



Carl Francis Harris

September 15, 1931 - June 5, 2015

Charleston, IL - Carl Francis Harris, age 83, of Charleston, IL, passed away at 1 p.m. Friday, (June 5, 2015) at Odd Fellow-Rebekah Home, Mattoon.

A celebration of life will begin at 12:00 p.m., Saturday, June 13, 2015 at Mitchell-Jerdan Funeral Home, 1200 Wabash Avenue, Mattoon, IL 61938.

Visitation for friends and family will be held at the funeral home from 10:00

a.m. until the service begins.

Carl was born September 15, 1931 in Cumberland County, Illinois. He was the fifth of twelve children born to the late William Ozie Harris and Elizabeth Edna (Mullins) Harris. Surviving are two daughters from his marriage to Marjorie Parmer: Diana Kastl (Brad) Sullivan of Shelbyville and Pamela (Bernie) Thompson of Neoga. Also surviving is son Carl (Carolyn) Harris of Danville from his marriage to Sandra

Herendeen. Carl married Frances W. (Graf) Jenkins on September 3, 1976 and became a step-father to Jerry (Deena) Jenkins of Highland Park,

Tom (Carol) Jenkins of Pensacola, Florida and Sharon (Mark) Anderson of

Schaumburg. Throughout their 38 years of marriage and friendship they have

enjoyed 15 grandchildren: Brandon (Patty) Kastl of Gaithersburg, MD, Ross

Kastl of Mattoon, Shelly (Brian) Kidd and Julie (Tony) Abitz of Neoga, Carl

Harris Jr., Jacob Harris, Ashley Paul and Rebecca Paul all of Danville,

Brenton Jenkins of Wisconsin, Gavin Jenkins of Illinois, Bethany Jenkins of

New York, Zachary (Leann) Jenkins of Alabama, Jeremy (Nikki) Jenkins of

Nashville, TN, Robert Anderson of Orange County, CA and Devin Anderson of

San Francisco, CA. They also share 11, soon- to-be 13, great-grandchildren.

\r\n\r\nCarl was raised in the Cumberland and Coles County areas. He leaves one surviving sister: Lola Craig of Mattoon and two sister-in-laws: Lois Harris of Gays and Jane Harris of Havana. He also leaves many nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by seven brothers: William, Edward, Robert, Cecil, John, Anthony, Gene and three sisters: Elizabeth Feters, Lily Gaston and Betty Harris and one grandson: Bernie Thompson Jr. \r\n\r\nCarl overcame many adversities in his life. He will be remembered as being honest, hard-working and family oriented. He loved spending time visiting with family and fishing with his brother Tony and later his son-in-laws. He and Frances spent time watching the grandchildren grow and attended many of their events. He especially enjoyed their vacation trips to Colorado, Washington DC, Alaska and Russia. Carl enjoyed watching westerns and comedy movies, listening to country western music and was passionate about his collection of belt buckles, hats and mallard ducks. \r\n\r\nCarl was a welder and worked in several surrounding factories including Kuehne, Progress and he retired from Superior Equipment in Mattoon. Carl helped his wife manage Jenkins Apartments in Charleston for over 30 years. \r\n\r\nHe was a member of the First Christian Church in Charleston. The family is appreciative of the care Carl received by the staff at Odd Fellow-Rebekah Home since the fall of 2013 and most recently the care he received while at Sarah Bush and through Lincolnland Hospice. \r\n \r\nPlease visit www.mitchell-jerdan.com or www.facebook.com/mitchelljerdanfuneralhome to light a virtual candle in his honor or share a memory with his family. \r\n

Tribute Wall



“ *Carl Frances Harris*

October 08, 2023 at 07:40 PM



“ *You will be be by all who loved yyou uncle Carl are in my thoughts and prayers during this rough time Carl Jr.*

George Herendeen - June 13, 2015 at 09:46 PM



“ *You are in my thoughts and prayers during this rough time Carl Jr.*

George Herendeen - June 13, 2015 at 09:43 PM



“ *our thoughts and prayers go out to u aunt frances and family love julie &benji&june*

julie mattka - June 13, 2015 at 09:26 PM



“ *So sorry for your loss, My thoughts are prayers to you and your family. \r\n*

Beth Kastl - June 11, 2015 at 04:40 PM



“ *I worked with Frances at EIU. I remember Carl and Frances always a happy couple -- always happy and glad to see you. \r\n\r\nFrances, I am so sorry for your loss --\r\n*

Chris Childress - June 11, 2015 at 12:24 PM