



David Allen Harris

November 11, 2022

David Allen Harris, 78, of Charlotte, longtime excavating contractor and hardworking friend of many, "Went Up" peacefully on Friday, November 11, 2022. Dave was born October 10, 1944 in Rogers City, MI, the son of Gerald Dale and Clara Rose (Idalski) Harris. Early in Dave's life, the family settled in Charlotte, MI, where father and sons started Gerald D. Harris and Sons Excavating in 1961. Shortly after, Dave was drafted into service in the U.S. Army during the Vietnam War, serving faithfully until his honorable discharge in 1967. Upon his return from the service, Dave met Joan Kay Stults on a blind date in Charlotte. They fell in love and married on June 22, 1968. Dave's life revolved around family activities - specifically "Work" and "Cabin." He and his brothers soon formed Harris Brothers Excavating, and worked hard long hours side by side with their sons as a family business. Veterans Day was always a special day, as it was the day Dave and his sons "went up" north to the cabin they built together with his brothers, sons and friends, in Onaway, MI, for deer hunting and family time in the great northern outdoors. It is indeed fitting, in Dave's final hours, he pointed up to the ceiling, and insisted he was still "going up" on Veterans Day.

Community was always a top priority for Dave and his family. Harris Bros. donated thousands of hours and materials throughout the years, to the schools, St. Mary Church, and countless service projects in the Charlotte area. Dave and Joan were longtime faithful members of St. Mary Church. He

was a lifetime member of VFW Post 2406 of Charlotte, and the National Rifle Association. Dave could also be found at Char-Lanes bowling alley for league night. Above all, many will remember Dave for his friendship, his top notch work ethic, and his love of family.

Dave is survived by his wife of 54 years, Joan Harris; sons, Allen (Kelley) Harris and Peter (Laura) Harris; daughter, Tammy (Rocky) White; grandchildren, Kamryn and Peyton White; step-grandchildren, Adam, Zach, and Jacob Coburn and Robert, Tiffany, and Jennifer Graham; several step-great-grandchildren; siblings, Richard (Sally) Harris, Rita (Rodger) Jones, Clarence "Butch" (Lorraine) Harris, Kathleen (Herb) Schultz, and Mark (Lori) Harris; and several nieces, nephews and cousins. He was predeceased by his parents.

Friends are encouraged to support Dave's family by attending services or sharing memories on his Tribute Page at www.prayfuneral.com. Visitation will be from 2:00 - 4:00 and 6:30 - 8:00 p.m. with a Rosary Service at 6:00 p.m. on Thursday, November 17, 2022 at Pray Funeral Home. A Funeral Mass will be held at 11:00 a.m. on Friday, November 18, 2022 at St. Mary Catholic Church in Charlotte with Rev. Fr. Dwight Ezop officiating. Interment will take place at Benton Twp. Cemetery. The funeral will be webcast so you may watch it from any computer, smartphone, or mobile device that has internet access. Go to www.prayfuneral.com, click on Dave's tribute, then click on Photos and Videos from your computer (or Media from your smart phone). If desired, the family suggests memorial contributions to the Sparrow Hospice Services or St. Mary Catholic Church. The family is in the care of Pray Funeral Home, Charlotte.

Previous Events

Visitation

NOV 17. 2:00 PM - 4:00 PM (ET)

Pray Funeral Home
401 W Seminary St
Charlotte, MI 48813

Rosary

NOV 17. 6:00 PM - 6:30 PM (ET)

Pray Funeral Home
401 W Seminary St
Charlotte, MI 48813

Visitation

NOV 17. 6:30 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Pray Funeral Home
401 W Seminary St
Charlotte, MI 48813

Mass

NOV 18. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (ET)

St. Mary Catholic Church
807 St. Mary Boulevard
Charlotte, MI 48813

Tribute Wall



“ Pray Funeral Home, Inc created a Webcast in memory of David Allen Harris



Pray Funeral Home, Inc. - November 18, 2022 at 10:52 AM



“ Pray Funeral Home, Inc created a Tribute Video in memory of David Allen Harris



Pray Funeral Home, Inc. - November 16, 2022 at 11:24 PM

CB

“ I lit this candle today in memory of David.
Hang in there everyone!
Charmagne



Charmagne Brandenburg - January 02, 2023 at 08:17 PM

WH

“ *My deepest sympathies to your entire family. One of the nicest families i could have ever had in my life growing up. My Grandparents Don and Irene Smith and Harley and Shirley Burghdoff both lived in the park and I grew up with Pete and Al. Playing at the playground sandbox and riding bikes around. You always had a smile for us kids.*

Wendi Hamilton - November 21, 2022 at 05:48 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of David Allen Harris.*



November 17, 2022 at 01:25 PM



“ *51 files added to the album LifeTributes*



Pray Funeral Home, Inc. - November 16, 2022 at 11:25 PM

TF

“ *The Crandell Bros. Family purchased the Treasured Lilies Spray for the family of David Allen Harris.*



The Crandell Bros. Family - November 16, 2022 at 11:05 AM

ST

“ *Sending prayers to the entire 🙏 Harris Family in the loss of David. May God's peace be yours. Susan Taylor.*

Susan Taylor - November 15, 2022 at 10:25 AM

RG

“ *Dave you will be missed. Randy and I are blessed to be much more than neighbors to our Harris family. Dave, a kind fun lovin proud veteran that we so admired. Dave had some good one liners that he'd throw at me as he passed me in my back yard on his way to the Harris excavating office/ man cave. Always smiling. We are proud to have been on his list of many many friends. Randy was honored to present Dave and the sons with this hand made American Flag.*



Randy and Daralee/DeeDee Graham - November 15, 2022 at 05:56 AM

CH

“ *Carrol, Ron and Cheryl Harris purchased the Sweet Tranquility Basket for the family of David Allen Harris.*



Carrol, Ron and Cheryl Harris - November 14, 2022 at 09:12 AM



“ *Sweet Tranquility Basket was purchased for the family of David Allen Harris.*



November 13, 2022 at 05:33 PM

DW

“ *My sincere condolences to the entire Harris Family!! I had the honor and privilege to work with and supervise many Harris Brothers construction projects for both Eaton County and private engineering firms. Dave was always kind, caring, professional and extremely easy to work with. I am lucky to have made his acquaintance and trust. Rest in peace my friend.*

David Wilcox - November 13, 2022 at 05:07 PM

JS

“ *Always kind and smiling is how I will remember Dave. My condolences to the Harris family.*

Jeff Smith - November 13, 2022 at 08:55 AM