



Harold E. Dobbs

September 30, 1942 - June 2, 2025

Harold E. Dobbs, age 82 of Sullivan, IL, passed away Monday, June 2, 2025 at his residence.

A funeral service in his honor will be held at noon, Friday, June 6, 2025, at Mitchell-Jerdan Funeral Home, located at 1200 Wabash Avenue, Mattoon, IL; Reverend Joy Starwalt will officiate. A committal service will immediately follow in Mt. Zion General Baptist Cemetery in North Okaw Township. Military Rites will be conducted by the Mattoon American Legion Post 88. The visitation will be held from 10:00 AM until the time of service at the funeral home.

Harold was born on September 30, 1942, in Neoga, IL to the late Chester W. and Minnie J. (Kingery) Dobbs. He married Cheryl L. Bingaman on August 29, 1998 at Mt. Zion General Baptist Church in North Okaw Township. He is survived by his children: Elizabeth Guess of Charleston, IL, Thomas Dobbs and wife Carol of Mattoon, IL, Victoria Dobbs of Tremont, IL, Shane Rueff of Mattoon, IL, Tawn Rueff of Mattoon, IL; nine grandchildren; numerous great-grandchildren; and two brothers, Alvis Dobbs and wife Barb of Sullivan, IL, and Jack Dobbs of Farina, IL. He is preceded in death by his granddaughter, Jessica Guess.

Harold served our country in United States Army Special Forces 1st Brigade Combat Team, 504th Parachute Infantry Regiment of the 82nd Airborne Division in Fort Bragg, NC from 1963 until his honorable discharge in 1965. Harold was a proud iron worker, dedicating many years of hard work and

skilled craftsmanship to Iron Local Union 380 in Urbana, IL. He was actively involved in his community, where he was a respected member of the Mattoon American Legion Post 88, National Hot Rod Associate (NHRA), and the Patriots.

He was a true enthusiast of motorsports racing, outdoorsman, and avid fan of the rodeo. His fascination with auctions led to a unique collection of trinkets, each with its own story and a special place in Harold's heart. His collection was a testament to diverse interests and a knack for finding treasure in the most unexpected places.

In every aspect of his life, Harold embodied the life of a remarkable and very loved man. He was selfless, generous, and thoughtful. He touched the lives of many individuals, forming special relationships with those lucky to know him. Please visit www.mitchell-jerdan.com or www.facebook.com/mitchelljerdanfuneralhome to light a virtual candle in his honor or share a memory with the family.

Cemetery Details

Mt. Zion General Baptist Cemetery

North Okay Township, Coles County, IL

Previous Events

Visitation

JUN 6. 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM (CT)

Mitchell-Jerdan Funeral Home Ltd.
1200 Wabash Ave
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Service

JUN 6. 12:00 PM (CT)

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Tribute Wall



“ Tom and Vicki so sorry about your loss



kim heldebrandt (Bennett) - June 16, 2025 at 03:35 PM



“ Harold taught me alot about erecting steel in my early days starting as a IronWorker. We had alot of laughs working for Carson up at USI IN Tuscola. Sorry for the loss of a great man!



Les Streible - June 12, 2025 at 06:31 PM



“ I remember Harold very well. As a young kid and teenager he left a great impression on me and was always kind. He was a friend to myself and my family over the years. RIP Harold

Terry Harris - June 06, 2025 at 05:32 PM



“ Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Harold E. Dobbs.



June 05, 2025 at 09:20 AM

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“ So sorry for your loss Tom and family

kurt sparks - June 04, 2025 at 11:41 PM

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“ Rest in peace Harold.



Kathy Roessler (Dobbs) - June 04, 2025 at 11:36 PM

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“ I got to know Cheryl thru the phone Company and had the pleasure of meeting Harold thru her. They were the sweetest couple and every time I saw them together he was smiling and telling funny stories. My prayers go out to Tom and Carol and their families and of course to Cheryl. He will be missed by ever everyone who had the pleasure of meeting him.

Marsha Wade - June 04, 2025 at 07:32 PM

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“ Well, this was like a shot out of the blue, and a revelation. My sister Dawn just sent me this link.

I knew Harold from way back in my youth. I was friends with his son Tom. I knew that Harold had served in the Army (there was a portable field stove in the garage), he had a history with hot rods (I still remember the dragster in the garage with the foam balls chained to each other in each of the exhaust pipes to keep the dust out), and he had worked as an Iron Worker on the construction of the Clinton nuclear power plant. When Tom and I were about 10 years old (that's a bit of an estimation), we helped Harold lay some insulation in the attic. That's when I learned I didn't want to have a career working with fiberglass insulation.

Fast forward a few years and I joined the Army myself. I was in the Infantry, went to Jump School, and got assigned to the 3d Battalion, 504 Parachute Infantry Regiment (1986-1990).

Now I hear about Harold's passing and, reading his obituary above, I find that Harold had also been a paratrooper and assigned to the 504th PIR. I had no idea. Strike Hold, brother!



Patrick Roberts - June 04, 2025 at 05:56 PM

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“ MY BROTHER, AIRBORNE, FRIEND, AND BUDDY, HE WILL BE MISSED! HE WAS A GOOD MAN, AND TRUE PATRIOT!!!!

Wally Bingaman - June 04, 2025 at 12:24 PM