



William Roy Harweger

November 7, 1938 - January 17, 2025

William Roy Harweger was born November 7, 1938, in Cissna Park, Illinois. He was one of five children to the late Roy and May (McKinney) Harweger. Bill grew up in Chenoa, Illinois and graduated with the class of 1957 from Chenoa High School.

Bill enlisted into the United States Air Force on August 6, 1958, and served his country faithfully until his retirement on June 30, 1981, after twenty-two years of dedication. For his honorable service he earned many decorations, medals, badges, ribbons, and awards including Marksmanship Ribbon, Good Conduct Medal, Air Force Longevity Service Award Ribbon with Four Bronze Oak Leaf Clusters, National Defense Service Medal, Vietnam Service medal with Four Bronze Stars, Air Force Outstanding Unit Award with Three Bronze Oak Leaf Clusters, and the Republic of Vietnam Campaign Medal.

On July 6, 1962, at the Charleston, South Carolina, Air Force Chapel, Bill was united in marriage to Sherry Diann Riggs. To this union they were blessed with three children: Michael, Matthew, and Paul. Bill and Sherry have shared the last sixty-two years together raising a family and creating many lasting memories.

While proudly serving his country, Bill served overseas in Thailand for one year, his family was with him in Japan from 1975-1978, and they were

stationed at several bases to include Pope Air Force Base and Shaw Air Force Base before making Sligo, Missouri their home.

For several years Bill owned a dog kennel raising Mini Dachshund's, Shih Tzu's, and West Highland Terrier's. He enjoyed woodworking and drawing. Bill loved to write stories and in his last years liked playing solitaire and sudoku. Most important to him was spending time with his family. He adored his grandchildren and treasured his great-grandchildren.

Bill was a man of strong faith in the Lord. He was often found reading his Bible and writing about scriptures. He has been a member of Grace Community Church for over twenty years where he loved serving, especially in the Nursery Ministry alongside his wife.

Bill entered eternal rest on January 17, 2025, in Union, Missouri, at the age of eighty-six years. Those left behind to cherish his memory include his loving wife: Sherry Harweger of Salem, MO; sons: Michael Harweger and wife Marie of Marietta, GA and Matthew Harweger of Palm Bay, FL; sister: Edith Earhardt; grandchildren: Jessica Hoffman and husband Tony, Dustin Harweger, Josh Harweger, and Cory Harweger and wife Margaret; many great-grandchildren; as well as several nieces, nephews, other relatives, and dear friends.

Preceding him in death were his son: Paul Harweger; parents: Roy and May (McKinney) Harweger; brothers: Roger Harweger and Ronald Harweger; and sister: Betty Davis.

His life was a testament to his love for family, his unwavering faith, and his service to his country. His legacy will live on in those who loved him most. Bill will be forever missed.

Funeral Services for William Roy Harweger were held January 22, 2025, at Grace Community Church with Pastor Terry Davis officiating and Cheryl Davis sharing the obituary. Song selections played were "How Great Thou Art" and "In The Garden". Serving as Pallbearers were his brothers in Christ Loren Wood, Todd Parks, Jack Emory, Carmon Erway, Matt Sapaugh, and Al Schneider. Military Honors was provided by the United States Air Force Honors Team. Burial was in the Sligo Cemetery. Arrangements were under the direction of Wilson Mortuary of Salem, Missouri.

Online Condolences may be left at www.wilsonmortuary.com

Cemetery Details

Sligo Cemetery

Salem, MO 65560

Previous Events

Visitation

JAN 22. 11:00 AM - 1:00 PM (CT)

Grace Community Church
600 S Water St
Salem, MO 65560-1627
(573) 729-4573

Funeral Service

JAN 22. 1:00 PM (CT)

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*Grandpa,
I'll never forget your strength and compassion. I am So happy you're finally out of pain and with our Father. We all will miss you terribly. I love you and i will see you when He calls me home.*

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