



## William Robert Harris

February 18, 1937 - December 26, 2019

Bill was born February 18, 1937 in Lexington, Nebraska to John and Gladys Harris. God very peacefully and quietly called him home on Thursday morning, December 26, 2019.

Bill grew up in Aurora Colorado. After his high school graduation he enlisted in the Marine Corps and served 4 years. On his way to the oil fields of Saudi Arabia with Standard Oil he stopped in Oregon to visit a Marine Corps buddy. That visit turned into a career and life in Oregon. In 1960 they joined the Oregon State Police. Bill was stationed in Arlington, Coquille, Salem and finished his career at Oregon State University in Corvallis. For a few years he worked as a retiree for the State Police guarding Oregon governors and patrolling the Foster Reservoir area. Not a man to sit around and do nothing, he started working as a private investigator for several local attorneys.

Working both sides of the law his goal was always to find and present the trust of what happened.

He met Audrey Smith by the pop machine in the State Highway building on Philomath highway. We were both there to use the Watts line after hours. We married on April 15, 1972. We raised our daughters Stacey and Sally in Corvallis.

Bill spent hours working in his flowerbeds, keeping his yard beautiful. It was great therapy for him. Being there for his family was a natural way of living. He was there both emotionally and physically. He attended everything his girls and grandchildren participated in. Some of the things he enjoyed in life were

serving God, golfing, sports, reading, WWII history, traveling, hiking with friends and family, paper airplane fights with the grands, and time with family. Through the good and bad we loved each other and trusted God to help us through everything. I was his queen and he was my king.

Bill was preceded in death by his parents and sister Bonnie. He is survived by wife Audrey (Rosie), daughters Stacey (Dan) and Sally, grandchildren Brandon (Belinda), Jayda and Faith and Great granddaughter Lucia, brother Johnny as well as many nieces and nephews, in-laws and friends.

Bill's celebration of life will be on Saturday, January 4 and 3 PM at Grant Avenue Baptist Church. Rev. Ken VanSchelven will lead the celebration.

Bill loved and served his Lord and Savior well. Bill's prayer is "Lord, would you give us a greater and softer heart for those who are lost, and open doors for us to share Your Word. Thanks for our lives, faith in You and Your forgiveness of our sins. Amen

# Previous Events

## Celebration of Life

JAN 4. 3:00 PM - 5:00 PM (PT)

Grant Avenue Baptist Church  
1625 NW Grant Avenue  
Corvallis, OR

# Tribute Wall



“ McHenry Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of William Robert Harris



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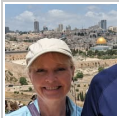
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*Beautiful tribute!*

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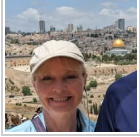
**Marde Dawson** - January 10, 2020 at 11:04 PM



*Early memories of Uncle Bill include receiving a big box of wrapped Christmas presents from him in the mail. I remember the excitement we kids had. Also, being at Meme's house when Uncle Bill's catch--a big 3 ft salmon packed in dry ice arrived. It was the first time I had ever heard of "dry" ice. Later when we lived in Oregon, memories at his place in Coquille but especially the tickets he bought us (fantastic seats) to see Neil Diamond in concert (1971) at Oregon State University! And when Bill & Audrey took me with them on a mini road trip for Audrey to see her Grandma & me to see where I would be attending college the next fall. Uncle Bill ended up visiting a chiropractor while Audrey & I visited the campus!*

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**Marde Dawson** - January 10, 2020 at 11:44 PM



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**Marde Dawson** - January 10, 2020 at 11:12 PM

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“ Many memories of Uncle Bill. One that stands out is when he took Mama, Marde, Michael and I to Cherry Creek Reservoir, early '60s. There might have been a convertible involved, but it was a long time ago. Also, I'm so glad we got to see Uncle Bill and Aunt Audrey in the fall of 2012 in Colorado.

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**Sherry Davis** - January 03, 2020 at 03:22 PM

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**Sherry Davis** - January 03, 2020 at 03:16 PM