



Harley J. Houck

February 6, 1953 - May 6, 2023

Harley J. Houck of Kearney, NE passed away on May 6, 2023 at Kearney Regional Hospital. He was born on February 6, 1953 in West Branch, MI to his parents Edward and Geraldine Houck. Harley was the youngest of his siblings Marcia, Carolyn, and Larry.

Harley moved to Nebraska at the young age of 16. He followed his friend and mentor in Christ, Larry Smith, to pursue a life in ministry. He brought his love of Michigan with him and planted hundreds of trees to be enjoyed by all generations to follow.

In Nebraska he met Carol Swallow and they were married on June 3rd, 1972. To this union, sons Chad and Scott were born. Harley and Carol enjoyed 22 years of marriage before she went to be with the Lord.

After years of healing and courtship Harley married Arla Chamberlin on June 24th, 2000. To this union, came daughters Ashley and Tara.

Harley was a loving Husband, Father, and Grandpa to 12 grandchildren. They were the greatest joys of his life. Harley was a private and quiet man, who was devoted to living his life for the Lord and doing his best to love like Christ. He loved to care for his family, his home, and his yard. He also liked donkeys.

He leaves on this earth his loving wife Arla Houck, sons Chad Houck of Potterville, MI and Scott (Amy) Houck of Omaha, NE. Daughters Ashley (Christopher) Jarmin of Gibbon, NE and Tara (Mason) Lammers of Kearney, NE. His grandchildren Wyatt and Brody Houck; Chase, Shayli and Rheese Houck; Kacie, Elias, Lilly and Delilah Jarmin; Tripp, Cohen and Tuffton Lammers.

A private family service will be held at Salem Cemetery near Axtell, NE. The family suggests that in lieu of flowers you plant a tree in his honor and pet a donkey.

Tribute Wall

LF

“ Harley was an old friend. We went to school together at Rock Lake in Vestaburg, Michigan. His brother, Larry is more my age. We have lots of fun memories "growing up" there. Harley was later one of the ushers in my wedding in 1969. We moved to Kansas City when we got married and would drive up to Kearney, NE, to visit with Harley and Carol and the boys every once in a while. Later we moved to Pennsylvania and just kept contact by Christmas cards and more recently facebook. We are so sorry for your loss, Arla and family. Harley is remembered fondly.

Laura Fellencer - May 16, 2023 at 03:37 PM

HC

“ My deepest sympathy Arla.

Holly Cool - May 11, 2023 at 01:00 PM

KH

“ Harley was a kind, thoughtful, gentleman who lived a life of integrity and high character as a follower of Christ. He loved and was loyal to his family and to his friends, and we count it a privilege to have known him. We will certainly miss him. We express our deepest sympathy, love, and prayers to Arla and her children, and to Chad and Scott and their families. May God be near to you as you celebrate Harley's life. -- Donna Harvey-Peck and Richard Peck, Kevin and Jayme Harvey, Cyndi and Jim Hutslar, Jeff and Chris Harvey, Mike and Janine Harvey, and all of our families.

Kevin G Harvey - May 10, 2023 at 09:16 PM



“ *Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Harley J. Houck.*



May 10, 2023 at 07:27 PM



“ *Harley was a kind soul, I will miss our long talks about Christ, family, work, and mini donkeys.*

ken martin jr - May 10, 2023 at 05:58 AM



“ *Harley was a childhood friend whom I greatly admired as I observed his life over the years. Lots of good memories. I will plant a tree in his memory and will pet a donkey the next time I find one.*

Patsy Bartholomew Hardin - May 09, 2023 at 07:45 PM



“ *I've gotten to know Harley over the many years working together at FNBO. I've always appreciated the attention that he afforded me. Harley acted to serve on the FNBO Corp. Safety Committee for over 15 years, representing the many occupants of several western NE. locations as well as the facilities they worked out of. I don't remember him missing many meetings, emphasizing to me his care for the employees and properties he was charged with. I wish I had an army of Harleys to support me in my endeavors, a truly superior man indeed.*

*Matt Calbreath
FNBO Corp. Safety*

Matthew Calbreath - May 09, 2023 at 11:15 AM

DN

“ May God comfort the Houck’s today and all the days to come. I had the pleasure of working with Harley for years at First National Bank. He was so kind, friendly and cared for all us that he worked with. He had a hidden sense of humor, and loved to play jokes on a couple co-workers. He loved to tell stories of his grand children and children. Harley will be missed, but he is rejoicing with the Lord. Rest in Peace.

Denise Neill - May 09, 2023 at 10:40 AM

LJ

“ Linda Johnson lit a candle in memory of Harley Houck



Linda Catlin Johnson - May 09, 2023 at 08:44 AM

GK

“ Harley and I went to college together, we have many wonderful memories together as well as sharing two of the greatest grandsons ever. He was a true gentleman, quiet, unobtrusive and always doing what he should be doing. He and I have shared moments of intense grief and great joy. I love you Harley and save my seat!

George Kelley - May 08, 2023 at 11:19 PM

GK

“ I went to college with Harley and share grandson’s with him He was a gentleman in every way. It was a privilege to know him and the shock of his passing is intense. I love you Harley and will join you in Glory.

George Kelley - May 08, 2023 at 10:41 PM