



Harlan R. Tarr

February 20, 1949 - March 11, 2024

In Loving Memory of Harlan R. Tarr

Harlan passed away suddenly on March 11, 2024, due to a cardiac emergency. He recently celebrated 40 years of marriage to his beloved wife, Dayna G. Tarr (Duncan), and joyfully marked his 75th birthday surrounded by friends and family. Harlan is survived by his four loving children: Suzanne C. Tarr, Zachary R. Tarr (Emily), Brittney V. Tarr, and J. Brandon Tarr (Kelsey); and his cherished grandchildren: Haley M. Buracker, Abigail G. Tarr, Olivia G. Tarr, Nora F. Tarr, Julia R. Tarr, Jackson G. Tarr, J. Miles Tarr, and J. Ellis Tarr. His family will remember him as a gentle and loving dad who was always ready to listen and willing to help out in any way.

Harlan's early years were spent in Mayfield, Kansas, a quaint town 45 minutes outside of Wichita. Later in high school, his family moved to Tulsa, Oklahoma, where he attended Nathan Hale High School. Family held a special place in Harlan's heart; his deep connection to his roots was evident as his large extended family gathered for reunions over the years. He was preceded in death by his parents, Albert O. Tarr and Mildred Goodrum Tarr, his brother, Jerry K. Tarr, his sister, and his dearest friend, Barbara J. Barnes, as well as his granddaughter, Grace A. Tarr.

Harlan dedicated over 50 years to the restaurant industry, working tirelessly until his last day. His passion for his employees and commitment to exceptional service were evident throughout his career. Beginning with Steak & Ale, Harlan went on to contribute to various successful restaurant ventures, forming lasting friendships along the way. Those who knew Harlan remember him as a good, kind man and an extraordinary friend. His ability to maintain lifelong connections, some dating back to high school, speaks volumes about the impact he had on those around him.

Harlan will be greatly missed, but there is peace in his passing as we remember a life well lived. Harlan lived with faith in Christ, very few regrets, enjoyment in his work, and great love for family and friends. There is grief for those that are left behind, but great joy for Harlan as he is united to God in heaven.

A memorial visitation of Harlan will be held on Saturday, March 23, 2024 from 9:30am-10:30am at Grace United Methodist Church (300 E Gartner Rd, Naperville, IL 60540) with

a memorial service immediately to follow at 10:30am. In lieu of flowers, the family asks that donations be made in Harlan's name to Grace United Methodist Church.

Arrangements have been entrusted to THE DALEIDEN MORTUARY 220 North Lake Street, Aurora, Illinois 60506. 630-631-5500.

Cemetery Details

Private

Previous Events

Memorial Visitation

MAR 23. 9:30 AM - 10:30 AM (CT)

Grace United Methodist Church
300 East Gartner Road
Naperville, IL 60540

Memorial Service

MAR 23. 10:30 AM (CT)

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Tribute Wall

AJ

“ Alma J. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Harlan R. Tarr.

Alma J. - March 23, 2024 at 11:28 AM

JT

“ Jane Toftey purchased the Full Of Love Bouquet for the family of Harlan R. Tarr.



Jane Toftey - March 22, 2024 at 08:22 PM

JT

“ Jane Toftey planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Harlan R. Tarr.

Jane Toftey - March 22, 2024 at 08:22 PM

FM

“ Forrest M. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Harlan R. Tarr.

Forrest M. - March 22, 2024 at 07:20 PM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Harlan R. Tarr.



March 20, 2024 at 03:08 PM

RT

“ Richard T. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Harlan R. Tarr.

Richard T. - March 20, 2024 at 03:08 PM

FS

“ From the Lagranges, Wilsons and Schucks purchased the Joyful Memory for the family of Harlan R. Tarr.



From the Lagranges, Wilsons and Schucks - March 20, 2024 at 12:55 PM

RF

“ Randy Buracker and family. purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Harlan R. Tarr.



Randy Buracker and family. - March 18, 2024 at 12:14 PM



“ Beautiful Dreams was purchased for the family of Harlan R. Tarr.



March 14, 2024 at 07:18 PM