



## John R. Harris

August 30, 1935 - July 17, 2015

John R. "Ron" Harris passed away at his home in Anderson on July 17, 2015, following a long and courageous battle with lung disease.

A loyal Anderson native, Ron was born August 30, 1935, the son of John Samuel and Estella

Mae Boerner Harris. He graduated from Anderson High School in 1953 and the Anderson

Apprentice School in 1957. He began his career at Delco Remy in 1953, working in the

mailroom before entering the apprentice program in the engineering department's blueprint

section, followed by an assignment in automotive switch design. In 1977 he was transferred

into the engineering switch group as a resident product engineer. He retired in 1990 after 36.6

years of service. He later worked for Rapid Design Services for seven years.

For 24 years, he

worked with his father in his income tax preparation business.

He is survived by his wife of 28 years, Ruth Ann, and was a loving, dependable, helpful, and

encouraging father, grandfather, and friend to their blended family. Children: John Bradley

(Barbara) Harris, Anderson; Susan (Andrew) Johnson, Bedford; Curt (Rose) Harris, Noblesville; Brenda (Randall) Eick, Noblesville; Jane (Colin) Casey, Fort Wayne; and Todd (Kimberlee) Caston, Indianapolis. Grandchildren: John Michael (Libby) Harris, Jacob Harris, Bethany (Evan) Meyer, Christopher Johnson, Patrick (Emma) Casey, Matthew (Jessi) Harris, Jonathan (Maggie) Casey, Andrew Casey, Kathryn Caston, Abigail Caston, Samuel Eick, Joshua Eick, and Rebekah Caston. Great Grandchildren: Helen Meyer and John Ronald Meyer. He is also survived by three step-grandchildren, Heather (Brad) McClain, Roger Carlisle, and Joanne (Tony) Grossi; five step-great-grandchildren, Preston Fox, Karsen McClain, Kennedi McClain, Brittnay Mormontoy, Kristin Carlisle, and Colton Carlisle; one step-great-great-grandchild, Chloe Mormontoy; brother-in-law David (Ingrid) Beery; sisters-in-law Dorene (Larry) Rodocker; and Susan (Robert) Stewart.

Ron attended Southdale Church of the Nazarene in Anderson and South Side Christian Church, Sarasota, Florida. In recent years he served as President of the Buckingham Court Condominium Association.

Calling hours will be from 5:00 to 8:00 Friday evening, July 24, at the Robert D. Loose Funeral

Home, 200 West 53rd Street, Anderson, and one hour before the funeral which be held at 11:00

Saturday morning at Southdale Church of the Nazarene, 530 West 53rd

Street, Anderson, officiated  
by Rev. Brad Buhro.

Burial will take place in the Anderson Memorial Park Cemetery, Anderson, IN.  
Memorial contributions may be made to Southdale Church of the Nazarene or  
South Side  
Christian Church.

The family wishes to express appreciation to SouthernCare Hospice, and  
especially to Sandi

Duggan, Ron's compassionate and capable case manager and nurse.

Ron wanted to admonish any and all who smoke, who might read his obituary,  
to please stop,

and to those who don't, to never start. He estimated that he smoked  
approximately 625,000

cigarettes from 1953 to 1996, undoubtedly the major cause of his ongoing  
battle with COPD and

his deadly lung cancer. "A physical in 1970 indicated I had emphysema,  
almost assuredly

caused by my smoking - according to the doctor - and I did nothing until I quit  
smoking in 1996,

which was then 26 years too late."

# Cemetery Details

## Memorial Park Cemetery

Anderson, IN 46013

# Previous Events

## Visitation

JUL 24. 5:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Loose Funeral Homes & Crematory  
200 W 53rd St  
Anderson, IN 46013  
(765) 649-5255  
info@loosecares.com

## Service

JUL 25. 11:00 AM (ET)

Southdale Church of the Nazarene  
530 W. 53rd Street  
Anderson, IN 46013

# Tribute Wall



“ *Loose Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of John R. Harris*



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**Loose Funeral Home** - July 22, 2015 at 09:40 AM

FH

“ *We had the pleasure of knowing Ron and Ruth Ann in Sarasota. Wonderful dinners together, followed by ice cream at Kilwin's on St Armand's Circle !!! We could set our clocks to 3 pm; the time Ron and Ruth Ann would come to the pool in Village Brooke; always with the ever popular red plastic cup. He always began his special joke, with a "eh eh", grinning and continue on with the joke, while RA said, oh no, Ron, not that one !! He was very special to our granddaughters; Abigail especially asking if the man who told the story of the little man was here. Frank and I are honored to have known Ron for the several years we shared in Florida, and felt like we had been friends forever. We will miss his emails, and weather reports, but most of all, we will miss him, and the honorable man he was. Our deepest sympathy to Ruth Ann and his family. He is at peace and we will meet again.....Love, .Frank and Judy Hicks*

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**Frank and Judy Hicks** - July 24, 2015 at 02:49 PM

RH

*Dear Judy,  
Thank you for your beautiful tribute to Ron. We were very happy to have come to know you, Frank and your family, and enjoyed our times with you so much.  
Love to both of you,  
Ruth Ann*

**Ruth Ann Harris** - August 31, 2015 at 12:54 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of John R. Harris.*



July 24, 2015 at 10:54 AM



“ *Love's Journey was purchased for the family of John R. Harris.*



July 23, 2015 at 04:57 PM

DT

“ *Dave and Beth Tharp purchased the Gracious Lavender Basket for the family of John R. Harris.*



**Dave and Beth Tharp** - July 23, 2015 at 10:10 AM

TF

“ *The Boudrot, Cherba, Kennedy and Gourley Families purchased the Secret Garden Basket for the family of John R. Harris.*



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**The Boudrot, Cherba, Kennedy and Gourley Families** - July 22, 2015 at 10:31 PM

JF

“ *Jim Martin and Family purchased the Arrive in Style for the family of John R. Harris.*



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**Jim Martin and Family** - July 22, 2015 at 01:48 PM



“ *Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of John R. Harris.*



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July 22, 2015 at 01:44 PM



“ 53 files added to the album *Life Tributes*



**Loose Funeral Home** - July 22, 2015 at 09:28 AM



“ *Beautiful in Blue* was purchased for the family of *John R. Harris*.



July 21, 2015 at 04:30 PM



“ *Audra, Lisa, Lisa, Kris, Terri, and Tracy (CHA Rev Cycle)* purchased the *Basket Full of Wishes* for the family of *John R. Harris*.



**Audra, Lisa, Lisa, Kris, Terri, and Tracy (CHA Rev Cycle)** -  
July 21, 2015 at 03:55 PM

GC

“ Greg and Lisa Couch purchased the Living Life Memorial Framed Art for the family of John R. Harris.



Greg and Lisa Couch - July 20, 2015 at 09:39 PM



“ Cherished Memories was purchased for the family of John R. Harris.



July 20, 2015 at 01:49 PM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of John R. Harris.



July 20, 2015 at 08:25 AM

JW

“ We have such fond memories of Ron from our yrs at St Mark Lutheran Church. He was always there to lend a hand and that ornery smile =~). I know he will be greatly missed by his loving wife dear sweet Ruth Ann and their families but knowing he is comfortable at the right hand of GOD has to give them some comfort! We will continue to keep all in our thoughts and prayers for the months to come....Love and HUGS to all! The Wihebrink family!

Judy Wihebrink - July 19, 2015 at 12:38 PM

DM

“ We enjoyed our time with Ron and RuthAnn when spending time as "Joint Grandparents" to Samuel and Joshua! Ron's love of his family was very evident in his lovingly teasing and comments to the boys! And you could see that love was returned to him by their truly enjoying his attention to them. We know he will be missed by so many. Thank you for so many wonderful memories Ron.  
*Dave and Linda Martin, Rockton Il.*

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**Dave and Linda Martin** - July 18, 2015 at 01:02 PM