



Gene Harris

August 24, 1926 - June 16, 2019

Gene Harris, age 92, of Mason City passed away June 16th, 2019 at 11:20 p.m. at Mason City Area Nursing Home. He was born to Nelson Harris and Mabel Fletcher (Harris) August 24, 1926 in Coalgate, OK. He married WillaMae Beard on July 9, 1946 in Oklahoma.

Gene is survived by his wife, children: Bill (Joan) Harris of Mason City, Bob (Mary Anne) Harris of Easton, IL, grandchildren: Kyle (Tonya) Harris of Mason City, IL, Libby (Dan) DeMerit of Fenton, MO, Megan (Brock) Nissen of Mason City, Ryan (Marnie) Harris of Dunlap, IL, and Matt (Christina) Harris of Peoria, IL, great grandchildren: Regan and Luke Harris, Ayda, Ellis and Drew DeMerit, Jax, Tripp and Sloan Nissen, Harper and Paige, Isabella and Millie Harris. He is also survived by his sisters Daisy Marcum and Nadine Anderson both of Mason City, IL, and one foster brother, Frank Root.

He was preceded in death by his parents, four brothers and three sisters.

Gene was a member of Mason City Community Chapel. He was a Mason and a longtime member of the Sand Ridge Trail Riders. In his free time, he enjoyed spending time with his beloved grandkids, camping, riding horses and rooting for his favorite team, the St. Louis Cardinals.

A funeral service will be held for Gene Wednesday, June 19, 2019 at Hurley Funeral Home in Mason City at noon. Visitation will be held two hours prior starting at 10:00 a.m. until the time of services. Steve Bagby will officiate. Interment will be held at Mason City Cemetery.

Memorials in honor of Gene may be made to Mason City Community Chapel. Hurley Funeral Home in Mason City, IL is assisting the family with arrangements

Cemetery Details

Mason City Cemetery

Mason City, IL 62664

Previous Events

Visitation

JUN 19. 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM (CT)

Hurley Funeral Home - Mason City
603 East Chestnut
Mason City, IL 62664
(217) 482-5959
<https://www.hurleyfh.com/>

Funeral

JUN 19. 12:00 PM (CT)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Gene Harris*

October 12, 2022 at 03:07 PM



“ *Hillary Kelly lit a candle in memory of Gene Harris*



Hillary Kelly - July 10, 2019 at 12:34 PM



“ *I've just also gotta say...always gave me comfort&reassurance to see Gene at Hurley's. 😊*

Kevin Tholen - June 18, 2019 at 10:37 PM



“ *One. Of. A. Kind. This guy was SPECIAL, all the way down to that cornbread smile. I could be wrong but I think he ended up with Georgia, a horse my Dad used to own and I used to ride. My sincere condolences to the family...yet my congratulations on a life...well...lived!! God bless you Gene and fam!!*

Kevin Tholen - June 18, 2019 at 10:34 PM



“ *1 file added to the album Memories Album*



Hurley Funeral Home - June 18, 2019 at 02:56 PM

KK

“ *Kraig Krause lit a candle in memory of Gene Harris*



Kraig Krause - June 18, 2019 at 02:17 PM

GS

“ *I fondly remember the time I was delivering fuel to Gene, and we got to visiting, and I ran the tank over and fuel was running on the ground. We laughed a bit, and then we did our best to clean up the mess..*

Glenn Shawgo - June 18, 2019 at 12:09 PM

JF

“ *Joanna Mustered & Family lit a candle in memory of Gene Harris*



Joanna Mustered & Family - June 18, 2019 at 10:59 AM

BJ

“ *Betty and Jaime purchased the Full Of Love Bouquet for the family of Gene Harris.*



Betty and Jaime - June 18, 2019 at 10:09 AM

KK

“ *Where do I even begin? Gene was one of the sweetest, kindest and most loving people I've ever had the honor of knowing. Every time I'd see Gene he would always be sure to greet me with a kiss on my cheek. Even at 92, he still had his wits about him and his hilarious personality still showed. My husband and I will forever be grateful that we had the opportunity to know Gene. I will forever miss his charming kisses and his contagious personality. Prayers are with the Harris family. Xoxo*

Kelci & Zeke Kennett - June 18, 2019 at 09:52 AM

DL

“ So sorry to hear about your loss!

Don Legg - June 18, 2019 at 09:22 AM

SH

“ A long time ago when my kids were little, I was on my way back from East Peoria to Mason City after taking my husband to work that afternoon. Had a flat tire a few miles outside of town and I had to carry a baby and hold onto the other one walking along 29 and Gene happened to stop and give us a ride into town. Was so grateful to him.

Sandy Hagan - June 18, 2019 at 09:18 AM

PW

“ Sympathy to all the family. Gene was a great supporter of his family. Happy I got to know him



Pamela Walsh - June 18, 2019 at 07:19 AM

BS

“ Brian And Lisa Shawgo lit a candle in memory of Gene Harris



Brian and Lisa Shawgo - June 18, 2019 at 02:01 AM

MB

“ Gene Harris has been a loving part of my families life since I was a young girl! He was my dad's boss when he worked in Pekin at Corn Products! My first memories of Gene and Willa May was when the summer I was 8 or 9 I got to stay with the Harris family for a week or so, they have always been so wonderful to our family! I am going to miss Gene so much, He will always have a special place in my heart, I am so thankful for the special times spent with Gene and Willa May! My heart goes out to Willa May and the entire family!



Mary Buttry - June 18, 2019 at 12:01 AM

JM

“ June Mahan lit a candle in memory of Gene Harris



June Mahan - June 17, 2019 at 10:32 PM

VB

“ Vickie Bagby lit a candle in memory of Gene Harris



Vickie Bagby - June 17, 2019 at 10:15 PM

DH

“ Gene was such a great boss and friend to my dad. Lots of memories of my dad talking about Gene!

Deb Howard-Kalhammer - June 17, 2019 at 10:00 PM

SO

“ Gene was one of my most favorite people. Sweet, thoughtful and so very funny. I have missed our Friday coffee for quite some time (during “mission impossible”) but will now miss our phone chats.

To WillaMae and the HARRIS Family: I cannot imagine your loss, he was such a special man to so many people, I hope that can be a comfort to you in your most difficult times to come. Much love, one of Genes Hurley Girls

shannon olson - June 17, 2019 at 08:06 PM

CH

“ I remember as a little girl gene would tell me he was going to give me a pony but we never could get my dad Henry talked into it.. lol.. sorry for your loss..

charlotte(seward)veronesi - June 17, 2019 at 08:01 PM

CH

“ *Charlotte(seward)veronesi lit a candle in memory of Gene Harris*



charlotte(seward)veronesi - June 17, 2019 at 07:05 PM

NS

“ *Norma Seward lit a candle in memory of Gene Harris*



norma seward - June 17, 2019 at 07:04 PM