



Marvin "Gene" Harris

October 7, 1940 - May 24, 2016

Marvin Eugene "Gene" Harris, 75, of Mt. Vernon, passed away peacefully on May 24, 2016, at Nature Trail Health Care Center, in Mt. Vernon.

He was born October 7, 1940, in Naylor, Missouri, the son of Elmer and Agnes (Johnson) Harris. On May 29, 1969, in St. Clair Shores, Michigan, he married Betty JoAnn Matlock, and she survives in Mt. Vernon.

Mr. Harris graduated from Mt. Vernon Township High School and received a degree from Mt. Vernon Junior College and Southern Illinois University Carbondale. He served in the United States Air Force for 4 years, and received many awards. He taught in many of the local area schools, and helped open Ford Square of Mt. Vernon. He was the General Manager of King City Chrysler, where he retired after 21 years. He enjoyed watching the St. Louis Cardinals, the St. Louis Blues, Golf, and Auto Racing.

In addition to his wife, JoAnn Harris, he is survived by two children, Joy Kingsley and husband Bert of Kell, and Mark Metje and wife Melodie of Jackson, Missouri; Four grandchildren, Ashley Metje of Cape Girardeau, Missouri, Kylee Gobin and husband Drew of Benton, Kentucky, Kristen Booher and husband Alan of Salem, and Audra Nix and husband Kyle of Salem; Five great grandchildren, whom he loved dearly, Halle, Colton, Kellen, Owen, and Savannah; one sister, Janice Moore and special friend Thomas Muchowski of Wilmington, Illinois; two nephews, Byron and Deb Moore, and Mike and Nonnie Moore, of Wilmington, Illinois; special cousin, Loyd Harris and wife Dawn; Two great nieces, Kelli and Kerri Moore; and one great

nephew, Logan Moore.

He was preceded in death by his parents, and special cousin Fred Harris. In accordance with Mr. Harris' wishes, cremation rites have been accorded, and a Graveside Memorial Service will be held at Zion Grove Cemetery on June 1, 2016, at 11:00 a.m., with Rick Allison officiating. Military Rites will be accorded by American Legion, Post #141, of Mt. Vernon. Memorials may be made to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital, or to the Shriners Hospital for Children, 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

Zion Grove Cemetery

Kell, IL 62853

Previous Events

Service

JUN 1. 11:00 AM (CT)

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Tribute Wall

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“ God Bless Marvin I was in Barnes Hospital and Marvin was my roommate. That was April 22. We talked a lot about Basketball. Centralia and Mt. Vernon. He remembered me when i played for Centralia and he said he enjoyed watching High School games so much. God Bless him. He seemed like a wonderful man.

Richard Rapp - June 16, 2016 at 01:05 PM

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“ You treated me like an adult, even if I did not deserve it. I remember you taking a bunch of us to the Cardinal baseball game in the Ole red ford. You were better than a high school history teacher. You will not be forgotten.

Scott Magnus

Scott Magnus - June 01, 2016 at 09:24 PM

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“ Gene hired me to work at Ford Square 25 years ago we worked together for over 20 years until he retired. He was a great manager to work for and a very good friends up till he was called home to be with the Lord. Glenn Littrell

Glenn Littrell - May 31, 2016 at 10:03 PM

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“ Worked hard for this guy in high school because he was an inspiration to me. Thank you Mr. Harris!

Jon Travis - May 26, 2016 at 10:52 PM