



## Jeffrey B. Harris

July 5, 1965 - January 16, 2019

Jeffrey Beam Harris (age 53) passed away on January 16, 2019 surrounded by his wife, children, and family. Affectionately known as Captain to his grandchildren, his untimely and sudden death is an unfathomable tragedy for all that knew him. Jeff is survived by his wife, Diane (née Sanetta), children Kyle Harris (Victoria), Cory Harris, Sara McGee (Ryan), Samantha Tippy, and Taylor Tippy, his mother Mona Bartz (née Beam), his brothers Gregory Harris (Brenda) and Douglas Harris, sister Jennifer Olsen (Keith), grandchildren Sebastian and Elliot Harris, nieces, nephews, countless friends and loved ones.

Jeff spent as much time as possible at home with his wife; working in the yard and laughing with his children. In fact, you would be hard pressed to find someone not familiar with the little blue house a stone's throw from the Minooka Community High School that always welcomed you with a smile, a joke, and a cold Miller Lite. Jeff was more than a husband, son, father, dog whisperer, and friend— he was a magnetic person who could coax a smile and chuckle out of anyone who crossed his path. His energetic and humorous soul helped craft a lifetime of memories for those he leaves behind. For those fortunate enough to experience a classic “Jeff Day” or cruise down the Dupage River alongside him, you are blessed with a wealth of positive memories to guide you through this tragic time. Jeff was one of the rare individuals who never passed up on an opportunity to lend a helping hand and

who would gladly give you his last dollar with a twinkle in his eye. He was a man of character, kindness, and above all, love.

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While we struggle at this time to fill the space where this incredible man once stood, we remind everyone of Jeff's ability to make sunshine out of a storm. We stand with you in grief and encourage you to cherish the treasured people in your lives, as we will continue to do every day.

We miss you. We love you. We thank you for being you, Jeff. And we promise to not play country music.

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In lieu of flowers, the family kindly requests donations to Gift of Hope Organ and Tissue Donation, Attn: Ashely Ocasio, 425 Spring Lake Drive, Itasca, Illinois 60143-2076.

Visitation For Jeffrey B. Harris will be held on Saturday, January 19, 2019 from 1:00 PM until Service begins at 5:00 PM at The Maple Funeral Home located at 24300 W. Ford Rd, Channahon, IL According to Jeffrey's wishes Cremation Rites Will Follow Services. For information [www.themaplefuneralhome.com](http://www.themaplefuneralhome.com)  
815. 467-1234

# Previous Events

## Visitation

JAN **19**. 1:00 PM - 5:00 PM (CT)

The Maple Funeral Home  
24300 West Ford Road  
Channahon, IL 60410  
(815) 467-1234  
info@themaplefuneralhome.com  
<https://www.themaplefuneralhome.com>

# Tribute Wall



“ Jeffrey B. Harris

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January 29, 2023 at 09:53 AM



“ *My sympathy is extended to all of the family and I grieve with you all in this moment. I just learned of Jeff's passing and I wanted to share my best memory of time I spent with Jeff. I met Jeff in high school and was lucky enough to spend a vacation together with Jeff, Bill and Frank right after we graduated H.S. It was our "senior trip". The four of us rented a houseboat on Bull Shoals Lake AR and had a care free week on the lake as goofy-graduating-seniors, Jeff made us laugh so much!! His laugh was contagious. We went fishing, swimming, tubing, boating. We got lost, we survived a violent storm, we got sunburned and we made the roof of the house boat our "diving platform". It was one of the best weeks of my young adult life and I cherished our high school experience with each other. I was blessed to know and be known by Jeff. I remember our laughs together like they were yesterday. My life was better because of Jeff. I will miss you Jeff. May God Almighty hold you close for Eternity. You are Loved.*

*-Steve Almberg*

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**Steve Almberg** - January 24, 2019 at 08:34 PM

BD

*“ I just last night learned of Jeff's passing, and I cannot tell you how my heart hurts for all Jeff's family and loved ones. My family and I lived across the alley in Elwood from Jeff and his family, in their growing up years. Jeff spent many an hour at our house, as he and my son, Kip, were the same age. And we all were together a lot, at their house and ours. I loved Jeff, Greg, Doug, Jennifer, and Mona like family, as we were 300 miles from our families. May you be comforted by your many happy memories together. My prayers and thoughts go out to you all. May God bless you, one and all!*



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**Bonita Davis** - January 22, 2019 at 02:16 PM

MI

*“ Mike lit a candle in memory of Jeffrey B. Harris*



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**Mike** - January 21, 2019 at 05:01 PM



*“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Jeffrey B. Harris.*



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January 18, 2019 at 09:44 PM



“ *Florist Choice Bouquet was purchased for the family of Jeffrey B. Harris.*



January 18, 2019 at 09:30 PM



“ *Delightful Dieffenbachia was purchased for the family of Jeffrey B. Harris.*



January 18, 2019 at 02:56 PM



“ *I have many fond memories of Jeff growing up in Elwood. I met Jeff when he was 10 years old. If my recollection recalls, even though Jeff was wearing a Cincinnati Reds shirt, I never held it against him (being a Cubs fan).*

*I always marveled at his ability to make friends so easily - and seem to keep them close to him always.*

*Seeing that Jeff's life was too short, I understand why God had all those he cared about around him.*

*Rest In Peace my old friend.*

*Frank Strino*

Frank Strino - January 18, 2019 at 02:45 PM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Jeffrey B. Harris.*



January 18, 2019 at 06:27 AM



“ *With deepest sympathy to Diane and family.*

*Julie Budzinski*



**Julie** - January 17, 2019 at 07:19 PM



“ *Enduring Grace was purchased for the family of Jeffrey B. Harris.*



January 17, 2019 at 04:48 PM



“ *Tender Tribute was purchased for the family of Jeffrey B. Harris.*



January 17, 2019 at 04:32 PM



“ *Serene Retreat was purchased for the family of Jeffrey B. Harris.*



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January 17, 2019 at 02:40 PM



“ *John and Suzy Messina purchased the Beautiful i n Blue for the family of Jeffrey B. Harris.*



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**John and Suzy Messina** - January 17, 2019 at 02:08 PM



“ *Medium Dish Garden was purchased for the family of Jeffrey B. Harris.*



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January 17, 2019 at 01:45 PM



“ *Rose Garden Heart was purchased for the family of Jeffrey B. Harris.*



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January 17, 2019 at 12:52 PM

WB

“ Wendy Baker lit a candle in memory of Jeffrey B. Harris



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Wendy Baker - January 17, 2019 at 12:40 PM

FD

“ 1 file added to the album Memories Album



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Fred Davidson - January 17, 2019 at 12:32 PM

FD

*I couldn't finish my first attempt at this, so I'll try again. I still weep. He was a very good friend and the Davidson family is without words. The obit is beautifully written. I can still hear him asking Frank if Timmy fell in the well! If there's anything I can do Di, please let me know. I'm there for you and the fam. God bless you all!*

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Fred Davidson - January 28, 2019 at 03:16 PM

PL

“ I worked with Jeff in both Joliet and Morris. What stands out most to me was his kindness to everyone. He was a true gentleman.

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Paula Baker Larsen - January 17, 2019 at 12:11 PM

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“ *I was lucky to spend time with him while we were in high school. He was a kind and gentle soul who always made me laugh and smile. My sincere condolences to his family and friends. God bless the entire family, and may we all be better for knowing Jeff.*



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**Al Manning** - January 17, 2019 at 11:23 AM

CB

“ *Cindy and Allan Beckman purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Jeffrey B. Harris.*



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**Cindy and Allan Beckman** - January 17, 2019 at 11:07 AM