



Harlen W. Windhorn

December 20, 1938 - October 3, 2015

Harlen W. Windhorn, 76, of Bourbonnais, passed away Saturday (Oct. 3, 2015) at his home.

He was born Dec. 20, 1938, in Watseka, the son of Clarence and Adalgunda Bruens Windhorn. Harlen married Vivian Vadebunker on Dec. 4, 1960. She preceded him in death on April 11, 2006.

Harlen was the owner and operator of Windhorn Builders. He served in the Army National Guard.

He was a member of Our Savior Lutheran Church, and enjoyed traveling, fishing and hunting.

Surviving are one son and daughter-in-law, Kyle and Lisa Windhorn, of Liberty Lake, Wash.; one daughter and two sons-in-law, Cindy and Greg Giusto, of Bourbonnais, and David Palm of Vero Beach, Fla.; two sisters and one brother-in-law, Alverda and Tom Voigt, of Watseka, and Gloria Brown, of Watseka; one brother and one sister-in-law, Eldor and Joyce Windhorn, of Westfield, Ind.; seven grandchildren, Alexandra Windhorn, Kyle Windhorn II, Hayley Windhorn, Hannah Windhorn, Victoria Palm, Jessica Palm and Maddie Giusto; and one great-grandchild, Logan Windhorn.

In addition to his wife, he was preceded in death by his parents; and one daughter, Christy Palm.

Visitation will be from 5 p.m. to 8 p.m. Friday at Clancy-Gernon Funeral Home in Bourbonnais. Funeral services will be at 10:30 a.m. Saturday, also at the funeral home, with the Rev. Patty Heath officiating. Burial will be in All Saints Cemetery, Bourbonnais.

Memorials may be made to Relay for Life.

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Cemetery Details

All Saints Cemetery

1839 W. Route 102
Bourbonnais, IL 60914
(815) 933-2342

Previous Events

Visitation

OCT **9**. 5:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

Bourbonnais - Clancy-Gernon Funeral Homes, Inc.
295 Main St., NW
Bourbonnais, IL 60914
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Funeral Service

OCT **10**. 10:30 AM (CT)

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Tribute Wall

TO

“ *Ich erinnere mich an Ihn - er war ein Despot und einfach nur ekelhaft !!!*

Wenn ich diese Heucheleien hier lese wird mir uebel !!!

Er war maechtig und reich - und Alle haben Ihm nur die Stiefel geleckt !!!

Er hat Cindy gezwungen mich zu verlassen - dieser Wichser !!!

Und seine arme Frau nur benutzt und kurz gehalten !!!

Moege er in der Hoelle schmoren !!!

Tom - November 17, 2015 at 09:26 PM



“ *It took more than a minute like a day to sink in and
It hurts. I'm sad. Really sad It really hurts*

*I lost someone today. Well not really, not today, but the other day.
I did not believe i could not believe this news i could only reject.*

*I lost someone today got guilt and shame served on my plate cuz
finally today can I accept.*

So, I lost someone a special one but not like "lost then found"

But,

I lost someone the forever kind that never comes back around.

As My friend he is family, my friend,

So too my boss

too much alike my boss and i so, once or twice my foe ...

*But forgiven and we're back to raking and blowing and burning and
shoveling the leaves and the weeds then the snow*

*Then we're Mowing the lawns and planting colors we bought and
tomatoes and seeds and laying carpet in the garden for weeds! All
for Vivian.*

I lost someone today.

In the roses and blooms and plants that deck the deck

*In the gardens, in the woods, somewhere in those piles of leaves,
floating down the creek or running off with the deer full on hostas*

I long to be lost again in the soil and green.

The bonfire burns, fall is rolling in

All this guilt and shame and I missed your call and

I was just there.

Now all that remains is that guilt n shame

but I'll see ya on the other side my buddy, my friend, my sweet

Harlen.

I fell in love with the entire Windhorn family thru Harlen's stories over the years, working on the grounds and at the apartments. My tears flow from the love i had for this man, and the privilege of his presence in yhis life. My most sincere and heartfelt blessings to all the family and friends. Oh dear Harlen I miss you so.

Annette Kiefer - October 11, 2015 at 12:26 PM

GA

“ *My very deepest condolences to the Windhorn family in this very sad time. Harlen had the kindest heart he helped my daughters and I when we fell on hard times he made sure I had a roof over our heads and he made sure we were ok thank you soo much Harlen for your help and kindness.*



Gabriela Andrade - October 10, 2015 at 11:16 PM

BA

“ *My heartfelt deepest condolences to all the family and friends of Harlen Windhorn. I am a decade long tenant of his and he was always kind to me with a gentle smile whenever I saw him. It was hard to watch such a strong proud man turn frail during his extended illness and I hope now that he is in a better place that he is strong and vibrant again!! Rest in peace Mr Windhorn and THANK YOU for providing a roof over my head. My deepest sympathies to all who knew him in this time of loss.*

Barbara Anderson - October 09, 2015 at 12:44 PM

TH

“ *Many fond memories of weekends at the Winddhorn household growing up. That home was magical to me. My condolences to you all.*

Tonia O'Keefe

Tonia Henshaw - October 07, 2015 at 12:43 PM

CM

“ *Rest in peace Harlan.*

Cathie Miedema



Cathie Miedema - October 06, 2015 at 09:47 PM

DV

“ *Dan Vaughn lit a candle in memory of Harlen W. Windhorn*



Dan Vaughn - October 06, 2015 at 06:49 PM

TP

“ *I am sure in time I will again be fishing with Harlen in Canada. It is the end of a lot of good times on the water.*

Ted Peterson - October 06, 2015 at 09:29 AM



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Hannah Hughes - October 05, 2015 at 08:25 PM



We were all very sad to hear the news. Our prayers and thoughts are with you all. So many good memories it is sad we all don't get together as much as we did when we were younger. This has always been my favorite pictures of me and Uncle Harlan. I still remember how mad he got when Christy got Leah and I drunk at her first wedding and we were a little obnoxious. Also remember the times when my son was little and we stayed over during family reunions and when he came down to Florida to visit. So many more memories.....my joy is knowing that I will see him and everyone else that has passed again in heaven. Love to you all.

- Hannah and family

Hannah Hughes - October 05, 2015 at 08:36 PM



Sympathy to the family. Margie Niemi and Roger Windhorn

Margie Niemi - October 08, 2015 at 07:56 PM