



## Mr. Wayne Dean Harper

May 12, 1935 - May 10, 2021

Mr. Wayne Dean Harper, 85, of Peoria, Illinois transitioned from this life to his heavenly home at 10:58 PM on Monday, May 10, 2021 at UnityPoint Proctor Hospital.

Wayne was born on May 12, 1935 in Topeka, Kansas to Henry Melvin and Letha Mae (Ford) Harper. He was a 1953 graduate of Manual High School where he played football and ran track. Shortly, after graduating High School, he joined the United States Airforce where he honorably served until September of 1961. Wayne married the love of his life, Pearl Lena Shumate on Christmas Day, 1962. She preceded him in death on October 5, 2013 after 51 years of marriage.

Wayne was a member of Victory Baptist Church under the leadership of Pastor Ken Linder. Wayne loved working out. He was a faithful member of Landmark Health Club. He kept busy by doing yard work and tending to his garden. Wayne loved the outdoors and just sitting on his back porch admiring his lovely yard.

Wayne leaves to cherish his most precious memories his loving and devoted family which includes two brothers, Robert (Iris) Harper of Peoria, IL and Joseph (Kathy) Harper of Columbus, OH; one sister, Mary Harper of Portland, OR; and a host of nieces and nephews including two nieces, Jenell (George) Alexander and Selena Harper both of Peoria, IL who were his caregivers; a

step-daughter, Clora Blunt of Indianapolis, IN and a step-granddaughter, Waynetta Gordon also of Indianapolis, IN. He is also preceded in death by his parents; three brothers, Charles Harper, Frank Harper and William "Bill" Harper and one sister, Patricia O'Neal.

A funeral service will be held at 3 pm on Friday, May 14, 2021 at Simons Mortuary with a visitation at 2 pm. Rev. Ken Linder, Pastor of Victory Baptist Church will bring words of comfort. Burial will be held at Resurrection Catholic Cemetery.

Simons Mortuary has been entrusted with arrangements. Online condolences may be made at [SimonsMortuary.com](https://www.SimonsMortuary.com).

The service will be live streamed on Simons Mortuary's Website or Facebook page at <https://www.facebook.com/Simons-Mortuary-232095303487150> promptly AT THE TIME OF THE SERVICE.

Due to Covid-19 restrictions, social distancing and attendance, funerals are limited to 50 family members of the decedents, not including the staff at Simons Mortuary.

The chapel can socially distance and seat no more than 50 or less people. All others will be able to flow through prior to beginning of the service.

To be consistent with recommendations from the National Funeral Directors Association (NFDA), funeral home directors have been instructed and should follow CDC guidelines on gatherings, including those directly related to funerals, visitations, or graveside services. Funerals are limited to no more than 50 of the decedent's immediate family members.

\*In an effort to mitigate the spread of COVID-19, we ask that everyone in attendance: wear a face mask and refrain from hugging, kissing and shaking hands (as hard as it is to see someone you care about and not touch them).

\*It is our responsibility as a Funeral Directors, to do everything we can to advise families in order to honor our beloved Families and to keep everyone as safe as possible.

Thanks in advance for your cooperation!

# Cemetery Details

## Resurrection Mausoleum & Cemetery

7519 North Allen Road  
Peoria, IL 61615  
<http://www.ccapeo.org/index.cfm?load=page&page=156>

# Previous Events

## Visitation

**MAY 14.** 2:00 PM - 3:00 PM (CT)

Simons Mortuary Chapel  
912 W. John H. Gwynn, Jr. Ave.  
Peoria, IL 61605  
(309) 674-2638  
[info@simonsmortuary.com](mailto:info@simonsmortuary.com)  
<https://simonsmortuary.com>

## Celebration of Life

**MAY 14.** 3:00 PM - 4:30 PM (CT)

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# Tribute Wall



“ *Simons Mortuary created a Tribute Video in memory of Mr. Wayne Dean Harper*

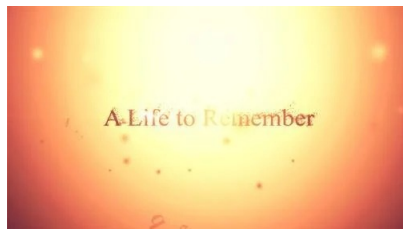


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**Simons Mortuary** - June 15, 2021 at 06:00 PM



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**Simons Mortuary** - May 13, 2021 at 05:03 PM

DG

*My dearest Unc. Live you and miss you much*

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**delphine garper** - May 13, 2021 at 06:19 PM

KH

*Love! Uncle Wayne rest in in peace. And when I see you again it will be in the garden. We will continue to sow seeds of God's goodness on Earth. Thank you for all the lessons I learned from you growing vegetables and harvesting. I'll continue to pass what you taught me on to Myles and Moses so their Generations can learn to grow. Hallelujah God is good*

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**Katherine Harper** - May 14, 2021 at 04:36 PM

DJ

*Rest in peace good friend. Don Jackson*

**Donald R Jackson** - May 19, 2021 at 08:55 PM



“ *Mr. Wayne Dean Harper*

January 29, 2023 at 06:10 AM



“ *Mr. Wayne Dean Harper*

January 29, 2023 at 03:12 AM

MH

“ *My big brother has gone on to his Heavenly Home to be with our family members who have left us too soon. I will remember forever the many days you walked me home from school, especially kindergarten.*

*I will always cherish the phone calls we have had of late and conversations about our beliefs in our Lord Jesus Christ and our commitment to following the Bible. I know Jesus held you in His arms as He welcomed you to His Heavenly Home.*

*Always, Mary Elizabeth*

**Mary Elizabeth Harper** - May 14, 2021 at 02:03 PM



“ *Medium Dish Garden was purchased for the family of Mr. Wayne Dean Harper.*



May 13, 2021 at 06:29 PM

LD

“ *Larry C Douglas lit a candle in memory of Mr. Wayne Dean Harper*



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**Larry c Douglas** - May 12, 2021 at 04:45 PM