



William James "Bill" Harvey

January 30, 1946 - April 14, 2025

William James "Bill" Harvey, age 79, of Inez, KY passed away on April 14, 2025 as the result of Glioblastoma Brain Cancer. He lived life to the fullest until diagnosis 9 months plus a few days ago. Bill was born on January 30, 1946 to Roy and Harriett (Hall) Harvey of Montoursville, PA. He worked as an engineer for Westinghouse, GTE/Sylvania and Osram/Sylvania companies for a total of 38 years. He was instrumental in developing several patents and proprietary equipment over his career. In 1989, the Osram/Sylvania company relocated from PA to Versailles, KY. Bill became the manager of the design engineering department in Versailles where he supervised specialized engineers as a team to develop improvements and robots to make the assembly lines and production more efficient.

Bill was a member of the Masons Ivy Lodge 106 F & A.M. held at Williamsport, PA.

Bill was very talented in woodworking, carpentry, plumbing, construction, mechanical, and electrical work. He loved designing projects and working to complete them to his specifications. One of his fun things to do was to sew with canvas, whether it be repairing a tent, making a fishing boat top or making an enclosure for the front deck of his houseboat.

He acquired the love of flying from his Mom and obtained a pilot's license to

fly small aircraft at an early age. He often shared the story that his highest learning curve was achieved when his flight instructor had him in the air for a lesson and then all of a sudden and unexpectedly turned off the engine and instruments and said "what do you do now"?

Bill was an avid hunter of deer, turkey and elk. His most favorite hunting season was turkey hunting. He has several trophies of his best hunts on the walls of a designated room in his home. He also loved fishing and enjoyed houseboating on Lake Cumberland for 30+ years. He had a 46" striped bass mounted that he caught on his 65th birthday.

In addition to his parents, Bill is predeceased by one brother, David Harvey. Bill is survived by his wife of 24 years, Karen Booth Harvey. He and Karen lived in Georgetown, KY until moving to Inez, KY in 2005. He is also survived by his two children and three grandchildren, son James Harvey (Amanda) and Nicholas Harvey of Unityville, PA, daughter, Laura Harvey Berwanger (Joshua) and Faith and Christian Berwanger of Montoursville, PA. Bill is survived by two brothers-in-law, Don Booth (Thelma) of Warfield, KY and Jim Booth of Inez, KY. He is also survived by a friend of many years who is like a brother to him, Dan Bricker, of Russell Springs, KY. Dan and another special friend, John Echroth, were consistent and loyal helpers with Bill's care upon his brain cancer diagnosis until he passed.

Pallbearers are very special friends and family, Steve Bowman, Raymond (Rainbo) Jude, James Harvey, Joshua Berwanger, Faith Berwanger and Christian Berwanger. Honorary pallbearer is Nicholas Harvey.

Funeral services will be held at 1:00pm, Thursday, April 17, 2025 at the Callaham Funeral Home in Inez, KY with Pastor Dr. Garrett Mills officiating and Pastor Dwayne Mills will read the obituary. Burial will follow at the Riverview Memorial Gardens in Louisa, KY. Friends may visit at the funeral

home on Wednesday from 6:00-9:00pm. Arrangements are under the direction of the Callaham Funeral Home, Inez, KY.

Previous Events

Visitation

APR **16.** 6:00 PM - 9:00 PM (ET)

Callaham Funeral Home, Inez Location
278 West Main St.
Inez, KY 41224
(606) 298-3501
kellycallaham@yahoo.com
<http://www.richmond-callaham.com>

Funeral Service

APR **17.** 1:00 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall

BP

“ Brenda P. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of William James "Bill" Harvey.

Brenda P. - April 17, 2025 at 12:21 PM



“ Beautiful Dreams was purchased for the family of William James "Bill" Harvey.



April 16, 2025 at 05:03 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of William James "Bill" Harvey.

April 16, 2025 at 05:03 PM

SF

“ Sarge, Mel and Family purchased the Arrive in Style for the family of William James "Bill" Harvey.



Sarge, Mel and Family - April 16, 2025 at 04:38 PM



“ *Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of William James "Bill" Harvey.*



April 16, 2025 at 06:13 AM



“ *A pleasure to work with when he and others invaded our Versailles, Ky Sylvania Lamp Plant in 1989 when their Montoursville, Pa was closed. Lots of fun to work with! May God hold you close, Bill and comfort your family! God Bless*

Lawrence c Purvis jr - April 15, 2025 at 03:14 PM



“ *Mike and Melanie Triplett purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of William James "Bill" Harvey.*



Mike and Melanie Triplett - April 15, 2025 at 02:56 PM



“ *Mike and Melanie Triplett planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of William James "Bill" Harvey.*

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“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of William James "Bill" Harvey.

April 15, 2025 at 09:21 AM



“ Judy Spellacy purchased the Country Basket Blooms for the family of William James "Bill" Harvey.



Judy Spellacy - April 15, 2025 at 09:08 AM



“ Judy Spellacy planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of William James "Bill" Harvey.

Judy Spellacy - April 15, 2025 at 09:08 AM



“ Magnificent Life Spray was purchased for the family of William James "Bill" Harvey.



April 14, 2025 at 08:07 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of William James "Bill" Harvey.

April 14, 2025 at 08:07 PM



“ Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of William James "Bill" Harvey.



April 14, 2025 at 07:49 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of William James "Bill" Harvey.

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“ Cable Services Company, Inc. purchased the Days of Sunshine Bouquet for the family of William James "Bill" Harvey.



Cable Services Company, Inc. - April 14, 2025 at 04:04 PM



“ Jeff, Angie and family purchased the Gracious Lavender Basket for the family of William James "Bill" Harvey.



Jeff, Angie and family - April 14, 2025 at 03:05 PM

JF

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Jeff, Angie and family - April 14, 2025 at 03:05 PM

JC

“ Karen so sorry for your loss prayers for you and your family praying for comfort and strength for the days ahead love and prayers.
Rip Bill



Jooann (Howell) Chapman - April 14, 2025 at 02:56 PM