



## Gene Raymond Harris

October 23, 1944 - September 1, 2013

Gene Raymond Harris, 68, of Havana, passed away at 10:20 a.m. on Sunday, September 1, 2013 at Havana Health Care. He was born October 23, 1944 in Mattoon, IL at home to William O. and Elizabeth Edna (Mullins) Harris. He married Jane L. Frost on July 22, 1967 in Mattoon.

Mr. Harris is survived by his wife, Jane, daughter, Melanie (Dr. Renold) Bleem, two grandchildren, Samuel and McKenna Bleem, all of Havana, two brothers, Tony (Lois) Harris of Gays, IL, Carl (Frances) Harris of Charleston, IL, two sisters, Lola (Bob) Craig and Lillie Gaston, both of Mattoon. He was preceded in death by his parents, daughter, Marne Jean Harris and seven brothers and sisters, William O. "Jr." Harris, Elizabeth Feters, Ed Harris, Bob Harris, Betty Harris, Cecil Harris, and John Harris.

Gene was known for his infectious smile and for being an active volunteer in his community. He participated regularly with the local Legion Post #138, Havana VFW #6408 and was a Lifetime Member of the Mason District Hospital Auxiliary. Gene was present at many Project Thanksgiving dinners where his favorite job was delivering meals to shut-ins. He was a member of the Havana Church of Christ. Most recently, he could be found offering his time filling needs at his church. He was a former member of the Havana Optimist Club. Gene joined the US Marine Corps at age 17 and served from 1962 until 1966, also serving in the Vietnam War. He worked as a

Journeyman Ironworker with Local #112 in Peoria, retiring after over 40 years.

A celebration of life will be held at the Havana Church of Christ at Noon on Saturday, September 7, 2013 with visitation two hours prior to the services. Rev. Bill Boyce will officiate. Cremation rites have been accorded and burial will be held at Dodge Grove Cemetery at Mattoon at a later date. A luncheon will follow the services on Saturday at the 1st Baptist Church in Havana.

Memorial contributions may be made to his church. Online memorial messages may be left for the family at [www.hurleyfh.com](http://www.hurleyfh.com).

Hurley Funeral Home in Havana is in charge of arrangements.

# Tribute Wall



“ *Gene Raymond Harris*

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