



Gary D. Harris

November 24, 1944 - March 4, 2025

Gary D. Harris, 80, of Sonora, Kentucky, (formerly of Louisville) passed away peacefully into the arms of the lord on March 4, 2025, after a long battle with Lupus, Parkinson's Syndrome and many other illnesses. Gary was an employee of General Electric for 18 years. He was the youngest of 9 children born in Harlan County, Kentucky to a coal miner and a stay-at-home mother. When his father was killed, he and 3 of his brothers were placed in Glendale Children's Home and Spring Meadows Children Home. He left Glendale when he was 13 and went to live with his sister and her family. At 17, he joined the Army and served in Korea and Germany.

In the 1970's he started a Karate School in Jeffersontown with Paul Newton. He was active in the sport until he was disabled by a stroke in 1984. He was a member of Suburban Masonic Lodge and Carlisle Ave. Baptist Church.

He leaves to cherish his memory, his wife of 58 years, Linda (Schroerlucke) Harris; daughters, Laura Trotter (Rusty), Debbie Jagers (Hardy) and bonus daughter, Cheryl Fischer (Mark); 5 grandchildren, and 3 great-grandchildren. Gary loved music, growing in his faith surrounded by his Sunday School class, all things karate, and especially his family.

The service will be on Friday, March 7, 2025, at 11:00 AM. The visitation will be on Thursday, from 4:00-8:00 PM at Owen Funeral Home, 5317 Dixie Hwy., with interment at Hillcrest Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers, please donate to Lupus Foundation of America, Inc. in Gary's honor.

Cemetery Details

Hillcrest Cemetery

Previous Events

Visitation

MAR 6. 4:00 PM - 8:00 PM (est)

Owen Funeral Homes - Dixie Highway
5317 Dixie Highway
Louisville, KY 40216
(502) 447-2600
<https://owenfuneralhome.com>

Funeral Service

MAR 7. 11:00 AM (est)

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Tribute Wall

PH

“ Gary was the youngest child of his parents. He had been sick with Lupus for many years .He was a well known Karake teacher here in Louisville for many years.My husband Jim is his only brother still living

pansy and Jim Harris - March 06, 2025 at 11:09 PM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Gary D. Harris.



March 06, 2025 at 11:12 AM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Gary D. Harris.

March 06, 2025 at 05:03 AM



“ Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Gary D. Harris.



March 06, 2025 at 05:03 AM

LH

“ Love, Sean and Evette Hardin purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of Gary D. Harris.



Love, Sean and Evette Hardin - March 05, 2025 at 09:35 PM

RR

“ Laura,

I am so very sorry to learn about your dad's passing. I have thought about you and your family from time to time over the years-reflecting on the positive memories from childhood.

I remember walking to your house & your dad being in his karate gear, while we watched him break boards & bricks with his hand.

Your parents were always so welcoming. Those were great times-the kind you hold close to your heart.

I know you have millions of great memories with your dad. My prayer for you, and all your family, is that you feel a sense of peace and those memories will always make you smile.

May Gary rest in peace. ❤️

Robbin (Bohannon) Richie

Robbin Richie - March 05, 2025 at 06:38 PM

DH

“ *Darin, Karen and Beth Haysley purchased the Large Basket Garden for the family of Gary D. Harris.*



Darin, Karen and Beth Haysley - March 05, 2025 at 02:40 PM

JC

“ *Jordan, Jordan, Davy, and Cecilia purchased the Arrive in Style for the family of Gary D. Harris.*



Jordan, Jordan, Davy, and Cecilia - March 05, 2025 at 01:24 PM

MH

“ *Remembering Gary as a sweet and caring individual sharing coffee and God's word at McDonalds and anywhere else he could.*

Marie Hynes - March 05, 2025 at 12:04 PM

MH

“ *Marie H. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Gary D. Harris.*

Marie H. - March 05, 2025 at 11:58 AM