



Carl E. "Greasy" Harness

March 19, 1928 - October 8, 2021

GROVERTOWN-Carl E. "Greasy" Harness passed away peacefully in his home surrounded by his loving family on Friday, October 8, 2021, following an extended illness. He was born March 19, 1928, in Grovertown to the late Edward L. and Vera B. (Stutsman) Harness and was 93 years old at the time of his death.

He lived in the area his entire life and on August 1, 1953, in Donaldson he married the love of his life, Eleanor Rosander, who survives. Greasy was a 1946 graduate of Grovertown High School and a U.S. Army Veteran. He was a retired farmer but was equally known for his 43 years of service as a bus driver for both Grovertown Schools and Oregon-Davis School Corp., and operating his own hauling business. He was also a member of the Knox Masonic Lodge, Scottish Rite South Bend, Orak Shrine Michigan City, Hamlet American Legion, Grovertown Conservation Club (which he was Treasurer for 20 years), and served on the Starke County Council for 16 years.

Sports were also very important to Greasy. He won a number of MVP trophies and sportsmanship honors in softball and basketball. Greasy was a fast pitch softball pitcher for 40 years, playing in various leagues throughout the area. After softball he became an avid golfer, playing in leagues and enjoying games with the guys. He liked to collect watches, clocks and knives. He was a huge Cubs fan since age five and ecstatic to see his beloved Cubs win the World Series in 2016.

Greasy is survived by his wife, Eleanor; daughter, Janice Harness Hughes;

and many nieces and nephews who he loved dearly. He was preceded in death by his parents; daughter, Marilyn Jae; one sister, Betty Wilhelm; and two brothers, Harry and Marion(Cy). Funeral services will be Friday, October 15th at 2:00 p.m. CDT at Rannells Funeral Home, Koontz Lake Chapel. Friends may call from 11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. CDT at the funeral home. Burial will follow at the Grovertown Cemetery. Memorial contributions can be made to the Oregon-Davis Scholarship Fund. For online condolences visit rannellsfuneralhome.com.

Cemetery Details

Grovertown Cemetery

State Road 23
Grovertown, IN 46531

Previous Events

Visitation

OCT 15. 11:00 AM - 2:00 PM (CT)

Rannells Funeral Home - Koontz Lake Chapel
7984 N. State Road 23
Walkerton, IN 46574
(574) 586-2120
rannellsfh@mchsi.com
<https://www.rannellsfuneralhome.com>

Funeral Service

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Graveside Service

OCT **15** (CT)

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Tribute Wall

SB

“ *Eli/Janice: We will miss Greasy so much and we cherish our memories of him in FL including his watch collection, his enjoyment of bluegrass music (and watching me clog!), his bday parties at Sunny Pines, and our lively political discussions! Our sincere condolences go out to you both. May God bless you!*

Sue/Bob Broderick, Hendersonville NC

Sue/Bob Broderick - October 19, 2021 at 08:58 AM

RH

“ *Ron and Dawn Hicks purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of Carl E. "Greasy" Harness.*



Ron and Dawn Hicks - October 13, 2021 at 03:48 PM

CM

“ *Corrine Esterlin and Debbie McMahan purchased the Medium Dish Garden for the family of Carl E. "Greasy" Harness.*



Corrine Esterlin and Debbie McMahan - October 13, 2021 at 03:00 PM



“ *Gracious Lavender Basket was purchased for the family of Carl E. "Greasy" Harness.*



October 13, 2021 at 01:48 PM



“ *Greasy provided to my life the integrity, honesty, wisdom and character lost to me when my own loving father died many years ago. He shared unselfishly his amazing wife and daughter who come with their own particular valuable life-lessons. The family has always given me their time, teachings and love. They all live in my heart. Greasy was one in a million and I shall love and miss him for the rest of my days.*

GO CUBS!

Georgia Keller Scott, Philadelphia - October 12, 2021 at 03:36 PM



“ *On behalf on the Officers of Knox Lodge 639, we are deeply sadden by the passing of our brother. May the Lord keep you and protect you in this difficult time.*



*Joe Edwards
Secretary Knox Lodge*

Joe Edwards - October 12, 2021 at 11:57 AM

BC

“ Bob & Heather Tibbetts, Bryan Cecrle purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Carl E. "Greasy" Harness.



Bob & Heather Tibbetts, Bryan Cecrle - October 12, 2021 at 11:07 AM

PW

“ He was our bus driver and neighbor! A really good person. RIP Greasy.

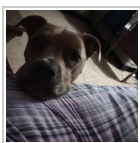
Patricia Sullivan Wilser - October 12, 2021 at 10:42 AM



“ Beautiful Heart Bouquet was purchased for the family of Carl E. "Greasy" Harness.



October 12, 2021 at 08:44 AM



“ He was the sweetest man sorry to hear this

Penny Maloney - October 11, 2021 at 06:42 PM

PS

“ GREASY WAS MY BUS DRIVER WHEN I WAS IN SCHOOL. HE DROVE BUS #5. WHAT A GREAT GUY! HE ALWAYS HAD A SMILE ON HIS FACE. HE WOULD CALL ME "NICKEL" BECAUSE HE SAID I WAS WORTH MORE THAN A PENNY. RIP

PENNY "YOUNG" SWEENEY

PENNY SWEENEY - October 11, 2021 at 04:45 PM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Carl E. "Greasy" Harness.



October 11, 2021 at 04:05 PM

DB

“ Greasy one of my Dad's best friends and friend to our family always had a smile and hug for me. Love and blessings over his family my heart is sad.



Deborah Boudreau - October 11, 2021 at 11:05 AM

MJ

There are no words to help ease your sorrow. The memories made at Grandma Reed's in Walkerton will never be forgotten.

Miriam Johnson - October 13, 2021 at 12:05 PM

DA

I met Carl through his wife Eleanor just a couple years ago. When visiting Eleanor, she was always so busy Carl would be the first to invite me in. Such a gracious, smiling, polite man always, as well as his family. God bless

Dawn - October 13, 2021 at 04:11 PM

CH

Greasy was one of a kind. He was my bus driver and he and his family will always hold a special place in my heart. A dear, kind, gentle man.

Charlene Miller Hardman - October 16, 2021 at 01:00 AM