



## Harry Wicks Sr.

April 10, 1944 - October 28, 2024

HARRY WICKS, SR. was born April 10, 1944 in Crawford, Mississippi to the late Wright and Viola (Thomas) Wicks. He believed in the Lord and confessed a hope in Christ at an early age and was baptized.

At the age of 10, Harry and his 8-year-old sister Annie came to Illinois to live with his oldest sister, Rosie Lee Lawrence and family. He loved and admired her so much for being a mother and sister to him and taking good care of him.

Harry graduated from Central High School in Clifton, Illinois in 1964. He was a class officer during his junior year and participated in Industrial Arts all four years of high school where he also played football and basketball and ran track.

Harry joined the U.S. Army on June 7, 1965 and did active service until May 19, 1967. After serving for 22 months in Germany, he received an Honorable Discharge. Upon his completion of several more years in the Reserves, he was decorated with the National Defense Service Medal on June 6, 1971. Once he was back home from the military, Harry would often stop by to see his "Mom" Rosie Lee. He didn't broadcast his generosity, but quietly slipped into her hand "a piece of change" each time he saw her.

Harry worked at General Foods for 30 years and later was employed at

Shapiro Developmental Center in Kankakee. He will be most remembered for being kind-hearted, helpful, and always walking around with a newspaper in his back pocket. He could always be seen picking up every piece of paper on the ground in his neighborhood and yours. He enjoyed spending time with his three oldest sisters talking and joking, eating, watching TV – particularly sports and horse races- and he loved talking to people.

Harry Wicks leaves to cherish his memory, his spouse, Theresa; seven daughters, Dwanda Faye (Thomas) Waltower and Annie Dell Madison, both of Minnesota, Debbie Richardson of Texas, Beverly Ann Madison and Brenda Ann Madison, both of Illinois, Betty Jo (Terell) Wicks of Wisconsin and Lekisha Young of North Carolina; one son, Henry Lee Madison of Illinois; two sisters, Carrie Baptist of Illinois and Annie Kyles of Mississippi; daughter-in-law, Valerie Miller-Walker; 25 grandchildren; a host of great grandchildren and great-great-grandchildren, nieces, nephews, cousins, and friends.

Those now joyfully celebrating his arrival in Heaven are his parents; his son, Harry Wicks Jr.; two sisters, Rosie Lee Lawrence and Lillie Lou Ba

# Cemetery Details

## Abraham Lincoln Cemetery

20953 W. Hoff Rd.  
Elwood, IL 60421

# Previous Events

## Visitation

NOV 7. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

Lax Mortuary  
187 S. Greenwood Avenue  
Kankakee, IL 60901  
(815) 935-0090  
laxmortuary@laxmortuary.com  
<http://laxmortuary.com/>

## Visitation

NOV 8. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

Greater New Hope Baptist Church  
1591 E Cedar St  
Kankakee, IL 60901-2632  
(815) 935-8188

## Service

NOV 8. 11:00 AM (CT)

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# Tribute Wall

ES

“ *Ebony S. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Harry Wicks Sr..*

**Ebony S.** - November 08, 2024 at 12:33 AM

SS

“ *I graduated from Central High School in 1965. I also played football but not in his caliber. My memory of Harry is as a quiet humble person. It is great to see how his whole life played out. He finished out in the same manner in which he was as it was in high school.*

*I knew Annie through eighth grade and lost touch her because of I was tracked in preparation for college to be a grade school teacher. My memory of her was mostly from 8th grade where we sat next to each other most of the year. She was tall and somewhat outspoken compared to Harry. She was tall and athletic.*

*May God continue to bless bless your extended families.*

*Steve Sweeney*

**Steve Sweeney** - November 07, 2024 at 07:02 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Harry Wicks Sr..*



November 05, 2024 at 10:28 PM

ML

“ *Mary Lain lit a candle in memory of Harry Wicks*



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**Mary Lain** - November 05, 2024 at 10:01 PM

PJ

“ *Patricia Jamison sent a virtual gift in memory of Harry Wicks*



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**Patricia Jamison** - November 05, 2024 at 05:04 AM

TW

“ *Terry Wilson-Lloyd lit a candle in memory of Harry Wicks*



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**Terry Wilson-Lloyd** - November 03, 2024 at 03:22 PM

JB

“ *JOANN BOX lit a candle in memory of Harry Wicks*



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**JOANN BOX** - November 03, 2024 at 03:13 PM

LY

“ *Big Harry I have known you since I was 5 years old. You have always treated me like family. Rest in paradise! I send my condolences to the family!*



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**Lynn** - November 02, 2024 at 08:03 PM

PT

“ *Pernola Tucker lit a candle in memory of Harry Wicks*



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**Pernola Tucker** - November 02, 2024 at 07:53 PM

CW

“ *Cheryl Wilson lit a candle in memory of Harry Wicks*



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**Cheryl Wilson** - November 02, 2024 at 04:37 PM