



Merle D. Harp

May 6, 1938 - March 28, 2016

Merle D. Harp, 77, of Mason City, passed away at St. John's Hospice on Monday, March 28, 2016.

Merle was born on May 6, 1938, in New Holland, IL the first son of the late John and Edith (Ackley) Harp. He was also preceded in death by a daughter Tina Marie Honea.

Surviving Merle is his children: Jimmy Dean Harp of KY, Marty William (Laurie) Harp of MO, Tammy (Jeff) Cooper of New Holland, IL, Terrie (Paul) Sperry of Petersburg, IL, and Missy Harp (fiancé Billy Snyder) of Springfield, IL, a sister Betty Imperial of Michigan, a brother Ronald Harp of Auburn, IL, as well as several: grandchildren, great grandchildren, nieces, nephews, great nieces, and great nephews.

Merle was a farm boy raised by loving parents, in the Greenview area. He graduated from Greenview High School, after high school Merle proudly served our country in the United States Air Force. He was a member of the Carpenters Union and retired as a foreman. Merle enjoyed leather work and taught leather crafting at Tandy Leather. He was an avid artist. Merle enjoyed being on the river fishing, wildlife, and filling his humming bird feeders and watching them fight over nectar. He enjoyed planting flowers and planted many different colors of lilies.

Merle was a member of White Tails unlimited, Masonic Clinton Lodge #19AF &AM, Ansar Shrine, Scottish Right of Springfield, and a member of the New Salem Shrine Club.

Funeral arrangements are under the direction of Hurley Funeral Home in Petersburg, 122 W Douglas Ave. Petersburg, IL 62675. The family will receive guests at the funeral home on Thursday, March 31, 2016 from 5-8 p.m. at the funeral home. Cremation rites will be accorded and a private burial will take place at a later date.

In lieu of flowers memorials in Merle's name may be made to the Shriner's Hospital for Children.

Please visit Merle's online obituary at www.hurleyfh.com

Previous Events

Visitation

MAR 31. 5:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

Hurley Funeral Home - Petersburg

122 West Douglas Avenue

Petersburg, IL 62675

(217) 632-2500

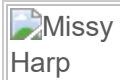
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Tribute Wall



“ *Merle D. Harp*

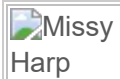
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“ *Love U Daddy!! Miss U Soo Much!! Until We Meet Again!! Fly High!!*



Missy Harp - March 29, 2017 at 06:45 PM



“ *Missy Harp lit a candle in memory of Merle D. Harp*



Missy Harp - March 29, 2017 at 06:43 PM



“ *Great man! Wearing my beautiful belt he made me 7 years later. He will be missed.*



Rick Riech - April 01, 2016 at 06:05 PM



“ *Darrel Bacon lit a candle in memory of Merle D. Harp*



Darrel Bacon - March 31, 2016 at 04:02 PM



“ *Sue Impson lit a candle in memory of Merle D. Harp*



Sue Impson - March 30, 2016 at 11:07 PM



“ *Lisa Hudgins lit a candle in memory of Merle D. Harp*



Lisa Hudgins - March 30, 2016 at 10:01 PM



“ *Your friends at Mason City Area Nursing Home purchased the Medium Dish Garden for the family of Merle D. Harp.*



Your friends at Mason City Area Nursing Home - March 30, 2016 at 05:12 PM

ML

“ *Though I never met Merle, I knew his parents, and his son Jim and I were close friends in high school at Easton many years ago. My condolences to the Harp family.*

Matthew Lowers - March 30, 2016 at 02:35 PM

RH

“ *Ron Harp lit a candle in memory of Merle D. Harp*



Ron Harp - March 30, 2016 at 10:48 AM

LF

“ *Linda And Charlie Fleck lit a candle in memory of Merle D. Harp*



Linda and Charlie Fleck - March 30, 2016 at 08:57 AM

RH

“ *RIP Merle*

Ron Harp - March 30, 2016 at 08:19 AM

RH

“ *Ron Harp lit a candle in memory of Merle D. Harp*



Ron Harp - March 30, 2016 at 08:17 AM

CB

“ *Christine Banks lit a candle in memory of Merle D. Harp*



Christine Banks - March 29, 2016 at 08:47 PM

ML

“ *My condolences to the Harp family. Though I never knew Merle, I knew his parents, son Marty, and I was close friends many years ago with his son Jim.*

Matthew Lowers - March 29, 2016 at 06:09 PM