



## Leonard Harper

April 29, 1931 - June 13, 2022

Leonard Verne Harper was born April 29, 1931 in Massac County, IL to William and Lubertha Johnson Harper. He was a member of Faith Baptist Church.

Leonard served in the United States Army from March 25, 1953 until his honorable discharge on April 21, 1955.

He was united in holy matrimony to the former LaVerne Morgan on November 2, 1956 in Chicago, IL and to their blessed union, ten children were born.

He was employed by the Illinois Department of Transportation for over 23 years. He was also an avid farmer, at one time raising livestock in addition to growing his crops. At harvest time, he took great pride in sharing with others.

Leonard was an extremely hardworking man and was exceptionally disciplined. He imparted these ethics to his children. He loved his dogs and enjoyed fishing.

He leaves to cherish his memory, four sons and daughters-in-law, James and Valerie Harper of Champaign, IL, Gregory Leonard and Ora Lee Harper of Kankakee, IL, Michael and Dawn Harper of St. Anne, IL and Reginald and Christine Harper of Columbia, MO; three daughters and two sons-in-law, Lynn

and Frank Johnson and Angela Harper, all of Kankakee, IL and Regina Harper-Young and Gregory Young of Elgin, IL; brothers and sister-in-law, James Crossland of Champaign, IL, Perry and Alice Crossland of Joppa, IL and Billy Crossland of Cairo, IL; sisters, Eudora Crim of Golconda, IL, Gloria Crossland of Chicago, IL, Judy Chambliss of Decatur, IL and Peggy Patterson of Birmingham, AL; a sister-in-law, Mae Miller of Flint, MI; 30 grandchildren; 59 great-grandchildren; five great-great-grandchildren, and a host of other relatives and friends.

He was preceded in death by his wife, LaVerne Harper; one son, Christopher Harper; two daughters, Sylvia Harris and Toni Harper and one grandson, DeShawn.

# Previous Events

## Visitation

JUN 23. 4:00 PM - 6:00 PM (CT)

Lax Mortuary  
187 S. Greenwood Avenue  
Kankakee, IL 60901  
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## Visitation

JUN 24. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

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## Service

JUN 24. 11:00 AM (CT)

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# Tribute Wall

EW

“ *My deepest condolences to family and friends. I knew Mr. Harper as a hard-working individual. I grew up with his children. God Bless.*



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**Everett Wells** - July 12, 2022 at 06:13 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Leonard Harper.*



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June 23, 2022 at 10:42 AM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Leonard Harper.*



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June 23, 2022 at 09:10 AM

MB

“ *Minnie Brewer Brewster lit a candle in memory of Leonard Harper*



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**minnie brewer brewster** - June 20, 2022 at 08:17 PM

JS

“ *Joyce Shoemaker lit a candle in memory of Leonard Harper*



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**Joyce Shoemaker** - June 20, 2022 at 06:59 PM

KH

“ *Sorry to hear of your loss Mike and Dawn. Prayers for the family. God Bless.*

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**Karen Rae Holderman** - June 20, 2022 at 12:29 PM

JS

“ *Your family will remain in our prayers. I worked on Mr. Harper's car in the 80's and it was always a good day when he walked in the shop. He always had a story or a joke and never entered a room without showing kindness to everyone there.*

*God bless,  
Jeff*

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**Jeff Snapp** - June 18, 2022 at 01:25 PM

JS

“ *Jeff Snapp lit a candle in memory of Leonard Harper*



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**Jeff Snapp** - June 18, 2022 at 01:21 PM

JF

“ JOANN FORD-BOX lit a candle in memory of Leonard Harper



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**JOANN FORD-BOX** - June 18, 2022 at 11:37 AM

CW

“ Cheryl Wilson lit a candle in memory of Leonard Harper



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**Cheryl Wilson** - June 18, 2022 at 08:26 AM

PJ

“ Patricia Jamison lit a candle in memory of Leonard Harper



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**Patricia Jamison** - June 17, 2022 at 01:08 PM