

Paul "Smoky" Tarvin

July 25, 1948 - July 22, 2019

Paul Howard "Smoky" Tarvin, 70, of Havana, passed away at St. John's Hospital, in Springfield, IL, at 2:04 p.m on Monday, July 22, 2019. He was born July 25, 1948, in Havana, to Charles and Juanita (Bristow) Tarvin. He married Coleen Chavis on May 21, 1994, in Havana. She survives.

Mr. Tarvin is survived by his wife, Coleen, of Havana; two daughters: Summer (Chad) Brown of Havana, Brandi (Jeff) McCombs of Peoria; two step-daughters: Amy Widener of Twin Falls, ID and Joy (Chuck) Corsaw of Cuba, IL; twelve grandchildren: Tyson, Andee, Cora, Ella, Charlie, Casey, Carter, Cameron, Chandler, Logan, Abigail, and Gavin; as well as one great-grandson, Sawyer. Also surviving are four siblings: John Tarvin, Bill Tarvin, Juanita Ash and Ora Jo Kizzar; and his beloved dogs, Tina, Ryder and Sawyer, and cats, P.J. and Pesky. He was preceded in death by his parents; two granddaughters: Cheyenne and Cassidy Rawlings; and six siblings: Franklin Tarvin, Jim Tarvin, Carrie Rauch, Clyde Tarvin, Clarence Tarvin and Frances Smith.

Mr. Tarvin was a retired U.S. Mail Carrier. He worked for the Postal Service from 1984 until his retirement in 2010. He had been an officer in the Postal Union. He was currently serving as the Mason County Veterans Assistance Commissioner. He served from 1966 until 1969 in the US Marines Corps. He was a lifetime member of VFW Post #6408 in Havana. He enjoyed playing

golf and was an avid reader.

Visitation will be held at Hurley Funeral Home in Havana on Friday, July 26, 2019 from 5:00 until 7:00 p.m. Graveside services will be held on Saturday, July 27, 2019 at 11:00 a.m. at Laurel Hill Cemetery in Havana. VFW Post #6408 and American Legion Post #138 in Havana, will provide military rites.

Memorial contributions may be made to St. Jude's Children's Research Hospital. Online memorial messages may be left for the family at www.hurleyfh.com.

Hurley Funeral Home in Havana is in charge of arrangements.

Previous Events

Visitation

JUL **26.** 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

Hurley Funeral Home - Havana

217 North Plum Street

P.O. Box #648

Havana, IL 62644

(309) 543-2244

<https://www.hurleyfh.com/>

Tribute Wall



“ Hurley Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Paul "Smoky" Tarvin



Hurley Funeral Home - July 26, 2019 at 09:33 AM



“ Paul "Smoky" Tarvin

October 12, 2022 at 03:07 PM



“ Coleen and Family,
I send my sympathy and love to each of you.

Jim Burdette - October 06, 2019 at 09:59 PM



“ Nancy Wilson lit a candle in memory of Paul "Smoky" Tarvin



Nancy Wilson - July 27, 2019 at 03:40 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Paul "Smoky" Tarvin.*



July 26, 2019 at 12:15 PM



“ *Melody Lynn lit a candle in memory of Paul "Smoky" Tarvin*



Melody Lynn - July 26, 2019 at 10:54 AM



“ *So sorry for your loss.*



Becky Chaney - July 26, 2019 at 10:40 AM



“ *Coleen, my heart aches for you with Paul's death. You have my love and sympathy, and prayers for comfort in the coming days. Prayers for all the family to be comforted also.
Karen Just Merritt*



Karen Just Merritt - July 25, 2019 at 11:47 PM

MS

“ Michelle R Schulte lit a candle in memory of Paul "Smoky" Tarvin



Michelle R Schulte - July 25, 2019 at 11:02 PM

Lisa Jill Ulrich Thompson

“ Sorry for your family's loss 🇺🇸❤️🇺🇸

Lisa Jill Ulrich Thompson - July 25, 2019 at 06:31 PM

JL

“ I remember visiting Havana and seeing Paul enter the VFW with the mail. He would see me and say “how’s it going Marine”. He’d let me know that he would be back for a beer and return after his shift. Paul never talked a lot. But, I enjoyed his company. Semper Fi Paul and Rest in Peace. Your brother Jim Luera USMC 1982 - 1987.

Jim Luera - July 24, 2019 at 05:29 PM

SR

I send my condolences to Paul’s family. I will be out of state so will not be able to be at the visitation or funeral. I will be praying for you . He was such a nice and helpful man!

Sue Roat-Hall - July 24, 2019 at 10:26 PM

AR

“ Anna Richardson lit a candle in memory of Paul "Smoky" Tarvin



Anna Richardson - July 24, 2019 at 02:59 PM

GD

“ *Brandi, I am so sorry to learn of your father's passing. I know that you will be comforted during these difficult days with memories of your time together. I am sure that heaven will be a livelier place now that your dad has entered the pearly gates. With sincere condolences. Gigi Davis*



Gigi Davis - July 24, 2019 at 02:32 PM



“ *Always had a smile on his face and could tell he loved his family. Sending Hugs to the family.*



Carolyn Morse - July 24, 2019 at 02:04 PM

LJ

“ *You will be missed my friend Larry Johnson*

Larry Johnson - July 24, 2019 at 12:03 PM

GG

“ *Gary And Patty Gilbreath lit a candle in memory of Paul "Smoky" Tarvin*



Gary and Patty Gilbreath - July 24, 2019 at 09:26 AM

DW

“ Sorry for your loss Our thoughts and prayers are with you and your family Paul was a wonderful man and he will be missed



Dan and Chris Wilson - July 24, 2019 at 09:14 AM

BD

“ Bud & Barb Dietsch lit a candle in memory of Paul "Smoky" Tarvin



Bud & Barb Dietsch - July 24, 2019 at 08:23 AM

DF

“ Doc & Tammy Farwell lit a candle in memory of Paul "Smoky" Tarvin



Doc & Tammy Farwell - July 24, 2019 at 06:43 AM

RS

“ Rich And Lynne Shoemaker lit a candle in memory of Paul "Smoky" Tarvin



Rich and Lynne Shoemaker - July 24, 2019 at 05:13 AM

TG

“ Tim Griffin lit a candle in memory of Paul "Smoky" Tarvin



tim griffin - July 24, 2019 at 05:00 AM

BH

“ I will always remember Paul's beautiful smile, his cheerful wave, kind heart, and thoughtfulness of others. Heaven is a happier place with Paul there. Coleen, girls, and grandchildren we are praying for your comfort at this time. May you find comfort and peace in the many wonderful memories you had with your husband, father and grandfather. I know he loved you all dearly. Love Alan and Beth Hansen

Beth Hansen - July 24, 2019 at 12:58 AM

MN

“ Mike & Deb Noble lit a candle in memory of Paul "Smoky" Tarvin



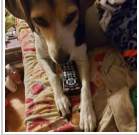
Mike & Deb Noble - July 24, 2019 at 12:53 AM

NW

“ Nancy M Wilson lit a candle in memory of Paul "Smoky" Tarvin



Nancy M Wilson - July 24, 2019 at 12:50 AM



“ Nancy Elliott lit a candle in memory of Paul
"Smoky" Tarvin



Nancy Elliott - July 23, 2019 at 09:36 PM

Amy
Widener

“ 1 file added to the album Amy and Girls



Amy Widener - July 23, 2019 at 08:57 PM

DW

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

Dan and Chris Wilson - July 23, 2019 at 08:22 PM

JB

“ We are sharing in your sadness. Sending
healing prayers and comforting hugs. Words
cannot express how much we will miss Paul.
He was a wonderful person with a big smile
and a laugh to share with you.
Rest In Peace Paul ❤️
Jerry & Marla Bloyd



Jerry & Marla Bloyd - July 23, 2019 at 07:27 PM

PS

“ Paul And Jan Stephens lit a candle in memory of Paul "Smoky" Tarvin



Paul and Jan Stephens - July 23, 2019 at 07:11 PM

PM

“ Patsy & Glen Mester lit a candle in memory of Paul "Smoky" Tarvin




Patsy & Glen Mester - July 23, 2019 at 06:08 PM

RS

Summer, Brandi and Colleen you are in our thoughts and prayers.
Rich & Lynne

Rich & Lynne Shoemaker - July 23, 2019 at 08:38 PM

 Amy
Widener

“ 1 file added to the album Amy and Girls



Amy Widener - July 23, 2019 at 05:39 PM

Sheila
Griffin

“ Sheila Griffin lit a candle in memory of Paul
"Smoky" Tarvin



Sheila Griffin - July 23, 2019 at 05:10 PM

JC

“ Colleen and Family,

*I am so sorry to hear about Paul. I wanted you to know I am thinking
of all of you.*

Julitta

Julitta Carpenter - July 23, 2019 at 04:49 PM

JC

“ Julitta Carpenter lit a candle in memory of
Paul "Smoky" Tarvin



Julitta Carpenter - July 23, 2019 at 04:47 PM

KB

“ Kim Branscum lit a candle in memory of Paul
"Smoky" Tarvin



Kim Branscum - July 23, 2019 at 04:26 PM

MB

“ Mary Ann & Kevin Gober,, AJ, Emily, Riley & Bran purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Paul "Smoky" Tarvin.



Mary Ann & Kevin Gober,, AJ, Emily, Riley & Bran - July 23, 2019 at 03:48 PM

JT

“ Jennifer Trimpe lit a candle in memory of Paul "Smoky" Tarvin



jennifer trimpe - July 23, 2019 at 01:50 PM

LC

“ Sorry for your families loss,he was such a sweet guy!

LAnette and Richard Crum - July 23, 2019 at 01:41 PM