harry Echols.



March 19, 2024 at 02:59 PM

PJ

“ Pat and Jana purchased the Love's Journey for the family of Harry Echols.



Pat and Jana - March 19, 2024 at 01:27 PM

FH

“ My deepest condolences to the family. I have fond memories of Harry when visiting Dannie and Debbie's house. He had a great sense of humor, an infectious laugh, and was kind. The world needs more Harrys.

Farrah Hagan - March 19, 2024 at 10:41 AM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Harry Echols.



March 19, 2024 at 10:00 AM



“ Small Garden Dish was purchased for the family of Harry Echols.



March 19, 2024 at 09:42 AM



“ *Medium Dish Garden was purchased for the family of Harry Echols.*



March 18, 2024 at 10:07 PM



“ *My favorite memory of my brother is how he could ride a bicycle backwards. He always would do this when we would go camping at Rend Lake many years ago and another thing is Harry had the best laugh.*

Nancy Wessling - March 18, 2024 at 09:38 PM