



Harwell Lambert

April 25, 1940 - August 11, 2017

Harwell Lambert of Ironton, MO, went home to be with the Lord on Friday, August 11 at the age of 77 years, 3 months, and 17 days. He was born on April 25, 1940 in Cardwell, MO to the late Dexter "Deck" and Clara Crow Lambert.

On August 20, 1960, Harwell was united in marriage to the love of his life, Amy Beth Summitt who survives. To this beautiful union, three even more beautiful children were born; Sue Helen McHaffey of Ironton, MO, Bradley Lambert and wife Amy of Ironton, MO, and Amy Norton and husband David of Chesterfield, MO all who survive.

Also surviving Harwell in addition to his wife and children are one sister, Sue Jackson of Memphis; nine grandchildren, Betsy, Clabe, Katee, Thomas, Timmy, David, Christian, Laine, and Ellie; two great-grandchildren, Karter and Steel; hundreds of students whose lives he touched, and many other loving family members and friends.

Harwell earned his Bachelor's Degree in education with a major in biology and a double minor in chemistry and physics from Arkansas State University in Jonesboro, Arkansas in 1962 where he was also a member of the marching band. He then went on to earn his Master's Degree in counseling from Ole Miss in 1967, and then earned his Specialist Degree in administration from Southeast Missouri University 1982.

Harwell was an extremely devoted educator for many years; he taught and administered the testing for the State of Missouri Department of Education.

From 1962 to 1963 he taught Biology for the Fox C-6 School District in Arnold, Missouri from 1963 to 1967 he taught Biology, Physics, and Chemistry for the Southland School District in Arbyrd, Missouri from 1967 to 1990, he had several positions with the Arcadia Valley School District; first he was the Junior High Principal while teaching Biology and helping with the bus routes, then he became the High School Principal while teaching Physics, Chemistry, and Biology, and then went on to become the Assistant Superintendent and continued to teach Physics. On January 31, 1990, he became the Superintendent for the Caledonia School District and taught Biology, Chemistry, and Physics until he retired in June of 1995. And from 1997 to 1998 he became the Superintendent for the Piggott School District in Piggott, Arkansas where he retired in 1998. He truly was a devoted educator. Harwell was a member of the Arcadia Valley Church of Christ where he lead singing, taught Sunday School classes, and helped preach the Word when needed; all from 1962 to 2014.

A Life Celebration will be held on Thursday, August 17, 2017 at 1:00 pm at the Cole Family Funeral Home. Visitation for Harwell will be Wednesday, August 16, 2017 from 5:00 pm to 8:00 pm at the Cole Family Funeral Home.

A second Life Celebration will be held at the McDaniel Funeral Home in Senath, MO on Saturday, August 19, at 1:00 pm with visitation that morning starting at 11:00 am and interment in the Cardwell Cemetery.

Previous Events

Visitation

AUG **16**. 5:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

Cole Family Funeral Home
210 E Reynolds St
Ironton, MO 63650
(573) 546-0742

Life Celebration

AUG **17**. 1:00 PM (CT)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Harwell Lambert*

August 31, 2022 at 12:46 PM



“ *Rosa Voyles (Parker) lit a candle in memory of Harwell Lambert*



Rosa Voyles (Parker) - November 26, 2017 at 09:53 AM



“ *Erica Anderson lit a candle in memory of Harwell Lambert*



Erica Anderson - August 28, 2017 at 10:38 PM



“ *Sapphire Skies Bouquet was purchased for the family of Harwell Lambert.*



August 16, 2017 at 12:02 AM

DT

“ So sorry for your loss. Mr. Lambert was a great man and AVHS principal.



Debbie (Rariden) Trueman - August 15, 2017 at 10:40 PM

BM

“ Brenda Nichols McAdams lit a candle in memory of Harwell Lambert



Brenda Nichols McAdams - August 15, 2017 at 04:44 PM

LT

“ Lisa Henry Turnbough lit a candle in memory of Harwell Lambert



Lisa Henry Turnbough - August 15, 2017 at 02:25 PM

VA

“ Vicky Aldridge lit a candle in memory of Harwell Lambert



Vicky Aldridge - August 15, 2017 at 07:16 AM

DH

“ Harwell was a fun loving guy. A bunch of us would gather at Harwell's house on his birthday, April 25th, I believe. We would all head to the "bar pit" and go swimming. This was an annual ritual. I don't mind telling you at times the water was like ice. But, being young and dumb we opted to ignore the cold. I hope we had fun. We sure thought we were having a blast. Oh, and by the way, he drove like a nut. Loved the guy. I was always proud of Harwell. He grew and did great things. I have heard several of his former students state that Harwell was the best teacher they ever had. Although miles apart most of our adult life, Harwell always had a special place in my heart. He and his family should be proud of his many accomplishments. I will miss him and I pray that the Good Lord will comfort Harwell's family in the days ahead..

Dennis F. Hyde - August 15, 2017 at 07:10 AM



“ Amy you and your kids are in my thoughts and prayers. I have always been fond of Mr. Lambert. He always made me smile. He was a good man. He will be missed.



Sherry Bennett - August 15, 2017 at 12:03 AM

KS

“ Kimberly Myracle Sebastian lit a candle in memory of Harwell Lambert



Kimberly Myracle Sebastian - August 14, 2017 at 09:18 PM

MC

“ Mike And Jan Cooley lit a candle in memory of Harwell Lambert



Mike and Jan Cooley - August 14, 2017 at 10:05 AM

AT

“ Allan And Penny Turner lit a candle in memory of Harwell Lambert



Allan and Penny Turner - August 13, 2017 at 08:46 PM

TC

“ THE FARMINGTON CHURCH OF CHRIST purchased the Country Basket Blooms for the family of Harwell Lambert.



THE FARMINGTON CHURCH OF CHRIST - August 13, 2017 at 05:44 PM

CP

“ I am so sorry to hear about Mr. Lambert! The Lamberts were our next door neighbors for many years on Maple Street in Pilot Knob! They were such good neighbors!! We have many fond memories of those years!! A couple of my favorite memories of Mr. Lambert were that he and my dad both smoked cigars and occasionally would stand in the lawn and talk while they smoked their cigars. I can still hear their laughter! The other memory is that my senior year, the year I got AVHS Homecoming Queen, a friend and I spent the night with another friend on the night of the Homecoming Dance. My parents only knew I was going to spend the night but we had other plans. We actually went to the dance. For most high school girls, that would have been what they normally would have done but my parents didn't allow me to go to dances. BUT...I did that night. I'll never forget how awkward I felt on the dance floor dancing *ESPECIALLY* as I turned around at one point only to see Mr. Lambert standing there. I just knew I was nailed, knowing that he would rat me out!! So...I found my friends and we left. I never heard about it from my parents and I never knew if he even knew I wasn't supposed to be there! I like to think that he did know I wasn't supposed to be there but chose to keep it to himself! Mrs. Lambert, Sue Helen and Bradley, you are in my thoughts and prayers! Much love to you.

Cheri Bennett Powell - August 13, 2017 at 03:46 PM

MS

I'm so sorry to hear of your loss. Mr. Lambert was my favorite middle school principal! I was only sent to his office once, can't remember why, but he was kind, but firm and fair. He was jolly and funny as well. I echo the sentiments that my sister Cheri left regarding you as good neighbors! "Sure as God made little green apples...." Mr. Lambert will be missed. My prayers are with you and your family!

Melissa (Bennett) Swanson - August 21, 2017 at 05:47 PM

KB

“ *Kim Benz lit a candle in memory of Harwell Lambert*



Kim Benz - August 13, 2017 at 02:53 PM

Mark
Lana
Conner

So sorry for your loss. Our prayers are with you that God will guide you through this sad time. Lots of love, Mark & Lana Conner

Mark Lana Conner - August 13, 2017 at 03:54 PM

DI

“ *Dear Amy, Brad, Sue Hellen & Amy, I can't tell you how sad I was to hear of Harwell's passing. I loved that man a lot, and he inspired & influenced me so much with his bible teaching abilities. I love you all like family, and know that you will be in my prayers. May God comfort you at this sad time. God bless.*



David Isabel - August 13, 2017 at 07:42 AM