



David J. Harris

March 4, 1947 - April 13, 2019

David J. Harris, age 72, of Roanoke, died at 7:23 p.m. on Saturday, April 13, 2019 at Shipshewana Lake in Shipshewana, Indiana.

Visitation will be from 12 – 2 p.m. Saturday, April 27, 2019 at Emmanuel Community Church, 12222 West US-24, Fort Wayne, Indiana, 46814. A memorial service will immediately follow at 2 p.m. Saturday at the church with Pastor Robert Bruce officiating.

Preferred memorials are to Emmanuel Community Church or HAT (Huntington Area Transportation), in care of Bailey-Love Mortuary, 35 West Park Drive, Huntington, Indiana, 46750.

Dave was a 1966 graduate of Huntington High School. He began work in drafting at Utrad Corporation in Huntington. He worked in Fort Wayne as an engineering designer at Magnavox Company for ten years, at Tokheim Corporation as a senior-level designer for 23 years, retiring from Bendix Commercial Vehicle Systems in Huntington in 2013. While at Tokheim, he received a U.S. Patent for his Vapor Recovery Fuel Nozzle Deflector design.

Dave, a believer in Jesus Christ, loved spending time with his family and in the company of his beagles. He was a good husband, a good father, and a good friend and will be deeply missed by all. He was a past member of

Roanoke Lions Club; served on the Roanoke Town Board in the 1980s. He had varied interests and enjoyed good food. He loved being at the lake. He enjoyed watching and feeding hummingbirds. He is safe in the arms of Jesus. That makes Heaven even more dear.

Dave was born on March 4, 1947 in Huntington, the son of Kenneth J. And Virginia E. (Ancil) Harris. He married Janet C. Sunday on August 29, 1971 at Trinity United Methodist Church in Huntington; she survives in Roanoke.

Survivors also include son Christopher T. (Tsipporah) Harris and grandchildren Elliott, Emma, and Andrew. His parents and a brother, Ronald C. Harris, preceded him in death.

Previous Events

Visitation

APR 27. 12:00 PM - 2:00 PM (ET)

Emmanuel Community Church
12222 West Jefferson Blvd.
Fort Wayne, IN 46814

Service

APR 27. 2:00 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall

MS

“ Janet , Chris and family , will be praying for you all as you grieve for Dave . I count it as a privilege to have known your family all these years . I will miss Dave's always friendly demeanor and his hearty laugh ! Mike and Beth Steury

Mike Steury - April 26, 2019 at 11:06 PM

NS

“ Janet, we were saddened to hear of Dave's passing. Just wanted to let you know we are thinking of you & your family at this time.
Marvin & Nancy Smith

Nancy Smith - April 25, 2019 at 04:47 PM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of David J. Harris.



April 23, 2019 at 08:37 PM

RH

“ Janet & Chris please know that our prayers and thoughts are with you. So sorry we won't be able to deliver our condolences in person but will be lifting all of you up on Saturday

Remembering all the good times we shared while living next door. He will be missed but is no longer suffering. May God hold your hand in this time - Roger & Billie Horrell

Roger & Billie Horrell - April 22, 2019 at 04:22 PM

RH

“ Dave was a good man, and we loved hanging out at Christmas parties and other special occasions. He never ever failed to make us smile and laugh.

Love you,
Steve and Rhonda

Rhonda - April 22, 2019 at 03:42 PM

MD

“ Janet and Christopher, I am so sorry for your loss. I hope all the wonderful memories you had, ease your grief.

Mary Ann Detrick - April 21, 2019 at 05:47 AM



“ I was a classmate of David's from elementary through High School. I remember him always as a kind person. My condolences to his wife Janet and family. ❤️

Marsha Bonewitz Stolle - April 18, 2019 at 11:50 PM

RL

“ I am deeply sorry for your loss.
Becky Lance



Rebecca Lance - April 18, 2019 at 05:20 PM

MB

“ Janet and Chris I am so sorry to hear that Dave passed. He is in his heavenly home now looking down on you. My thoughts and prayers are with you. Love, Mary Evelyn

Mary Bear - April 18, 2019 at 02:39 PM

KR

“ *What a great man. Dave was loved by many. I worked with Dave at Bendix. He will be missed. RIP my friend.*

Kathy Rosenfeld - April 17, 2019 at 10:58 PM

LS

“ *We are so sorry to hear of David's passing. We came to know him more like our family than an everyday customer. He was very special to our staff and we will miss him tremendously. Lassus Handy Dandy*

lisa southworth - April 17, 2019 at 03:57 PM

JE

“ *Janet, Chris and Family,*

So sorry to hear of Dave's passing. Many sweet swim meet memories are flooding in. We are praying for your strength and peace.

Tom and Jeanette Ebersole Family

Jeanette Ebersole - April 17, 2019 at 12:35 PM

MW

“ *Dear Janet,
My how much we loved David!! He was such a happy person, and only he knew how long to bake JELLO! We had so much fun kidding him about doing this. We know many will have better stories to tell you about how much fun he was. You have our sympathy.
Max and Jackie Warner.*

Max Warner - April 16, 2019 at 09:59 PM



“ I have many, many memories with Dave growing up together . He was a great friend I regret the time we were not close for some years but cherish the times recently that we had reliving old times and memories together . I will miss you old friend.

Barry Cochran - April 16, 2019 at 09:56 PM



“ I worked with Dave at Bendix he was truly a wonderful man. I always enjoyed working with him. I'll see you again one day friend.

James Hartley - April 16, 2019 at 09:17 PM



“ Janet I am so Sorry on the passing of my Buddy! I enjoyed working with him he was so pleasant! We always laughed and always cutting up! Rest In Peace



Tami Martin - April 16, 2019 at 08:07 PM



“ So sorry for your loss ! I didnt know him for long or even that well he was on a different shift but he was a very nice kind hearted man. And he will be missed by many !



Joanie Wiley - April 16, 2019 at 07:17 PM

SS

“ *Sandy And Kevin Shoemaker lit a candle in memory of David J. Harris*



Sandy and Kevin Shoemaker - April 16, 2019 at 03:37 PM

SB

“ *I knew David & Janet over the years will miss him*
Shirley M Brown

Shirley Brown - April 16, 2019 at 07:18 AM

SW

“ *Words are inadequate at a time like this, but we wanted you to know how very sorry we are. The unexpected loss of a spouse, father, grandfather and best friend is tragic and we can only imagine the pain and suffering you are experiencing. It is times like this our faith is put to the test. The Bible does promise: "Blessed are those that mourn for they shall be comforted." We pray that this will be especially true for you as you mourn your loss. We pray that God will give you the strength to see you through this sad and difficult time. Our thoughts and prayers are with all of you. Remember always that it will be the little things ... the quiet moments, the smiles, the laughter -- the memories of those little things, will help to push away the pain and bring back the smiles. Dave was a great guy and we always enjoyed the time we spent with him. He will be missed.*

Bob and Susan Worsham

Susan Worsham - April 15, 2019 at 07:54 PM

SM

“ Janet, I am so sorry to see that your husband has passed away. My thoughts and prayers are with you in the days ahead. sincerely,
Susan Ervin Meyer

Susan Meyer - April 15, 2019 at 03:49 PM

NM

“ I worked with David at Bendix. Was a very friendly person. Rest in Peace, my friend. your work is done, and we all will miss you.



Nancy L Mccoart - April 15, 2019 at 02:53 PM

CP

Our deepest sympathy to all of you. He will be rejoicing in heaven on Easter !

Colleen and Alan Pflieger - April 17, 2019 at 02:14 PM

NS

Janet, we were sadden to hear of the passing of Dave. We are thinking of you & your family at this time.
Marvin & Nancy Smith

Nancy Smith - April 25, 2019 at 04:03 PM

BS

Janet, I was sorry to hear of your loss. We will keep you in our hearts and prayers.
Kay Stambazze-Byrne

B.K. Stambazze-Byrne - April 25, 2019 at 07:09 PM