



Harlys Edna Scates

September 19, 1935 - December 20, 2023

Harlys Scates, 88, of Charlotte, a hardworking man full of dedication to his family, died peacefully at home on Wednesday, December 20, 2023. Harlys was born September 19, 1935 in Martin, TN, the son of Byron Ellis and Eunia Ann (Adams) Scates. At age 18, Harlys rode the bus to Michigan along with a group of young men to find work in the Automobile Industry. He took a job on the line at Oldsmobile in Lansing, where he worked a full career of 42 years, retiring in 1995. In his first few years on the job, he and his fellow workers would cruise by the ladies letting out from nursing school. He soon met the love of his life, Frances Silvestre, and the two married on June 30, 1956. Harlys and Frances enjoyed 67 years of marriage and built a family of which they were both forever proud. After retirement, they moved down to Springville, Tennessee, where Harlys spent countless hours fishing on Kentucky Lake. He was also an avid golfer and sports fan. Above all, Harlys loved his family.

Harlys is survived by his wife, Frances Scates; son, Barry (Eric Hoheisel) Scates; daughter, Karen Scates; granddaughters, Amanda (Greg) Timko and Stephanie Klepac; grandson, Chaz Klepac; great-grandchildren, Bryce Yezic, Jacob, Laura, Grace, and Hazel Timko; brother, Jerry (Jacki) Scates; and his nieces, nephews and extended family. He was predeceased by his twin brother, Carllys Peake Scates; sister-in-law, Doris Scates; and his parents.

Friends are encouraged to support Harlys' family sharing memories on his Tribute Page at www.prayfuneral.com <<http://www.prayfuneral.com>>. A private gathering will take place. If desired, the family suggests memorial contributions to American Cancer Society. The family is in the care of Pray Funeral Home, Charlotte.