



## Clarence Harms

May 4, 1938 - March 7, 2011

Clarence G. Harms, former resident of Arbor Vitae, Wisconsin, age 72, passed away Monday, March 7, 2011 in Peoria, AZ.

Clarence was born May 4, 1938, in Bloomington, IL, the son of late George and Minnie Harms. He was the youngest of 4 children.

Clarence could accomplish anything he set his mind to and was able to succeed at many things. When he was growing up he enjoyed helping his Mom and Dad on the farm, going fishing/hunting and playing basketball. He was a successful basketball player for Benson High School. After graduating in 1956, he was married and worked as a farmer in Benson, IL. At that same time he owned and operated an anhydrous business. In 1974, he moved to Arbor Vitae, WI and was the owner and operator of Little Arbor Vitae Resort. His resort business was a huge success because of his determination, hard work and his wonderful personality. He made friendships that lasted a lifetime! In 1990, he moved to Peoria, AZ and worked as a General Manager for a block plant. He was a salesman for the block plant and travelled all over the United States. He retired in Arizona, but spent many memorable summers in WI with his family. Clarence was loved by everyone who knew him! He was so fun to be with and always put everyone else's needs before his own. His kids could always count on him. He spent time with his grandkids, taking them fishing, playing cards and going to any activity they might have going on. He enjoyed outdoor grilling, fishing, hunting, camping, cooking, baking, being a jokester and most of all spending time with family and friends. He will be sadly

missed by everyone who knew him! He is preceded in death by George Harms (father), Minnie Harms (mother), and two brothers, Vernon Harms and Robert Harms. He is survived by his daughter and son-in-law, Kay and Jerry Bettin of Woodruff, WI; daughter, Kimberley Harms of Mosinee, WI, son and daughter-in-law, Scott and Tammy Harms, currently missionaries in Papua New Guinea, daughter and son-in-law, Karen and Joe Woodie of Eau Claire, WI and daughter and son-in-law, Karma and Todd Zimmerman of Osseo, WI.; 12 grandchildren, Becky and Brad Bettin, Holly and Jenni Kukuczka, Matthew, Savannah and Emilie Harms, Tyler, Jacob and Ashlee Woodie, Karah and Megan Zimmerman and one sister Marjorie Durre.

Visitation will be from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. Friday, March 18 at Bolger Funeral Home - Woodruff Chapel, 1212 First Avenue, Woodruff, WI. The funeral service will be held at Peace Lutheran Church, 10868 Old Hwy 51 N, Arbor Vitae, at 11:00am Saturday, March 19, with visitation held one hour prior at the church. Burial will be in Forest Garden Cemetery, Woodruff WI. Luncheon will follow at the Peace Lutheran Church.

# Tribute Wall

RS

“ Our crew had a lot of fun with your dad. He was a joker and a great guy. We'll miss him. Respectfully, Squirell Lake Boys. Hammer,Rabbi.Jerry, Brian. Joe Garvens. Glenn and the rest of the crew. P.S. ( Kay. Thanks for putting up with us ).....

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**Rick Schellhammer** - June 13, 2019 at 12:39 AM

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**Kimberley J Harms** - May 20, 2016 at 12:31 PM

TJ

“ I have great memories of times as a youngster and into the teenage years vacationing at a cottage on little Arbor Vitae Lake. My family and I rented a cabin on the lakeshore from a party in Sheboygan WI. I was always an early riser, while the rest slept in. I would mosey down to (I think it was clar &nans?) resort and boat livery and got to know Clarence! I was a great fan of Mercury motors and Clarence would always pick on me for that. All in great fun!! There should be more like Clarence in this world!! This was back in the 70's to about 1981 when my folks and I vacationed there. The only two of his children I met were Kim and Karma--Thank you all for awesome memories! I am sorry that it took this long to send condolences-- CLARENCE LIVES ON IN ALL OF US -HE MADE A DIFFERENCE!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!! I hope that some reads this.

*With sincerity and love for you folks  
Toby Johnson*

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**Toby Johnson** - December 16, 2015 at 03:04 PM

JF

“ Kay, Jerry and Family,

*We are so very sorry for your loss. Your memories will always be in your hearts.*

*Your Dad will be remembered as friendly and fun loving. He was easy to talk with and always had a smile.*

*Love,  
Uncle John and Aunt Eleanor*

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**John & Eleanor Freudigmann** - March 22, 2013 at 11:53 AM

TH

“ We will all miss Clarence. From the day I met him at Aqualand in Woodruff to his days at the bar he was always a prankster. He made us all laugh with his humor and practice jokes. It was great to see him last summer at the classic sled roundup. We lost a great dad, grampa and friend.

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**Tom Handrick** - March 22, 2013 at 11:53 AM

DB

“ Our thoughts and prayers are with you at your time of loss. I think I am right to remember Clarence was my bus driver in grade school when I was around 6-8 years old. We all thought he was the best driver and always let us listen to his "FogHat" 8-track in the bus.

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**Dale and Lori Blank** - March 22, 2013 at 11:53 AM

JH

“ I am so sorry to hear this. Please take care....my thoughts and prayers are with you and your family.

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**judi henry** - March 22, 2013 at 11:53 AM

CP

“ My thoughts and prayers to all the family. Clarence will be truly missed.

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**CJ Patetta** - March 22, 2013 at 11:53 AM

SW

“ I waited on Mr. Harms many times, and always enjoyed seeing him. He is missed.

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**Sharon Williams** - March 22, 2013 at 11:53 AM

KZ

“ I miss you DAD more than anyone could ever understand! I wish our last days together could have been more enjoyable, but who knew that they were going to be the last! My heart aches so much to have you back with us! There is never ever a day or moment that goes by that I am not thinking about you! Please forgive me for that horrible day, of March 7th! I WILL NEVER EVER FORGET YOU AND YOUR MEMORY WILL LIVE ON THREW ALL OF US! Megan and Karah tell me every night as we say our prayers how much THEY MISS YOU! YOU WERE THE BEST DAD IN THE WORLD!! THANK YOU FOR ALL THE WONDERFUL MEMORIES!!

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**Karma Zimmerman** - March 22, 2013 at 11:53 AM