



William Duane Harris

August 9, 1936 - November 17, 2023

William Duane Harris, age 87, of Purcell passed away on Friday, November 17, 2023. He was always known by family as "Broz" because when his sisters were little, they couldn't say brother. William was born in Colony, Oklahoma to James Delmer and Nora Jane (Shelton) Harris. He married the love of his life Marion Mickley on October 25, 1958. The two shared 56 years of marriage before the passing of Marion.

William was an aircraft mechanic for the United States Air Force at Tinker Air Force Base for a number of years and served his country overseas, as well.

He took pride in his service and commitment to his country. William was a true Patriot. He received numerous awards and accolades during his time in the Air Force.

When William wasn't working on airplanes, he could be found at the farm with his Beefmaster cattle and his dogs. He absolutely cherished time spent with family and loved ones. He was an amazing husband, father, brother and uncle and will be missed dearly.

He is preceded in death by his parents, James Delmer and Nora Jane Harris; his wife, Marion Harris; his daughter, Sandy Harris Stefan; his sisters, Mildred Gamel, Freda McLemore, Wanda Kellum and Jean Redbird; and his brother, Jack Shelton.

William is survived by his sisters, Nora Hutto of Moore and Linda Nelson and husband Bob of Oklahoma City; brother-in-law, Burl Gamel and a host of nieces and nephews.

Funeral Services will be Tuesday, November 21, 2023 at 2:00 pm at Wilson Little Funeral Home. Interment will be at Hillside Cemetery in Purcell.
Send online condolences @wilsonlittle.com

Tribute Wall

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“ I'm so sorry to hear about Broz. He was my husband's cousin and every time we went to Oklahoma we would go visit him and Marian. I called Broz once in a while after Marián passed away to see how he was doing. We always had a nice chat and I will miss him.

Eileen Maggard - November 29, 2023 at 12:00 AM

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“ My sincere sympathy to all of Broz family at this sad time. I loved my cousin and have so many happy memories of growing up . He was a wonderful man and I know you will all miss him dearly.

Ruby (Bonnie) Carlile - November 19, 2023 at 12:00 AM

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“ Bill was one of a kind. I had the pleasure of getting to know him and take care of him over the past year and a half. He will be missed dearly by all his "hospice girls" and "guys." The picture attached was only taken last week when he was celebrated for Veterans Day. Prayers with the family!

Amber W. - November 19, 2023 at 12:00 AM