



## Ralph E. Harris

September 7, 1922 - March 4, 2012

Dateline: Godfrey

Ralph E. Harris, 89, died at 4:27 a.m. Sunday, March 4, 2012 at Alton Memorial Hospital with his wife by his side. He was a loving husband, father, and grandfather. Born September 7, 1922 in Southern Illinois, he was the son of Alfred and Ina (Lewis) Harris. He served in the U.S. Air Force and was a member of the Heartland Baptist Church. In 1985, he retired from Owens Illinois Glass in Alton after 44 years of service. On July 18, 1975 in Alton, he married the former Dora (Fritz) Kitzmiller. She survives. Also surviving is a daughter, Cathy Potter of East Alton, a step-son, Robert Kitzmiller and his wife Marj of Sterling, VA, ten grandchildren, Deana Avery ( Steve Fincher), Natalie Hicks (Ken), Sam Mercer, Elicia Walljasper, Shari Hames, Bobby Kitzmiller (Amanda), Ron Kitzmiller, Ric Kitzmiller (Sandy), Debbie Comerkeski (Jeff Conroy), and Jeff Cairns, 13 great grandchildren, and two great-great grandchildren, and a sister and brother-in-law, Margaret and George Cope of Alton. He was preceded in death by a son, Timothy D. Harris, a son-in-law, Marion Potter, a step-son and daughter-in-law, Vernon and Nancy Kitzmiller, an infant grandson, a brother and sister-in-law, Wilfred "Hap" and Toby Harris, and a sister and brother-in-law, Ruth and Ray Wilson. Visitation will be from 5:00-7:00 p.m. Tuesday, March 6, 2012 at Gent Funeral Home in Alton where funeral services will be held 10:30 a.m. Wednesday, March 7, 2012. Reverend Jim Grant will officiate. Burial will be at Valhalla Memorial Park in Godfrey with full military honors by the VFW Post 1308. In lieu of flowers, memorials may

be made to Heartland Baptist Church or Carmi Baptist Children's Home.

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# Tribute Wall



“ *Ralph E. Harris*

January 28, 2023 at 10:19 AM



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January 28, 2023 at 08:19 AM



“ *I am so sorry to hear about Ralph. He was such a wonderful man. I was married to Tim back in 1972.*

**Belinda Warren** - July 22, 2012 at 12:00 AM



“ *Dora,*

*I am sure your heart aches at saying good-bye to your beloved Ralph. I recall with a smile time we shared together at Curdie Heights. You know the short heavy bald guys are the greatest. May you find peace and comfort as you entrust him to the arms of Jesus.*

**Bill Carpenter** - March 08, 2012 at 12:00 AM



“ *The Staff of Reliance Bank would like to send there heart felt sorrow for the loss of your loved one.*

**Reliance Bank** - March 06, 2012 at 12:00 AM