



Harry J. Wasson

January 4, 1950 - February 5, 2025

Harry Wasson, 75 of Kankakee Illinois passed away on Tuesday the 5th of February from COPD. Harry is survived by son John (Rebecca) Wasson, daughter Rachel Kelly Wasson, stepdaughters Kasi (Troy) Howell, Michelle (Robert) Yohnka, brother Jay (Lee) Wasson, sisters Connie (Scott) Klett and Carla (Wally) Jackson, 12 grandchildren, multiple nieces and nephews and Eillen Keeling, his partner of 29 years, also of Kankakee Illinois.

Harry was preceded in death by his parents John and Ilene Wasson, of Eldora Iowa.

Harry was a farm boy who loved United States history. He worked for many years managing seed corn plants from 1970 to 1993 in Iowa and Illinois. Harry could talk for hours about corn if you were a willing listener. Harry started his own trucking company which allowed him to visit the many historical sites he had been reading about for years. Later, Eileen was able to join him on the open road. They enjoyed traversing the United states while sampling different local cuisines and culture. They religiously reported back to friends and family all of the beautifully weird and wild things the USA had to offer. Harry prided himself on hard work, accountability and punctuality. In good health, he was never idle. He loved building things, working outdoors and he had a surprising knack for interior design. Harry was a skilled cribbage player, he laughed easily and loved to show off his moves on the dance floor. Harry's happy place was boating with Eileen on the Kankakee river. Harry loved to fish. Many mornings, you could find he and Eileen pulling in loads of catfish with the

rising sun. Harry was a generous man. He would help out family, friends and even acquaintances whenever he could. He did this quietly and without expectation of a return. Harry a.k.a 'the baby whisperer' took pride in his ability to soothe a grandchild to sleep. Later in life, he revealed his love for dogs; think John Wayne, but with two poodles. Harry will be missed dearly by those who loved him. He was a loyal man who worked, played and loved with all of his heart and he danced like nobody was watching.

Harry will have a celebration of life this Saturday the 8th of February at Jensen Funeral Home, Kankakee Illinois, visitation from 2-3pm and service at 3 pm. Lunch will follow the service at 3:30pm.

Previous Events

Visitation

FEB 8. 2:00 PM - 3:00 PM (CT)

Jensen Funeral Home
3639 EAST State Route 17
Kankakee, IL 60901
jensenfuneralhomes@yahoo.com

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Service

FEB 8. 3:00 PM - 3:30 PM (CT)

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Luncheon

FEB 8. 3:30 PM - 6:00 PM (CT)

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Tribute Wall

BG

“ Bonnie G. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Harry J. Wasson.

Bonnie G. - February 10, 2025 at 04:53 PM

CJ

“ 1 file added to the tribute wall



Carla Jackson - February 09, 2025 at 11:39 PM

MN

“ Eileen We are so very sorry for your loss. Harry was a GREAT GUY ! We always had fun ., Golfing ,Fishing ,Boating ,Telling Lies or Most of all Drinking Beer! his humor and good nature will be missed

Mike & Lisa Norman
Somerset Kentucky

Michael Norman - February 08, 2025 at 01:09 PM

SS

Eileen, I am so very sorry for your loss and wanted to send my condolences on to you. Sounds like he was quite a guy.

Shirley Swain - February 12, 2025 at 01:53 PM



“ *Kaye Wallace lit a candle in memory of Harry J. Wasson*



Kaye Wallace - February 07, 2025 at 07:27 PM



“ *Fiery Lily and Rose was purchased for the family of Harry J. Wasson.*



February 07, 2025 at 05:23 PM



“ *A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Harry J. Wasson.*

February 07, 2025 at 05:23 PM



“ *Steven Castaneda planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Harry J. Wasson.*

Steven Castaneda - February 07, 2025 at 05:21 PM

SC

“ Steven Castaneda purchased the Florist Choice Bouquet for the family of Harry J. Wasson.



Steven Castaneda - February 07, 2025 at 05:21 PM

DR

“ Harry was a gem! I am honored to have known and share a wine with him!! We will all miss him 💜

Deena Rabideau - February 07, 2025 at 04:23 PM

CJ

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Carla Jackson - February 07, 2025 at 12:14 PM

TM

“ The Hillards, The Hendersons, and Meg purchased the Arrive in Style for the family of Harry J. Wasson.



The Hillards, The Hendersons, and Meg - February 07, 2025 at 08:55 AM

TM

“ *The Hillards, The Hendersons, and Meg planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Harry J. Wasson.*

The Hillards, The Hendersons, and Meg - February 07, 2025 at 08:55 AM

CJ

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Carla Jackson - February 07, 2025 at 07:08 AM

JW

“ *John & Rebecca Wasson purchased the Joyful Memory for the family of Harry J. Wasson.*



John & Rebecca Wasson - February 07, 2025 at 06:20 AM

SD

“ *Sherry Dreibelbis lit a candle in memory of Harry J. Wasson*



Sherry Dreibelbis - February 06, 2025 at 10:30 PM

MK

“ Mark and Linda Klett purchased the Florist Choice Bouquet for the family of Harry J. Wasson.



Mark and Linda Klett - February 06, 2025 at 09:15 PM

KF

“ Kevin, Melanie and family purchased the Crystal Cross Bouquet for the family of Harry J. Wasson.



Kevin, Melanie and family - February 06, 2025 at 06:24 PM



“ Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Harry J. Wasson.



February 06, 2025 at 05:59 PM

TM

“ Tom Mallaney lit a candle in memory of Harry J. Wasson



Tom Mallaney - February 06, 2025 at 12:51 PM