



William Harris

August 15, 2011

William "Bill" E. Harris

Age 89

Iron River,

MI Died Monday, August 15, 2011 at his home.

Born: December 12, 1921 in Iron River, MI

The son of the late William and Elizabeth (Trewartha) Harris attended the Homer and Iron River schools, graduating from Iron River High School in 1940. He was a U.S. Army veteran of WWII.

Bill married the former Helen Mickelson on December 2, 1944 in Stambaugh, MI and the couple were lifelong residents of the area. They celebrated their 66th wedding anniversary in 2010 and resided in Mineral Hills.

He was employed as an activities director for many years and a truck driver for the Village of Mineral Hills for 30 years, retiring in 1985.

Bill was a member of the Wesley United Methodist Church of Iron River. He enjoyed oil painting, singing, camping at Lake Superior, agate picking, fishing, and just being in the outdoors. He and Helen had 17 dogs and many cats in their years of marriage and he spent the last years with his poodle, Buffy. He was an avid animal lover. He especially enjoyed his times with his great grandchildren.

He is survived by his wife, Helen
Harris of Iron River
River

Son, James (Judy)
Brothers, Robert Harris of Iron
Keith Harris of Oklahoma City,

OK
(Lindsay)
Isabelle, and
Hoogenboom)
(Harris - Fitch)

Two grandchildren, Cindy (David) and William
Seven great grandchildren, Gabe, Tori,
Samuel (Harris -
Lily, Kennison and Owen

Visitation: Friday, August 19, 2011 from 11:30 a.m. to 12:45 p.m. at the
Wesley United Methodist Church, Iron River

Funeral Service: Friday, August 19, 2011 at 1 p.m. at the Wesley United
Methodist Church, Iron River, with Rev. Roberta Willson to officiate.

Interment: Resthaven Cemetery, Iron River

The family suggests memorial donations to the Northwoods Animal Shelter.
Funeral arrangements by the Jacobs Funeral Home, Iron River.

Tribute Wall

CH

“ Quoting Emily Dozier: Dear Harris family, I'm so sorry for your loss. He was wonderful - a great example of life centered around family and faith. I will never forget his gorgeous bass voice. I loved singing with him growing up, and especially loved hearing him sing with Mel. May God's comfort enfold you all. Love, Emily (Huske) Dozier Dear Emily Huske, Thank you!! Mel died right before last Christmas, and that was the last funeral he sang at, he said he had to go up and sing for his "Best buddy" it was wonderful! now they are singing in Heaven together! And my grama and Mel's wife Marie who were best friends for over 60 yrs are roommates at the nursing home

Cindy Harris - September 15, 2011 at 05:20 PM

CH

“ Thank you everyone for the kind words. We are glad my grampa touched so many lives. he was the best example of a man one could ever see.

Cindy Harris - September 15, 2011 at 05:18 PM

LG

“ I will always treasure memories of Bill singing for my dad, Ken Trevarton's funeral at the Wesley United Methodist Church way back in 1969. He and Helen were great friends to my parents. His presence was again a great comfort to each of us at Aunt Florence and Uncle Chick Tass' funerals, also when his wonderful voice filled the sanctuary with a blend from Mel Greenlund, too. With fond memories of Bill, Linda Trevarton Goodman, Marquette, MI

Linda Trevarton Goodman - September 15, 2011 at 01:22 PM

MM

“ Dear Harris family,I have many fond memories of Bill at many Mineral Hills functions. Our thoughts are with all of you at this time. God Bless!Mary (Rodda) & Les Marlowe

Mary and Les Marlowe - August 31, 2011 at 11:37 AM

ED

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Emily Dozier - August 28, 2011 at 04:48 PM

CM

“ Hi Cindy and family - we are so sorry to hear about your dear grandfather , he was a very special person. You and your entire family are in our thoughts and prayers. I'm sorry that we had to be out of town, and could not be at the funeral. God's peace to you and family.

Carol and Michael Masuga - August 20, 2011 at 05:13 PM

RP

“ Bill, Lindsay and family: So sorry to hear of your grandfather's passing. Bill, if you are a reflection of the man you were named after, he must have been a wonderful human being. May happy memories bring you comfort. God Bless you all.

Renee Prusi - August 18, 2011 at 03:27 PM

RT

“ Bill was always a "treat" to talk with and his smile and personality will never be forgotten. He was a great singer and a good friend to my parents and we all appreciated that. We will miss Bill as you all will too. Bless you all. Ron and Julie

Ron and Julie Tass - August 17, 2011 at 03:34 PM

JK

“ Very sorry for your loss. We enjoyed Bills humor and perspective. He will be missed. John & Pat Kneebone

John Kneebone - August 17, 2011 at 12:36 PM

SS

“ Our thoughts & prayers go out to the family. We always enjoyed hearing him sing.

Sue Tass Wensel & Steve - August 16, 2011 at 04:36 PM