



## Jacob "Roger" Harmon

January 12, 1940 - March 6, 2025

Roger, a man of integrity and unwavering faith, departed this world on March 6th, 2025, after a courageous battle with pancreatic cancer. He was born on January 12th, 1940, in Hardin, Illinois. Roger lived a life marked by service, love, and unyielding commitment to his Lord, family, and friends.

Roger graduated from Hardin High School in 1958. He received his Bachelors of Education and Masters of Education Administration degrees from SIU Edwardsville. Roger was a member of the very first graduation class at the SIUE campus. Roger started his teaching career in 1963. He was employed by the Bethalto School District for 37 years. He retired in 1997. During his career he was awarded the Dale Carnegie Award of Excellence in Teaching. He served on the Board of Directors for Camp NEO-TEZ, a Christian camp for children for 12 years. He was also a Deacon and Educational Director at the Vaughn Hill Church of Christ. Roger participated in 3 mission trips and was an active member of Orphan Lifeline, International.

Roger's life was a testament to the power of love, faith, and service, as he lived his life in the grace and knowledge of Jesus Christ, His Lord and Savior. Roger is survived by his beloved wife of 62 years, Lois Jean (Oberjohann) Harmon, one son, J. Scott Harmon (Lisa), 4 grandchildren, Kris (Natalie), Matt, Sarah, and Zoie, and a nephew, Gregg Gress (Lisa).

He was preceded in death by his parents, Jacob B. and Ruth Harmon, a son, Timothy Eric, granddaughter, Mazzie Jayne, sister and brother-in-law, Marilyn and Allie Gress and in-laws, Loren and Clova Oberjohann.

Roger requested to have his funeral in the same manner that he lived his life; simply, humbly and without fanfare. Therefore, service and burial will be private. He will be laid to rest in the Indian Creek Cemetery, Hamburg, Illinois, on Saturday, March 15, 2025. In lieu of flowers, Roger requested that people perform an act of kindness, for someone in need, who could never return the favor.

Memorials can be made to Camp NEO-TEZ, 3761 Three Oaks Drive, Bridgeton, Missouri, 63044 or Christian Family Service, Inc., 7955 Big Bend Blvd., Webster Groves, Missouri, 63119.

Services are entrusted to Gent Funeral Home, Alton, Illinois. Online guestbook and information may be found at [www.gentfuneralhome.com](http://www.gentfuneralhome.com)

# Cemetery Details

## Indian Creek Cemetery

Hamberg, IL

# Tribute Wall

JS

“ Roger was man full of faith and love. He had a great partner. You were blessed with 62 years. You and your family are in our thoughts and prayers. John and Elaine Snyders

John Snyders - March 14, 2025 at 09:49 AM

JH

Thank you. He was a special man and we will miss him terribly.

Jeanne Harmon - March 21, 2025 at 10:19 PM

SS

“ I had a great childhood and a big reason for that was growing up next door to the Harmons! Roger always put up with us wearing out his yard and messing up his garage and running in and out of the house. In all those years I never once saw him angry. Maybe a little annoyed when Jeanne burned the yard and the neighbor's yard and maybe another neighbor's yard. 🙏 Love you all and I am so sorry for your loss!

Sue Spahr - March 12, 2025 at 07:02 PM

JH

Oh the memories, thank you for sharing some of them. You brought a smile to my face when recalling the yard fire. Oh how we will miss him.

Jeanne Harmon - March 21, 2025 at 10:23 PM

CK

“ Roger was an excellent example of what a Christian man is supposed to be.  
Well done thy good and faithful servant. He had positive impact on so many lives, and now he's at home with the lord. Thank you for being my friend.  
Cecil Knight

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**Cecil E Knight** - March 08, 2025 at 08:14 PM

JH

Thank you Cecil for your friendship over the years. Jeanne and Family

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**Jeanne Harmon** - March 21, 2025 at 10:26 PM

JW

“ So sorry for your loss! He was a great neighbor and friend just like you Jeannie! Miss you! Prayers for all of you. 🙏🙏

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**Janet & Dennis Weber** - March 08, 2025 at 12:44 PM