



Harris Edwin Boeker

July 24, 1928 - October 4, 2024

Harris Edwin Boeker, 96, of Chandlerville, Illinois, passed away at his home on Friday, October 4, 2024, surrounded by loving family. He was born July 24, 1928, on the family farm near Newmansville, Illinois, to Walter C. and Jeanette (nee Ritterbush) Boeker. He married Luella Wulf on July 24, 1949, at St Paul's United Church of Christ in Petersburg, Illinois.

Harris was a lifelong farmer and served the Newmansville Township for over 50 years as a Road Commissioner and Supervisor. He was a longtime member of the Chandlerville Masonic Lodge #724 and Clinton Masonic Lodge #19, named Mason of the Year in 2021. Other organizations included: Eastern Star, Chandlerville School Board, Cass County Mutual Fire Insurance Board, Lincoln Land Community College Board, Cass County ASC Chairman, Precinct Election Judge, member of the St. Paul's Evangelical Free Church, and volunteer usher for Theater in the Park.

Harris received awards for his service in the York Rite, receiving the Knights Templar Cross of Honor in July 2010. He recently traveled to Providence, RI in 2023 to receive the awards for Honorary Past Grand Commander from The Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of the State of IL and Order of The Purple Cross from The Sovereign College of North America.

Harris is survived by his sons, Dennis (Tamara) Boeker and Michael (Rhonda)

Boeker; his grandchildren, Seth (Amy) Boeker, Kristin Boeker, Carissa (Roger) Jarrard, Niko Boeker and Alexa (Jake) Ward; and ten great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his wife, Luella; his parents; and grandson, Brandon Boeker; and his sister Laura VanGeison.

Visitation will be held on Wednesday, October 9, 2024, from 4pm to 8pm at the Hurley Funeral Home in Petersburg, Illinois, with Masonic services at 7pm. A funeral service will be held on Thursday, October 10, 2024, at 10am with Pastor Gary Sheets presiding. Harris will be laid to rest immediately following the funeral service at Oakland Cemetery in Petersburg.

Memorial contributions may be made to Cass Schuyler Area Hospice, 331 S. Main St., Virginia, IL 62691, Chandlerville Lodge #724, 106 N Main, Chandlerville, IL 62627, or Clinton Lodge #19, 125 S. 5th St, Petersburg, IL 62675.

Please visit Harris's online obituary at hurleyfh.com where you may share memories and condolences with his family. Hurley Funeral Home in Petersburg is assisting Harris's family with arrangements.

Cemetery Details

Oakland Cemetery

17536 Oakland Terrace Ave
Petersburg, IL 62675
(217) 632-3022

Previous Events

Visitation

OCT 9. 4:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

Hurley Funeral Home - Petersburg
122 West Douglas Avenue
Petersburg, IL 62675
(217) 632-2500
<https://www.hurleyfh.com/>

Masonic Rites

OCT 9. 7:00 PM (CT)

Hurley Funeral Home - Petersburg
122 West Douglas Avenue
Petersburg, IL 62675
(217) 632-2500
<https://www.hurleyfh.com/>

Funeral Service

OCT 10. 10:00 AM (CT)

Hurley Funeral Home - Petersburg
122 West Douglas Avenue
Petersburg, IL 62675
(217) 632-2500
<https://www.hurleyfh.com/>

Graveside Service

OCT 10 (CT)

Oakland Cemetery
17536 Oakland Terrace Ave
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Tribute Wall

SE

“ Harris- was my church pew mate for so many years at St Paul - he was such a servant of the lord and always so dedicated to all his fellow church members. Always the visitor to the shut ins and less fortunate.

Our deepest sympathy to the Boeker family. We will meet again my dear friend.

The Estill Family

Sandra Jean Estill - October 14, 2024 at 07:28 PM

KK

“ My deepest sympathy to his loved ones. I just saw his obituary today or I would have expressed my condolences in person. Harris was such a nice man. How lucky to have lived so long and be loved so much!

Kim Ellen Kirchner - October 11, 2024 at 04:42 PM

DT

“ Sorry for your loss, He was a great man always there to help anyone who need it.

Diana Todd - October 11, 2024 at 09:00 AM

BA

“ Bayleigh planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Harris Edwin Boeker.

Bayleigh - October 10, 2024 at 11:42 AM

BA

“ Bayleigh purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Harris Edwin Boeker.



Bayleigh - October 10, 2024 at 11:42 AM

GI

“ Grand Commandery of Illinois planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Harris Edwin Boeker.

Grand Commandery of Illinois - October 08, 2024 at 04:28 PM



“ Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of Harris Edwin Boeker.



October 08, 2024 at 04:28 PM

DD

“ Don and Donna purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Harris Edwin Boeker.



Don and Donna - October 08, 2024 at 03:20 PM

DD

“ Don and Donna planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Harris Edwin Boeker.

Don and Donna - October 08, 2024 at 03:20 PM

BJ

“ Bill & Linda Jegen purchased the Country Basket Blooms for the family of Harris Edwin Boeker.



Bill & Linda Jegen - October 08, 2024 at 03:01 PM

LH

“ Larry and Mary Hundt sent a virtual gift in memory of Harris Boeker



Larry and Mary Hundt - October 08, 2024 at 09:26 AM

LR

“ Lisa R. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Harris Edwin Boeker.

Lisa R. - October 07, 2024 at 11:03 PM

RB

“ I am so sorry for your loss. Harris was one of the kindest, gentlest men I've ever known. Soft spoken, unassuming, humble. These are all things I will remember always when I think of Harris. I will also remember his huge heart, his incredible dedication and hard work, his love for the farm and his undying love for his family! May he rest in everlasting peace and God's glory.

Renee Broaddus - October 07, 2024 at 10:33 PM



“ Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Harris Edwin Boeker.



October 07, 2024 at 09:03 PM



“ Pretty Please was purchased for the family of Harris Edwin Boeker.



October 07, 2024 at 08:57 PM

TW

“ Todd, Connie and Samantha Ward planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Harris Edwin Boeker.

Todd, Connie and Samantha Ward - October 07, 2024 at 08:57 PM

GA

“ Global Atlantic planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Harris Edwin Boeker.

Global Atlantic - October 07, 2024 at 08:31 PM

GA

“ Global Atlantic purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of Harris Edwin Boeker.



Global Atlantic - October 07, 2024 at 08:31 PM

SP

“ St. Aldamar Commandary #47, Petersburg, planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Harris Edwin Boeker.

St. Aldamar Commandary #47, Petersburg, - October 07, 2024 at 06:10 PM

SP

“ St. Aldamar Commandary #47, Petersburg, purchased the Divine Light for the family of Harris Edwin Boeker.



St. Aldamar Commandary #47, Petersburg, - October 07, 2024 at 06:10 PM

MG

“ A good man and a just and upright Mason. Rest easy my brother.

Marvin Gillis - October 07, 2024 at 05:49 PM

JE

“ *Jeff elam lit a candle in memory of Harris Boeker*



Jeff elam - October 07, 2024 at 04:14 PM

BD

“ *So sorry to hear about Harris. I first met Harris when I was in high school working at Sunny Acres, when he would come to see his father, Walter. Then I started going to St Paul's church, where I really got to know him. He was such a sweet man, someone you could talk to, and was so good to my Grandma. Sending lots of prayers to his family and friends 🙏🙏*

Bobbie Deason - October 07, 2024 at 03:49 PM

BA

Harris was a wonderful person, sweet as could be. I cared for his Father and Mother at Sunny Acres. He cared about everyone and was so very kind to everyone. I am sorry for your loss

Barbara - October 07, 2024 at 07:56 PM