



Merle F. Tarvin

September 22, 1939 - June 22, 2024

Merle F. Tarvin, 84, of Havana, passed away at his home at 9:14 p.m., on Saturday, June 22, 2024. He was born September 22, 1939, in Fulton County, Illinois, to Louie and Mabel (Rakestraw) Tarvin. He married Barbara Lannery on October 14, 1961, in Ipava, Illinois.

Mr. Tarvin is survived by his wife: Barbara, of Havana; two daughters: Jody (Craig) Goodrich and Kristi (Bill) Smith, both of Havana; six grandchildren: Christopher (Casey) McCarthy, Andrew (Amanda) Hines, Conner Smith, Ashley (Matt Wise) Goodrich, Adam (Courtney Showalter) Goodrich, and Arica Goodrich; as well as sixteen great-grandchildren: Landon, Annabella, Jayden, Jullian, Jax, Kynlee, Hadley, Jensen, Ryleigh, Brooklynn, Kalani, Brooklyn, Brianna, Brielle, Brent, and Karter. Also surviving is one sister: Ann (Bill) Meschnark, of Trivoli, Illinois. He was preceded in death by his parents, and siblings: Bill Tarvin, Mildred Ward, and Sharon Tarvin.

Mr. Tarvin enjoyed to fly and pilot his own airplanes. He worked in construction his whole life and enjoyed woodworking. He enjoyed bicycling, his dogs, family cookouts and spending time with his grandchildren and great-grandchildren. He was very proud of the one room schoolhouse that he restored and made into his home.

A memorial service will be held on Sunday, July 7, 2024 at 1:00 p.m., at the

Hurley Funeral Home, in Havana, with visitation one hour prior to the services. Burial will follow the services at Presbyterian Cemetery, near Topeka.

Memorial contributions may be made to Mason County Pets without Parents. Online memorial messages may be left for the family at www.hurleyfh.com.

Hurley Funeral Home in Havana is in charge of arrangements.

Cemetery Details

Presbyterian Cemetery Topeka

Topeka, IL

Previous Events

Visitation

JUL 7. 12:00 PM - 1:00 PM (CT)

Hurley Funeral Home - Havana
217 North Plum Street
P.O. Box #648
Havana, IL 62644
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Tribute Wall



“ Hurley Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Merle F. Tarvin



Hurley Funeral Home - July 05, 2024 at 01:29 PM

LC

Lovely video! Such a tribute to a very fine man!

Lori Cleer - September 14, 2024 at 12:35 PM

LC

“ Lori Cleer lit a candle in memory of Merle Tarvin



Lori Cleer - September 14, 2024 at 12:19 PM

SL

“ Shelly Ladd lit a candle in memory of Merle Tarvin



Shelly Ladd - June 27, 2024 at 09:21 PM

PG

“ Patricia Gilbreath lit a candle in memory of Merle Tarvin



Patricia Gilbreath - June 25, 2024 at 04:57 PM

LH

“ Larry and Mary Hundt sent a virtual gift in memory of Merle Tarvin



Larry and Mary Hundt - June 24, 2024 at 10:43 PM

CH

“ Barb and family. You have my deepest sympathy. Thoughts and prayers to all of you. Merle will always be remembered as a kind and hard working man. CHERYL HAHN

Cheryl Hahn - June 24, 2024 at 11:37 AM

DB

“ Barb & family, so sorry for your loss of Merle, another cousin gone. I know u have many good memories. Donna Baum

Donna Baum - June 24, 2024 at 10:39 AM

MW

“ My condolences to Barb and the Tarvin family. I was happy to see Merle and Barb fix up the old Walker school. They did a good job with that. Merle wanted to restore the school sign, but the district number was too faded to make out. He asked me if I knew what the number was. I didn't but got on the internet and found a Democrat article that that listed schools in the Havana area with their district numbers. I printed the article out and gave it to him and he finished the sign.



Michael Leo Walker - June 24, 2024 at 09:36 AM

VF

“ Merle was such a nice guy and will be missed by those who knew him. Our thoughts and prayers are with the family. Tim and Velva Fletcher



Velva Fletcher - June 23, 2024 at 11:18 PM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Merle F. Tarvin.



June 23, 2024 at 09:41 PM



“ Loving Lilies and Roses Bouquet was purchased for the family of Merle F. Tarvin.



June 23, 2024 at 09:35 PM



“ Evan, Kami & Hazel Houghton planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Merle F. Tarvin.

Evan, Kami & Hazel Houghton - June 23, 2024 at 09:35 PM



“ So very sorry for the passing of Merle. Dad will miss him deeply. Ronnie Bricker, Jimmy and Rhonda Neeley 🙏



Rhonda Neeley - June 23, 2024 at 08:48 PM



“ I enjoyed working with Merle one summer back in '73 I think. He was very friendly, patient and kind. Years later I was in a bind and needed a sheet of plywood. He gave me one. I enjoyed his story about seeing himself on a movie newsreel, backing a flatbed trailer hauling a Redstone rocket. He wanted to jump up and say “Hey that’s me!” Merle did a lot of good in his life. You have my deepest sympathy.

Randy Rutledge - June 23, 2024 at 07:48 PM

DW

“ Sorry for your loss ❤️ Our thoughts and prayers are with you and your family 🙏



Dan and Chris Wilson - June 23, 2024 at 07:11 PM

CS

“ Craig Schaeffer lit a candle in memory of Merle F. Tarvin



Craig Schaeffer - June 23, 2024 at 06:03 PM

RL

“ Merle was a fine man and an excellent carpenter.



Robert Lynn - June 23, 2024 at 06:01 PM