



## James "Jim" Harris

June 27, 1949 - May 12, 2022

James K. "Jim" Harris, age 72 of Bear Valley, Wisconsin died peacefully on Thursday, May 12, 2022, while turkey hunting. Jim was born on June 27, 1949, to Russell and Ruth (Dunaway) Harris. He graduated from Colby High School in 1967 and enlisted in the Marine Corps. He served from 1968-1972, including a tour in Vietnam. After his discharge he attended college, graduating from UW La Crosse in 1976. He then started his teaching career at the Richland Middle School as a Health & Phy Ed. teacher where he taught for over 30 years. Jim loved sports, his favorite being football. He coached 25 years for the Richland Center Hornets & 17 years for the Ithaca Bulldogs, retiring in 2021. He was inducted into the Wisconsin Football Coaches Association Hall of Fame in 2019.

When he wasn't busy coaching, Jim could be found hunting or fishing. He was known for his turkey calling skills, finding walleye, and knowing the perfect spot for a deer stand.

Survivors include his wife of over 50 years, Kathy Harris; 2 daughters, Jodi (Brian) Clarson, Molly Harris; 3 grandchildren, Michael Clarson (Jamie), Chelsea Clarson (Justin), Brady Clarson (Brooke); great granddaughter, Ava Clarson; great grandson due in August; 4 siblings, Bob (Kathy) Harris, Peg Goeltz, Jane (Bob) Stoiber, Jack (Kathy) Harris; other relatives and friends.

Jim was preceded in death by his parents; a brother, Rusty Harris; brother-in-

law, Glen Goeltz; and Kathy's parents.

A Celebration of Jim's life will be held on Friday, May 20, 2022, from 2:00 PM – 6:00 PM at Clary Memorial Funeral Home in Richland Center. The Local Military Honors Unit will provide military honors at 6:00 PM at the Clary Memorial Funeral Home.

In lieu of flowers, memorials can be made to the family for a future scholarship or the Richland Center American Legion. [www.clarymemorialfuneralhome.com](http://www.clarymemorialfuneralhome.com)

# Previous Events

## Celebration of Life

MAY **20**. 2:00 PM - 6:00 PM (CT)

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# Tribute Wall

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“ To the family and friends of James K "Jim" Harris, another Comrade was called to the high command. He has gone to the commander of us all. On May 20, 2022 in Honor of his memory, we acknowledged his service to our country in a time of national need, who is now enrolled in that great spirit army whose footfalls cause no sound. But in the memory of man, their souls go marching on. Because of them, our lives are free, because of them the world is blessed. Our deepest condolences from Bower-Gunnill-Dalton VFW Post 2267, Richland Center, WI.



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**Margie Freeman** - December 13, 2022 at 02:31 PM

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“ My condolences to the Harris family. I have many fond memories of Mr. Harris. I feel very fortunate to have had known him. He was a good man. RIP Coach

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**Kirk R. McCauley** - May 20, 2022 at 11:04 AM

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“ Love, Ginger Duckert & Family purchased the Medium Dish Garden for the family of James "Jim" Harris.



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**Love, Ginger Duckert & Family** - May 19, 2022 at 05:32 PM

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“ *My sympathy's to Kathy and all the Harris family. Jim was a great friend, coach and mentor. He helped shape me as a young man along with many other young me during his life. I'll be forever grateful for having known Jim and my prayers are with his family. RIP Jim*

Tom Delagrave - May 19, 2022 at 12:43 PM



“ *Florist Choice Bouquet was purchased for the family of James "Jim" Harris.*



May 18, 2022 at 11:43 AM

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“ *Kathy,*

*Our prayers, and sympathy, are with you during this time of sorrow, and sadness!*

*We "left" Colby High School a "few" years ago, but I still treasure the memories.*

*Take good care of yourself, and remember the love that Jim had for you and your family!*

*Bruce and Alice (Beyerl) Sturzl*

Alice Sturzl - May 18, 2022 at 11:34 AM



“ Dear Kathy and family,

*You will celebrate this man who lived a fine life loving his family, his work and his hobbies. May he rest in peace and leave you with loving memories to sustain you all. My deepest condolences for your loss.*

*Your classmate,*

*Mary Ann Johnson Trabandt*

Mary Trabandt - May 18, 2022 at 10:58 AM



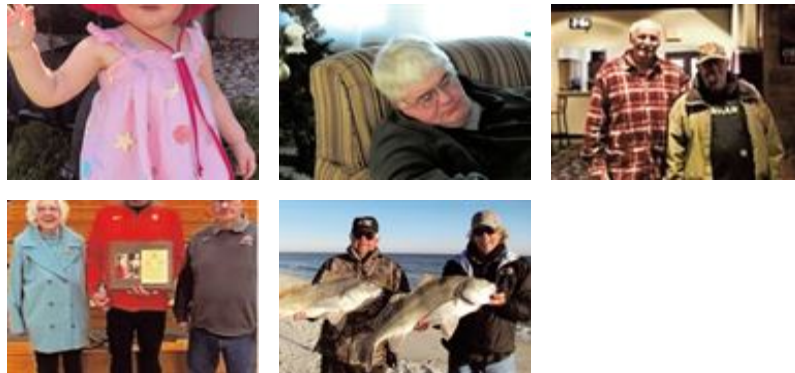
“ Terry Dorn Family purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of James "Jim" Harris.



Terry Dorn Family - May 17, 2022 at 07:19 PM



“ 116 files added to the album LifeTributes



Clary Memorial Funeral Home - May 17, 2022 at 03:41 PM



“ Serene Retreat was purchased for the family of James "Jim" Harris.



May 16, 2022 at 01:25 PM



“ Dear Kathy and family. Sorry to hear about Jim's death. I was Kathy's roommate in college. She would talk to Jim just about every day! Jim was a great guy and will be missed by many of us. My thoughts and prayers are with you Kathy and your family.

**Jeyn Hofacker** - May 14, 2022 at 03:41 PM



“ Garden Bench - "I thought of you with love" was purchased for the family of James "Jim" Harris.



May 14, 2022 at 02:44 PM



“ Garden Bench - "Gone yet not forgotten..." was purchased for the family of James "Jim" Harris.



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