



Jerry Collins Harlan

April 3, 1940 - January 3, 2022

Jerry Collins Harlan, 81, of Nashville, passed away on Monday, January 3, 2022.

Jerry was born in Columbia, TN. He graduated from Madison High School in 1958 and maintained close friendships with his many high school buddies over the years. He graduated from Tennessee Tech with a degree in mechanical engineering. He began his career at Ross Gear in Lebanon, TN and when he was bored, started building houses on the side. He couldn't tolerate an "office" job and left engineering to pursue becoming a contractor, developer and entrepreneur of many businesses such as Captain D's, Scholtzskys Delis, and Fazolis franchises, built and owned Madison and Rivergate Lodges, Harlan Development Co. and acquired many commercial and residential rental properties.

Jerry refused to grow old and had lots of energy! He never met a stranger and made friends everywhere he went. He was nicknamed the "Joker" because he loved pranks and good laughs. He loved adventure, risk, spontaneity and travel with his family especially to Panama City Beach and Sandestin Beach Resort in Florida. He loved going out and good food especially Kobe Steakhouse which became a family tradition for most "Harlan" special occasions for 40 years.

He is preceded in death by his parents Paul and Gladys Harlan, his sons Chandler and Channing Harlan and his sister Phyllis Goostree.

He is survived by his loving wife of 59 years Wanda Harlan, 3 children Cherie (Scott) Rudolph, Chance Harlan, Chandra (David) Pounders, 12 grandchildren, sisters Vickie Harlan, Kay (Joe) Roller, Jeannie Warren, and his beloved dog, Sparky.

The family will receive relatives and friends on Wednesday, January 12 from 11:30 am until 2:30pm at Spring Hill Funeral Home and Cemetery, 5110 Gallatin Pike in Nashville. There will be a graveside service immediately following at 2:45pm also at the cemetery.

Click the link below to view the tribute slideshow:

<https://www.tributeslides.com/tributes/show/HLQCKF52JHKZY8R7>

Previous Events

Visitation

JAN 12. 11:30 AM - 2:30 PM (CT)

Spring Hill Funeral Home
5110 Gallatin Pike S
Nashville, TN 37216

Graveside

JAN 12. 2:45 PM (CT)

Historic Spring Hill Cemetery
5110 Gallatin Road
Nashville, TN 37216

Tribute Wall

DF

“ Jerry was a good friend to myself and my friend Brian Jenkins. Always good conversation and laughs at Dalts and Sportsman’s Grille. He will be missed. My condolences to his wife Wanda and his family

Danielle Fields - February 16 at 12:48 AM

KR

“ 1 file added to the tribute wall



Kay Harlan Roller - January 12 at 08:41 AM

LW

“ May special family memories of time spent together bring you comfort. You are in my thoughts and prayers.

Laura Haverly Woody - January 11 at 12:50 PM

LM

“ Lisa Montero lit a candle in memory of Jerry Collins Harlan



Lisa Montero - January 10 at 01:58 PM

CR

“ Jerry was always one we liked to be around. When he was in college we would all look forward to the weekend and him coming home. Wanda and Jerry had a party at their lake house for all the old friends and it was one of my best memories. He will be missed.

Carolyn Russell - January 10 at 12:52 PM

MA

“ *Martha & Don Arkovitz lit a candle in memory of Jerry Collins Harlan*



Martha & Don Arkovitz - January 10 at 09:14 AM

BS

He was a good man who will be missed ,Rip Jerry

Brian Strahan - January 10 at 12:52 PM

DG

So sorry for your loss. May the love from your family and friends give you comfort through this difficult time.

Donna Gregory - January 12 at 10:42 AM