



John C. Harris

November 17, 1949 - July 7, 2016

John C. "Big John" Harris, 66, of Shirland died on July 7, 2016 in his home surrounded by his loving family. Born on November 17, 1949 in Rockford, son of Charles and Gladys (Anderson) Harris. Graduate of South Beloit High School. United in Marriage to Mary Wines on April 17, 1971. John retired from the Winnebago County Highway Department after 40 years and 10 months of employment. He was a volunteer firefighter for 30 years for the Shirland Fire Department. John loved riding his motorcycle and spending time with his grandkids. Survived by his wife, Mary of Shirland; children, John (Sarah) Harris of Beloit Township, WI, Jennifer (Christopher) Knowles, of Loves Park, Marie (Bill) Huenefeld, Orangeville; grandchildren, Hannah (Jory), Brandi, Colin, Joseph, Samantha, Briar; great-granddaughter, Kailynn; siblings, Kay (Dave) Johnson of AZ, sister-in-laws, Connie (Tom) Miller, Robin (Bill) Gesell; Helen (Larry) Radant; brother-in-laws, Billy (Debbie) Wines, Kevin (Dawn) Wines, Denny Johnson, Lyle (Linda) Spangler; numerous nieces, nephews and cousins; special friends, Steve Haas and Jim Carter. Celebration of life on Saturday, July 16, 2016 at 2:00 p.m. at the Shirland Fire Department. 13086 Mitchell St. Grace Funeral & Cremation Services assisted the family. Share a memory or condolence at www.graceFH.com

Previous Events

Celebration of Life

JUL 16. 2:00 PM (CT)

Shirland Fire Department
13086 Mitchell Street
Shirland, IL 61079

Tribute Wall

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“ This is a big loss for our community. I barely knew Big John, but I know Mary, John Jr, and his family. Big Johns legacy will live on through these good people. I send my love and heartfelt sympathy to you all.

Chuck Stout - July 10, 2016 at 09:59 AM

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“ John you will be missed dearly by everyone and specially by your sister-in-laws. We could always count on you when we had a car problem. I will miss all the holiday texts you would send and of course any special day, I could bet you would send a text. We will meet again, so have the coffee on.

Helen Radant - July 09, 2016 at 09:38 AM