



Bill Joe Harris

April 7, 1928 - November 20, 2015

Billy Joe Harris passed away Friday, November 20 in Turlock, CA. He was born April 7, 1928 to Golman and Mary Harris in Fillmore, Oklahoma. At a young age, he and his family moved to El Nido, CA where Bill attended grammar school. Shortly after graduating from Merced High School, he was drafted into the U.S. Army and served his country stationed in Germany during the Korean Conflict. During his time overseas Bill kept in close contact with Wanda Cooper, sending letters back and forth. Soon after his discharge, the two were married in 1953 and were nearly inseparable in the years they shared together.

Bill worked as an engineer for Pacific Bell for over 30 years. After retirement he and Wanda visited every U.S. state and some of Canada. Bill loved to garden and took pride in his yard. He was quite the handyman who enjoyed building things big and small and completed even electrical work, plumbing, and carpentry. He loved to work and was rarely idle, except for watching college football on Saturdays. Bill was a Deacon for many years with the Missionary Baptist Churches in El Nido, Oroville, and Denair and was very dedicated and tireless worker for his church. He was a great singer with a rich tenor voice. Bill loved music, particularly gospel and 1940's big band, Glenn Miller being one of his favorites. Most of all, he was a devoted and loyal husband and father and was happiest when he was with his family.

Bill was preceded in death by his parents and siblings. He is survived by his beloved wife of 62 years, Wanda Harris, their children, Jeff Harris (Kathleen)

and Judy Johnson (Arden), seven grandchildren, and two great-grandchildren (with two more on the way).

A memorial service will be held Friday, November 27, at 11:30 a.m. at Denair Missionary Baptist Church, 3516 N. Gratton Rd., in Denair. Interment services will be private at Turlock Memorial Park.

Cemetery Details

Turlock Memorial Park

575 N. Soderquist Rd.
Turlock, CA 95380
(209) 632-9111
<http://turlockmemorialpark.com>

Previous Events

Memorial Service

NOV 27. 11:30 AM (PT)

Denair Missionary Baptist
3516 N. Gratton Rd.
Denair, CA 95316

Tribute Wall



“ *Bill Joe Harris*

January 28, 2023 at 09:01 AM



“ *Bill and Wanda visited us when we lived in Rapid City, South Dakota. Bill was great fun to be around. Our kids loved him! I remember he loved nuts, his family, and Jesus Christ....not necessarily in that order! He was always kind and positive, and a great Christian. I will miss you, but I plan to see you in heaven.*
Marcia Schuh

Marcia Schuh - November 27, 2015 at 10:02 PM



“ *All my memories of Bill are positive. He always had a smile and could make you laugh. I think back and see him leading us in music and Wanda at the piano and it brings a smile to my face, they both were so good at what they did. I wanted to sing like Bill. I can remember Bill's love of great cars and how he took care of his vehicles. He loved his family and most of all he loved the Lord. We will miss Bill, but we know that he is with his Lord and Savior and that we will see him soon. May God comfort all the family and give them the peace that comes with the knowledge of eternal life in Christ Jesus. Bill is now with all those saints who had gone on before.*

Gary R Schuh - November 27, 2015 at 10:40 AM

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“ *Dan & Gwen Rambo purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Bill Joe Harris.*



Dan & Gwen Rambo - November 26, 2015 at 01:00 PM