



Virgil L. Harris, Jr.

February 3, 1933 - December 8, 2015

Virgil L. "Jr." Harris, Jr., age 82, of Centralia, passed away Tuesday, December 8, 2015 at SSM Health St. Mary's Hospital in Centralia. Jr. was born on February 3, 1933 in Centralia, a son to Virgil "Buddy" L. Harris, Sr. and Alliene (Allen) Harris Foltz. He married Sharon Donoho on May 18, 1963 and she survives in Centralia. In addition to his wife, he is also survived by a son, Nathan Harris of Centralia; four daughters, Melissa Wheritt and husband John of Clarksville, TN, Jerri Ann Hiltibidal and husband Shawn of Edwardsville, IL, Kelly Rousseau and husband George of Mesa, AZ and Stella Jean Harris of Pennsylvania; five grandchildren, Joshua, Jonathan, Brenden, Paige and Shannon; three sisters, Pamela Haake and husband Dennis of Hoffman, IL, Brenda Wheeler and husband Denny of Evansville, IN and Angie Gansauer and husband Tom of Centralia; step-brother, Charles Foltz of Centralia; sister-in-law, Pat Pettersson of Salem and several nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his parents, an infant daughter, Tammy Alliene Harris; a granddaughter, Amanda Purcell; a brother, Richard Pettersson and a step-brother, Jimmy Foltz. Jr. was of the Baptist faith and a former member of First Baptist Church in Centralia. He served in the U.S. Marine Corp for 16 years. He was a member of the American Legion Post 446 and VFW Post 2055. Jr. was an avid hunter, enjoyed fishing, gardening, feeding wild birds, and his four-legged companions, Smokey, Soni and Susie. Most of all he loved spending time with family and friends. Funeral Services for Virgil "Jr." Harris, Jr. will be held Thursday, December 10, 2015 at 11:00 AM at the Sutherland-

Garnier Funeral Home in Centralia with Minister Joshua Botello and Shawn Hiltibidal officiating. Interment will follow at the Hillcrest Memorial Park. Military Honors will be accorded at the gravesite by the American Legion Post 446 and VFW Post 2055. Visitation will be held from 9:30 AM to 11:00 AM at the funeral home. In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to the family.

Tribute Wall



“ *Sutherland Funeral Homes, Cemetery and Cremation Services created a Tribute Video in memory of Virgil L. Harris, Jr.*



Sutherland Funeral Homes, Cemetery and Cremation Services - October 26, 2018 at 10:37 AM

CP

“ *My love and prayers are with you.....*

Christa Pokojski - December 10, 2015 at 12:00 AM

DD

“ *Very sorry for your loss of Jr.*

Dan, Martha and Matt Dobbs - December 10, 2015 at 12:00 AM

TL

“ *Thoughts and prayers for the Harris family and friends.*

Tracy Lance - December 08, 2015 at 12:00 AM

SM

“ *Sharon I'm so sorry. Please give the girls and Nathan a hug for me...Your family will be in my prayers.*

Sue Mashburn - December 08, 2015 at 12:00 AM

BM

“ Sharon, I'm so sorry for your loss. Sympathy also for daughters and Nathan. Jr. was a good man.

Betty Moses-Grotts - December 08, 2015 at 12:00 AM

DG

“ To all the family, Sharon, Jeri Ann, and Melissa, and all of his children and grandchildren, I am praying for all of you. Junior was a good man and I was honored to know him. Love you all!

Darrell Gregory - December 08, 2015 at 12:00 AM