



William L. Harris Sr.

January 28, 1936 - May 29, 2025

William L. Harris, Sr., 89, of Manteno, passed away Thursday, May 29, 2025, at Riverside Medical Center.

He was born January 28, 1936, in Indianapolis, Indiana, the son of Edward H. and Dorothy Harris. He served in the United States Army from 1958 to 1961. On September 3, 1958, he married Phyllis Mingus at Westside Church of the Nazarene. William worked as a Plant Manager for Crown Cork and Seal in Bradley, Real Estate Sales for Century 21, as well as Church Office Secretarial Staff for the Manteno Church of the Nazarene.

William created directories for the mobile home parks that he and his wife stayed in Apache Junction, AZ and was a member of the American Legion. He enjoyed traveling, snow birding in Arizona, and collecting stamps. Most of all he loved "Harris"-ing people with love around him.

He is survived by his daughters, Cheryl (Philip) Harris- Sumida and Lisa Harris; sister and brothers-in-law, Jerry Saunders, Philip Mingus, and Cathey Moore; grandchildren, Jacqueline Sumida and Evan Sumida; as well as nephews, Scott Saunders and Todd Saunders.

Preceding him in death are his wife, Phyllis Mingus Harris; son, William L. Harris Jr; sisters-in-law, Carole Mingus, Jeanette Mingus, Ollie Mingus,

Beverly Mingus, and Maude Ernestine Woodall; brothers-in-law, Robert Mingus, James Mingus, Roy Mingus, and James Woodall; and nephew, Kevin Mingus.

Visitation will be held Saturday, June 7, 2025, from 10 a.m. until the memorial service at 11 a.m. at Manteno Church of the Nazarene, 698 N Locust St, Manteno, IL 60950 with Rev. Ken Bushey and Rev. Jack McCormick officiating. Burial will be held at a later date at Abraham Lincoln National Cemetery, Elwood, Illinois.

Memorials may be made to the VBS Fund at Manteno Church of the Nazarene.

Previous Events

Visitation

JUN 7. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

Manteno Church of The Nazarene
698 N Locust Street
Manteno, IL 60950

Memorial Service

JUN 7. 11:00 AM (CT)

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Tribute Wall

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“*Fair-to-Middling even in times of loss and pain. Bill was such an inspiration to my Church service at Heritage Woods. He only missed a couple times or when he was in the Hospital. When we sang Hymns and asked for those attending to choose, Bill would be the first to shout out page 31, "Amazing Grace." He once told me that that was his life. This last week we sang it in tribute to him. I would always make him copies of my sermons. He said he used them as part of his morning devotional on Fridays. He will be missed but I know where he is.... with Jesus. God bless you all, too.*

Valgene Raloff - June 08, 2025 at 06:55 PM

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“*Stephanie W. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of William L. Harris Sr..*

Stephanie W. - June 06, 2025 at 09:36 AM



“*Crystal Cross Bouquet was purchased for the family of William L. Harris Sr..*



June 05, 2025 at 05:34 PM



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“ Every time I'd see him, he would want to play "Heart & Soul" with me on the piano. We both really enjoyed it.

Nan Havens - June 05, 2025 at 05:32 PM



“ Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of William L. Harris Sr..



June 05, 2025 at 12:17 PM



“ Beautiful Dreams was purchased for the family of William L. Harris Sr..



June 04, 2025 at 04:49 PM

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“ Cheryl and Lisa purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of William L. Harris Sr..



Cheryl and Lisa - June 03, 2025 at 06:08 PM

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“ Cheryl and Lisa planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of William L. Harris Sr..

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“ Cheryl H. purchased the Ocean Breeze Spray for the family of William L. Harris Sr..



Cheryl H. - June 03, 2025 at 06:01 PM