



## Alan Gregory Harriss

March 27, 1948 - July 30, 2023

Alan Gregory Harriss of Arcadia, MO, peacefully entered into eternal rest on Sunday evening July 30, 2023, at the age of 75 years. He was born March 27, 1948, in Du Quoin, IL, to the late Frank and Helen (Wiehn) Harriss. On June 10, 1972, Alan was united in marriage to the love of his life, Sharon Dickey, who survives. Sharon would stand by his side through thick and thin for over 51 years. To this union three daughters were born: Shari Orrick, who preceded him in rest on January 7, 2019; Krista Meinders and husband Mark of Lake Winnebago, MO; and Alisha Cavinder and husband Waylon of Springfield, MO, both of whom survive. Alan was the most loving and devoted husband, father, and grandfather. He is also survived by his four granddaughters: Erin Harriss, Jordyn and Ashtyn Meinders, and Claire Cavinder, as well as his faithful four-legged friend, Labrador retriever "Jodi." He was preceded in rest by his grandson, Joseph Wyatt Pinson, on May 9, 2023.

Upon graduation from Belleville Township High School in 1966, Alan pursued an education at Southern Illinois University Edwardsville until 1968, and obtained a Bachelor of Arts degree from University of Illinois, Champaign-Urbana in Political Science in 1970. Alan continued on to achieve a higher level of education attending Chicago-Kent College of Law from 1970-1973, where he obtained a Juris Doctorate degree. Alan worked as Attorney and Counselor at Law in St. Louis, MO, thru 1977. He practiced law in the Arcadia

Valley the majority of his adult life from 1977 to 2023, including two years as Assistant Prosecuting Attorney, 2 years as the Prosecuting Attorney, and 10 years as Attorney and Counselor at Law. He was elected and served over nine years as Associate Circuit Court Judge for Iron County from 1991 to 2000. Alan was a member of Arcadia Valley Assembly of God for nearly 50 years, holding various positions over the years including board member, deacon, Royal Ranger leader, elder and Sunday School teacher. He was a proud member of Gideons International for over 40 years and shared his love of Christ to anyone who would listen, including handing out Bibles to the nurses & doctors who cared for him until his death.

As a young man, he met his beautiful wife on a blind date to a St Louis Cardinals baseball game. His love and devotion to his parents was immediately noticed by Sharon and she knew he was husband material. A man of true integrity, Alan would never budge or sacrifice his values. He had a classy sense of style, was a traditionalist to the core, and was as sentimental as they come. His love for reading books is unmatched, just take a look at his law and personal libraries! As a young adult he fell in love with the mountains and was enamored by the beauty of the landscape of ridges and the wildlife who lived there. He also found great joy in being at the lake. From enjoying the calm early morning waters with a book in his hand or behind the wheel of the boat pulling his kids and grandkids, the lake was his happy place. As a way to connect with his son in laws, he learned to fly fish and enjoyed fishing the canyon rivers of Colorado and the salty waters of Mobile Bay, Alabama. On his most recent family vacation, he enjoyed strolling the shores of Alabama watching his dog Jodi melt into the sand while listening to the calming sounds of the ocean and the giggles of his granddaughters as they splashed in the waves. Of all the things that Alan loved, nothing meant more to him than his love for the Lord and his family. Alan was truly a great man whose impact will be forever felt by his family that loves him dearly. He was an incredibly selfless man whose passing left an unfillable gap in the hearts of his

loved ones. His ability to sacrifice, provide, support, forgive, and love will be forever ingrained in all he knew.

A visitation with his family will be held on Friday, August 4th, from 5pm to 8pm at Arcadia Valley Assembly of God Church in Arcadia, MO. Celebration of Life services will be held Saturday, August 5th, at 11am at AVAG with dinner immediately following. Interment will take place at Lakeview Memorial Gardens Cemetery on Monday, August 7th, at 1pm in Fairview Heights, IL. Lieu of flower memorials can be made to Arcadia Valley Assembly of God, St. Jude, or Gideon International

# Cemetery Details

## Lake View Memorial Cemetery

5000 N Illinois St,  
Fairview Heights, IL 62208

# Previous Events

## Visitation

AUG 4. 5:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

Arcadia Valley Assembly of God Church  
12301 Hwy. 72  
Ironton , MO 63650

## Celebration of Life

AUG 5. 11:00 AM (CT)

Arcadia Valley Assembly of God Church  
12301 Hwy. 72  
Ironton , MO 63650

## Interment

AUG 7. 1:00 PM (CT)

Lake View Memorial Cemetery  
5000 N Illinois St,  
Fairview Heights, IL 62208



# Tribute Wall

AN

“ *Andrea N. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Alan Gregory Harriss.*

Andrea N. - August 05, 2023 at 08:51 AM



“ *A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Alan Gregory Harriss.*

August 04, 2023 at 11:59 PM

ES

“ *My deepest condolences. I only knew Alan for a short while, but in that time I was able to learn how wonderful of a person he is. Despite the circumstances, I will miss our weekly visits. But I take comfort in knowing he is eternally resting with our Lord. The last time I saw him, he brought my daughter and I bibles, for which we will cherish. I wish you strength in this time of sadness. My thoughts and prayers are with you.*

Erica Singer - August 04, 2023 at 07:48 PM

AL

*Thank you, Erica. He enjoyed getting to know you and always felt comforted knowing that you were there to take care of him. You were such a blessing to him and to us.*

*Love,  
The Harriss Family*

Alisha - August 14, 2023 at 05:24 PM



“ *Heart's Companion Bouquet was purchased for the family of Alan Gregory Harriss.*



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August 03, 2023 at 07:00 PM



“ *Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Alan Gregory Harriss.*



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August 02, 2023 at 08:33 PM



“ *A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Alan Gregory Harriss.*

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August 02, 2023 at 08:33 PM



“ *Lavender Reflections Spray was purchased for the family of Alan Gregory Harriss.*



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August 02, 2023 at 01:02 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Alan Gregory Harriss.*



August 02, 2023 at 10:34 AM



“ *Sharon and family may you have comfort knowing Alan has a new body in the presence of our Lord and Savior. When Alisha and Waylon got married, I seen first hand his devotion to his family, and it continued until his passing. What loving memories you can hold on too. You all are in my prayers.*

**Marilynn Polk** - August 02, 2023 at 04:21 AM



*Thank you, Marilyn. ❤️*

**Alisha** - August 14, 2023 at 05:26 PM



“ *Alan and Sharon were our neighbors for many years on the challenging hill in Arcadia. We dreaded the winter since both of our driveways guaranteed a slippery slope. Another time during the summer I was working in my yard and spotted a small copperhead at the end of our driveway. I took my shovel and cut the head off. Alan was driving by, stopped, and rolled down his window. He said” Did you just kill that snake with a shovel? I said yes. He laughed and said “ my girls would have run to get their hair spray to kill the snake.” We had a big life over his statement. A wonderful Christian man!*

**Gwen Douglas** - August 01, 2023 at 11:10 PM

AL

*He knew us all to well. That's how I've taken care of pesky bugs on many occasions. Thank you for sharing your memory. 💕💕*

**Alisha** - August 14, 2023 at 05:28 PM

KW

“ *My dear Sharon, I'm sadden to hear you have lost your dear Alan. You know he is no longer suffering & the burden has been lifted by our heavenly Father. We keep you close in prayer.*

*Love, Kenny & Sue*



**Kenny & Sue Wooten** - August 01, 2023 at 11:04 AM

MR

“ *Mike Rowland lit a candle in memory of Alan Harriss*



**Mike Rowland** - July 31, 2023 at 08:56 PM