



Richard M. Harper

September 17, 1957 - October 18, 2017

Richard M. Harper 66, of Hot Springs passed away Wednesday October 18, 2017 at his home.

He is predeceased by his parents, William E. and Doris A. Harper and a brother, Douglas Harper.

Loving survivors include his wife of 34 years, Gaye Harper; daughter, Brandy Harper and grandson, Jordan Harper; brother, Don (Jan) Harper; sisters, Judy Harper, Lisa (Larry) Duranleau and Susan (Charles) Wakefield; niece, Laine Harper; nephews, Darren Harper, Robbie Bennie, William Wakefield and Drew Wakefield; and Goddaughter Sarah Washborn.

Richard graduated from Hot Springs High School and Henderson State University with a BA in Business. He was co-owner of Harper Furniture until 2000. He loved his country and served in the Army and Arkansas National Guard. He served 2 tours in Vietnam where he was awarded the Bronze Star, Army Commendation Metal, a Purple Heart, Vietnam Service Metal, Vietnam Campaign Metal and other awards. He was on the Arkansas State Pistol team and retired from the guard with over 21 years' service. He was an avid hunter and shooter. He was so proud of his grandson Jordan's first deer. He had a big influence on so many lives from teaching gun safety, shooting skills and hunting. He also had a witty sense of humor and could embellish on his story

telling.

He will be missed by many more than he ever realized.

A memorial service will be held at 2:00 PM Thursday October 26, 2017 at Desoto Park on Park Avenue with military honors by VFW Post 2278.

In lieu of flowers donate to the charity of your choice.

Tribute Wall

JR

“ SFC was my platoon Sgt in A co 1/153 inf. Great leadership great Man and very proud man

James Rogers - May 16, 2023 at 03:08 PM

JE

“ My Mom and Dad were best friends with Ricky's parents Billy and Doris for many years. I recall many wonderful and fun times hunting, fishing, and playing outdoors with Ricky and his siblings. I am blessed to have grown up with him. He was a fine family man and a hero through his service. Gaye, I wish you and your family all the very best.

John Ellsworth - September 08, 2020 at 01:25 PM

JC

“ Rick was The Godfather of mine and David's 3 children Richard M Smith was our first born and was named after him, Daniel Smith and Jenifer Vincent. He was David's best friend. He was a very good man and I know he was a great father to Brandy and grandfather to Jordan. He will be missed by many. Prayers to his family to find peace and comfort.
Jeanne Crom



Jeanne Crom - October 26, 2017 at 09:04 PM

HS

“ Ricky grew up in our neighborhood with me, my brother Paul Sims, and Ricky's brothers and sisters. We all played together along with the Gills and McRaes. When I visited my dad, I would see Rick sometimes at his mother's house. We would always have good memories to share. I am sorry to hear about his death. I had hoped we might bump into each other again when I was in Hot Springs. *Deepest Sympathies, Helen Ann and Paul*

Helen Ann sims - October 25, 2017 at 11:41 PM

BH

“ I am ricks daughter Brandy and i habe so many great memories i dont know where to start. My dad was the greatest dad ever. He was always there for me, he always took me to shoot guns, hunt, and he let me crawl around n the dirt. He taught me so many things that I have passed on to my son. He was my hero and I miss him so much. I can only pray that I have made him proud. He is loved and missed more than he could ever imagine. I thank him for instilling the value of family n me and his greatest will always live on thru my son and i.

Dad, I hope u rest n peace and know that we love u so much. And it will never b the same without u. Plz watch over jordan and I. Till I c u again. Love Brandy

Brandy Harper - October 25, 2017 at 06:50 PM

BA

“ My heart is broken for u all! Rick will b missed by so many..love n prayers to u all...Rebetcha Harper❤️

Becca ashley - October 25, 2017 at 06:38 PM

TE

“ I met Ricky when he was just a baby. Our parents were great friends and our families often got together with other friends for holidays and special occasions. He was a lot of fun to kid around with. I know he and my mother are joking with each other now. She looked forward to visiting the furniture store and seeing him and his parents, Doris and Billy. Thanks for your service, Ricky. May God bless all of the family.

Tom and Deb Ellsworth

Tom Ellsworth - October 25, 2017 at 10:00 AM

GF

“ My sister and I were good friends with Lisa and Judy. There were 2 younger (Douglas and Susan) and 2 older (Don and Rick). I admired him so much for his service in Vietnam. He was such a great partner to his dad at the Furniture store, which is how I will always remember him. Such a terrible loss.

Gabe Forsberg - October 24, 2017 at 07:13 PM