



William Eugene "Gene" Harris

April 15, 1928 - January 7, 2023

William Eugene "Gene" Harris, 94, passed away January 7, 2023.

A native of Lutz, Florida, son of the late William Austin and Lorena Jobe Harris, he was a U.S. Army veteran, owner and operator of Harris Excavating Company, and was of the Baptist faith.

Surviving are his wife of 67 years, Shirley Marie Elwell Harris; three sons, Alan Harris (Beverly) of Bethel Springs, Tennessee, Bruce Harris (Darlene) of Land O Lakes, Florida, and Michael E. Harris of Lutz, Florida; two daughters, Cheryl Parker (Dale) of Live Oak, Florida and Connie Lane (James) of Taylors, South Carolina; one son-in-law, Chuck Bryant of Land O Lakes, Florida; twelve grandchildren, Leslie, Kristy, Kevin, Jeanie, Sarah, Cameron, Terry, Troy, Aimee, Alisha, Chad, and Amber; twenty-nine great-grandchildren; and six great-great-grandchildren.

He was also predeceased by one daughter, Kathy Harris Bryant; two grandchildren, Clint, and Kelly; one great-grandchild, Kevin; and four sisters, Ollie Bell Harris, Dorothy Harris, Francis Harris, and Geneva Harris.

Funeral services, with military honors, will be held 12:00 Noon, Tuesday, January 17, 2023, at the Southwood Baptist Church, Tallahassee, Florida, conducted by Rev. Robert Sutton. The committal service will follow Tuesday in the Tallahassee National Cemetery. The funeral services will be handled by the Beggs Funeral Home of Tallahassee, Florida.

Pallbearers will be Terry Myers, Chad Harris, Cameron Harris, Tim White, Troy Lane, and Kevin Bryant.

The family is at their respective homes.

Online condolences may be made at www.thewoodmortuary.com

Cemetery Details

Tallahassee National Cemetery

5015 Apalachee Pkwy
Tallahassee, FL 32311

Previous Events

Service

JAN 17. 12:00 PM (ET)

Southwood Baptist Church
5177 Capital Cir SW
Tallahassee, FL 32305

Tribute Wall

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“ My Dad was a great provider for our family and my Mother of 67 years. Dad helped others and never asked anything in return. He owned his business and was successful even without going to college and without graduating from high school. He dropped out of school to help his parents make ends meet . I am the youngest of 6 and my Dad wanted me to hunt with him and my brothers and friends and I did until I was 16 and did not hunt after that. I do regret that now for sure. My Dad never pressured me to hunt after , he again was selfless . I'm so glad my Son loves to hunt and had a great relationship with Dad. (Thanks Dad) Dad's last words were I love you to my Mom the love of his life as she held his hand. Dad I Love you with all my heart! Without saying good bye we will see you in the morning as my Mom said , In Heaven we will see you in the morning! Love your Son, Michael Eugene Harris!

Michael Harris - January 26, 2023 at 12:51 PM



“ Lavender Reflections Spray was purchased for the family of William Eugene "Gene" Harris.



January 16, 2023 at 03:07 PM



“ Ocean Breeze Spray was purchased for the family of William Eugene "Gene" Harris.



January 16, 2023 at 02:19 AM



“ *Strength & Solace Spray was purchased for the family of William Eugene "Gene" Harris.*



January 13, 2023 at 08:53 PM



“ *One of the cutest memories I have of Grandpa is a small conversation that happened as we rocked on his front porch in Newport. He was complimenting my sweet husband (his grandson) and he said, “you sure have a good one!” I quickly replied with, “yes, Sir, I have the best!” This man who could be so quite and serious got a gleam in his eye and smirk on his face and said, “no, Grandma does!” With the influence he had on my wonderful husband and the evidence I saw, I can’t argue with him. I’m thankful to have adopted him as my own Grandpa through marriage and I look forward to seeing him again thanks to Christ.*

Bridget Lane - January 09, 2023 at 05:05 PM



“ *Toni Gully lit a candle in memory of William Harris*



Toni Gully - January 09, 2023 at 10:55 AM