



## Gary Harris

December 4, 1955 - February 26, 2024

Gary Lee Harris, 68, Silver Lake, Kansas, passed away February 26, 2024.

Gary was born December 4, 1955, to Fred C. Johnson and Pansy Chandler Johnson, in St. Louis, Missouri. Gary's birth father Fred passed in January 1957. In August of 1957, custody of Gary was given to Asa James Harris and Audrey Agnes Mellulis Harris.

Gary grew up in East St. Louis and Fairview Heights, Illinois. He attended Belleville and Belleville East High Schools. Gary served in the United States Army from 1972 until he was honorably discharged in 1974. He was a Track and Wheel Vehicle Mechanic. During his time in the service, Gary was stationed in Fort Sill, Oklahoma, Germany, and Fort Riley, Kansas.

Gary married Sandy Lee on June 4, 1990.

Gary was a heavy equipment operator and member of the Operating Engineers Local 101. Some of the locations Gary worked at were Heartland Park, Stormont Vail Hospital, West Ridge Mall, Hy-Vee, KCI Airport, National Bio and Agro-Defense Facility, Jeffrey Energy Center and the Lawrence Energy Center, among many others.

Gary enjoyed fishing, whether it was a nice day on the lake or ice fishing when

the lakes were solid. Hunting was another favorite pass time, especially deer season. He enjoyed working on cars whether it was mechanics or body work. Many vehicles were painted in his garage. Gary loved the family boxers, whose antics provided hours of laughter, as well as watching the backyard birds he fed daily.

Gary is survived by his wife, Sandy, of the home; daughter, Tammy Harris, Silver Lake; grandchildren, Taylor Benteman and Daisy Silva, both of Silver Lake; parents-in-law, Leonard and Kathy Lee, Silver Lake; sister, Sharon Barky (Mike) Japan, Missouri; brother, Larry Darnell (Gayle) St. Louis, Missouri; many nieces and nephews; and the family boxers, Dakota and Lacey, who he joked he liked better than some people.

Gary was preceded in death by his parents, Asa and Audrey Harris, Fairview Heights; sister, Donna Reagan, Cahokia, Illinois; sister, Linda Horrell, Vincennes, Indiana; and sister, Tina Caldwell, Utah.

A Celebration of Life for Gary will be 2 to 4 p.m. Saturday, March 16, 2024, at Kevin Brennan Family Funeral Home, 2801 SW Urish Road, Topeka, KS 66614.

In lieu of flowers memorial contributions may be made to Helping Hands Humane Society or the American Diabetes Association in care of the funeral home. Condolences may be sent online to [www.kevinbrennanfamily.com](http://www.kevinbrennanfamily.com).

# Previous Events

## Celebration of Life

MAR **16**. 2:00 PM - 4:00 PM (CT)

Kevin Brennan Family Funeral Home  
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# Tribute Wall



“ *Kevin Brennan Family Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Gary Harris*



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**Kevin Brennan Family Funeral Home** - March 15, 2024 at 02:08 PM



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**Terry glenn** - April 01, 2024 at 01:06 AM