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Gerald (Jerry) Edward Gale Harbison, 80, of Decatur, passed away Friday, February 16, 2018, at Sullivan Healthcare. He spent the last day of his life surrounded by his family before peacefully making his way home to the Lord. Gerald was born April 23, 1937, in Pilot Knob, MO, to Edward Eugene and Vivian Eulala (Short) Harbison. He proudly served in the United States Air Force. He married Barbara Inman on May 6, 1961 in Festus, MO. She passed away January 25, 2012.

Gerald spent his time in the service stationed in Bermuda, where he served as a cryptographer handling classified information for the military. After returning home, he became a draftsman's for General Electric before starting his career in restaurant management. He would then move to institutional food and equipment sales which he would continue until retirement.

Gerald's hobbies included golf and boating, both of which he shared with his children throughout their childhood. He also had a passion for cars which he would share memories and pictures from his youth showing the progression of vehicles throughout time. This passion has been passed down through generations to now include his grandchildren.

He is survived by his two children, Gayle (Amy) Harbison of Decatur and Geoff (Shan) Harbison of Decatur; two grandchildren, Bradley and Joie Harbison; and one sister, Peggy Joyce Anderson of Barnhart, MO.

He was preceded in death by his parents; his wife, Barbara; and two sisters, Shirley Ann Bowling and Brenda Sue Bearman.

Graveside services to celebrate the life of Gerald Harbison will be 1p.m. Friday, February 23, 2018, at Graceland Cemetery. Military honors will be conducted by the Macon County Honor Guard. Memorials may be directed to "Come Together, Let's Walk – Decatur" 1610 Woodland Drive, Mt. Zion, IL 62549.



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Video Tribute for Gerald E. G. Harbison:

<https://www.tributeslides.com/tributes/show/7JJ4ST5JDGCLR5GL>



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SB

Susan Barcalow posted:

Gayle and Geoff, I was so sorry to read about your Dad. Your family were such great neighbors on Kirk Drive, and I have many happy memories of you all. Losing parents is really hard but I know your special memories of them will keep them with you always. Thinking of you and your families. With deepest sympathy, Susan Barcalow

February 26 at 7:07 AM

FF

Faith Frey posted:

Gayle and Geoff – So sorry to hear of the passing of your father. We so enjoyed living across the street from your parents. They were always so kind, had a smile and a friendly wave. They are missed. John, Faith and Tim Frey (4698 Willow Brook)

February 21 at 5:32 AM

GH

Gayle Harbison posted:

Thank you Sue, we do have a lot of good memories.

February 20 at 10:46 AM

DH

Don Hood posted:

Geoff & family: May the grace & peace of God comfort you at this time & as you delight in the memories of your father, grandfather. I did not know him but from the words of the obituary he sounded like a very interesting & exemplary man.

February 20 at 10:34 AM

SJ

Sue Johnson posted:

So sorry to read of Jerry's passing. So many special memories of our families boating and water skiing on Lake Shelbyville many years ago. Sue & Tom Johnson

February 20 at 7:29 AM



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Shannon Moon posted:

Gerald was such a kind man. We were blessed to have him at Sullivan RHCC. Prayers and positive thoughts to the family. A loss of a parent is difficult.

February 19 at 9:59 AM



Memories only last if you share them

Join us in honoring Gerald by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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