



## Dave A. Harris

May 3, 1930 - December 17, 2019

Dave Harris of Willcox passed away on December 17, 2019 at the age of 89. He was born in Rankin, Texas on May 3, 1930 to Hiram Leroy Harris and Laura Luella (Custer) Harris. Dave came to Willcox in 1941 as a young teenager; graduated from Willcox High School in 1947 and graduated from the University of Arizona in 1951 with a degree in Animal Husbandry. In the late 1940's Dave learned the game of Softball, and became one of the best and well known pitchers in Arizona, in March of 2000 he was inducted into the Arizona Softball Hall of Fame. Dave played, coached and organized the softball program that exist today in Willcox. He served proudly in the United States Marine Corp during the Korean War , honorably discharge in 1951 with rank of Sergeant. In 1953 his dad Butch Harris built the Willcox Packing House and Dave has owned and operated it ever since. Dave always had a dream that someday he would own a ranch, and in 1977 he bought his own ranch from Wally Harper. In 1999 he was named Conservation Rancher of the Year and in 2000 he was inducted into the Willcox Cowboy Hall of Fame. He was very community minded and served on numerous boards to include the school board and was always promoting sports and recreational programs in the community. In 1953 in Willcox he married Earlene Byrd who survives him. He is also survived by his sons; Scott (Jeanne), Kirk ( Lisa), Tray and Hoak along with 9 grandchildren, and 12 great grandchildren. Preceding him in death were his parents, a brother Lee Harris and his sister Shirley Taylor. Funeral Services will be 11:00 a.m. on Saturday, January 4, 2020 at the Willcox High

School Auditorium with burial to follow in Sunset Cemetery. Military honors will be conducted by the United States Marine Corp. You may express condolences at [www.westlawnchapelmortuary.com](http://www.westlawnchapelmortuary.com) Services entrusted to Westlawn Chapel, Mortuary and Crematory of Willcox, Arizona.

# Cemetery Details

## Sunset Cemetery

N. Sunset Strip Road  
Willcox, AZ 85643

# Previous Events

## Funeral

JAN 4. 11:00 AM (MT)

Willcox High School Auditorium  
450 N. Bisbee Ave  
Willcox, AZ 85643

# Tribute Wall



“ *Dave A. Harris*

January 30, 2023 at 12:50 AM



“ *I recently heard about David's passing. I lived in Willcox through my high school yrs. and knew his son Hoak. I had a few occasions to talk with Mr. Harris and remember them as friendly conversations. Seems to my memory that he treated everyone with respect. A trait carried forward by his sons.belated Condolences to the Harris family.*

**Ericch Seitz** - November 06, 2021 at 11:18 PM



“ *Kim Carter lit a candle in memory of Dave A. Harris*



**Kim Carter** - January 08, 2020 at 11:08 PM



“ *We will not think of Dave without thinking of baseball.....awesome man and Scott I am so sorry for your loss. Sympathy to all family but Scott you were such a good friend to me in high school. Cherish the memories, you are all in our prayers.*



*Bill and Bonnie Diehl*

**bonnie diehl** - January 04, 2020 at 09:38 AM

TF

“ *The Bowlby Families purchased the Florist Choice Bouquet for the family of Dave A. Harris.*



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**The Bowlby Families** - January 02, 2020 at 04:53 PM



“ *European Sympathy Dish Garden was purchased for the family of Dave A. Harris.*



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January 02, 2020 at 12:11 PM

EM

“ *Ellen Morris lit a candle in memory of Dave A. Harris*



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**Ellen Morris** - January 01, 2020 at 03:43 AM

RP

“ *Dave and family were one that came along once in a life time. Dave will be missed. Our prayers are with Dave and his family. God Bless you and your family. Ric Perry and family*

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**Ric Perry** - December 30, 2019 at 02:19 PM



“ *Eternal Peace Casket Spray was purchased for the family of Dave A. Harris.*



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December 29, 2019 at 02:51 PM



“ *Our thoughts and prayers go out to the Harris Family. Dave was a good man, he gave our son his very first job putting boxes together at the packing plant. Dave will be missed by many.*



*John and Margarita Bacorn*

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**John** - December 27, 2019 at 01:27 PM



“ *Your family is in our thoughts and prayers, so sorry for your loss. Such a good man, he will be missed. Rey Jr and Jonnie Belle Martinez*

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**jonnie martinez** - December 22, 2019 at 11:18 PM



“ *Carol Dunlap lit a candle in memory of Dave A. Harris*



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**carol dunlap** - December 22, 2019 at 11:07 PM

MY

“ *Our thoughts and prayers are with the Harris family. They were role models for many. Dave's; sister Shirley Jo was Maid of Honor at our wedding and Dave's son Trey was best man for our son's wedding. .*

Mildred and Roy Young - December 22, 2019 at 10:29 AM

HL

“ *Henrietta Lackner lit a candle in memory of Dave A. Harris*



Henrietta Lackner - December 21, 2019 at 12:36 AM

MS

“ *1 file added to the album Memories Album*



Mr. Jon H. Starnes - December 20, 2019 at 11:48 AM

PT

“ *Paige Travis lit a candle in memory of Dave A. Harris*



Paige Travis - December 20, 2019 at 11:43 AM



“ Peace, Prayers & Blessings - Blue and White was purchased for the family of Dave A. Harris.



December 20, 2019 at 01:55 AM



“ Kevin Schmelzla lit a candle in memory of Dave A. Harris



Kevin Schmelzla - December 19, 2019 at 03:19 PM



“ Lawrence & Angela Rodriguez sent a virtual gift in memory of Dave A. Harris



Lawrence & Angela Rodriguez - December 19, 2019 at 01:08 PM



“ Annie Torres sent a virtual gift in memory of Dave A. Harris



Annie Torres - December 19, 2019 at 01:06 PM

CE

“ *Such a great loss to all who knew and loved him. He will be greatly missed. Our love to his family.*

*Dick and Cody Eastman*



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**Cody Eastman** - December 19, 2019 at 10:30 AM

JR

“ *So sorry to hear of Dave's passing. He was as good a coach as I ever had in Softball. But more importantly he was a genuine and caring man who passed those qualities on to his family and his community. Willcox and Arizona will miss him, but we were all better for knowing him. My condolences to the entire Harris family.*

*John Rist*

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**John Rist** - December 19, 2019 at 09:50 AM

RB

“ *So sorry for your loss, your family is in our thoughts and prayers. He was a wonderful man.*



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**Rebecca Burrigh** - December 19, 2019 at 09:44 AM

GW

“ *Deepest condolences to the Harris family. A great man, rest in peace.*



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**Gloria and Bill wood** - December 19, 2019 at 06:50 AM

JF

“ *May he rest in Peace.*



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**Joe and Delia Franco** - December 18, 2019 at 11:43 PM

AN

“ *Our condolences to the Harris family. Our prayers to all. RIP Mr. Harris.* ❤️🙏

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**Anselmo** - December 18, 2019 at 08:28 PM

AT

“ *Anselmo & Bertha Torres lit a candle in memory of Dave A. Harris*



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**Anselmo & Bertha Torres** - December 18, 2019 at 08:25 PM

EL

“ I give my great condolences to the Harris family! Dave was a wonderful man! He was an excellent coach! ❤️ I will keep you all in my prayers.

*Elizabeth Coffman (Valdez) and family*

elizabeth - December 18, 2019 at 07:10 PM

KG

“ Keith Kim Grant sent a virtual gift in memory of Dave A. Harris



Keith Kim Grant - December 18, 2019 at 06:41 PM

KG

“ Our condolences to the Harris family Dave will be missed very much! The Grant family



Keith Kim Grant - December 18, 2019 at 06:38 PM

RB

“ Condolences to the Harris Family. Never have we known such a kind man. He will surely be missed by all. Prayers and Hugs to all the family.



Rita N Tommy Bedolla - December 18, 2019 at 05:19 PM

RB

“ Rita N Tommy Bedolla sent a virtual gift in memory of Dave A. Harris



Rita N Tommy Bedolla - December 18, 2019 at 05:12 PM

RM

“ Willcox and Arizona lost a great man in Dave Harris. my condolences to the family. he will be greatly missed.

Robin Morrow - December 18, 2019 at 04:22 PM

CC

“ My family has known Dave for many years, my brother Ronnie worked at the Packing House for Butch and Dave for a long time. Willcox lost a fine man, he will be missed by many. My deepest sympathy to the family, your in my prayers.  
Carol Case



Carol Case - December 18, 2019 at 03:55 PM

FP

“ QDEP El Sr. Harris y bendiciones para la familia Harris. Que nunca olvides su voz y lo tendras muy cerca. Abrazos a todos en este momento triste.

Fernando Peralta - December 18, 2019 at 02:53 PM

SY

“ My sincere condolences to the entire Harris family.

Sandy Yungewaelter - December 18, 2019 at 02:32 PM

IM

“ *My heart goes out to the family. I'm sorry for your loss.*

**Irene Medina** - December 18, 2019 at 02:08 PM

WF

“ *We are so sorry for the loss of such a great man. He will be missed by all that knew him. Condolences to the family and you will all be in our prayers.*



**Wortman Family** - December 18, 2019 at 01:41 PM

MS

“ *Mark And Linda Shearer lit a candle in memory of Dave A. Harris*



**Mark and Linda Shearer** - December 18, 2019 at 11:41 AM

FG

“ *Our deepest condolences to the family. He was a great man. We were blessed to have him in our lives.*



**Frank and Susie Gonzales** - December 18, 2019 at 11:40 AM

SV

“ *Sandy Vindiola lit a candle in memory of Dave A. Harris*



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**Sandy Vindiola** - December 18, 2019 at 11:28 AM

LB

“ *To the entire Harris family from my family we loved and will greatly miss Dave! He was a person of greatness! He could easily carry the title Mr. Willcox because he was known and respected as a great man from Willcox! Dave — my neighbor and dear friend, you leave a legend and a family carrying on the most respected, admirable Harris Family values! Rest In Peace with Butch, Laura, Shirley, Lee and our Savior!*



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**LaDonna Burgess** - December 18, 2019 at 11:19 AM

WR

“ *Condolences to all the Harris family, Dave will be missed!*

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**Wear Ranch** - December 18, 2019 at 10:50 AM



“ *Papa Harris will be missed. He was a huge part of Cowgirl Softball always had high expectations out of all us girls.*



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**Jamie Hedges** - December 18, 2019 at 10:49 AM

JS

“ *May you find comfort in your time of need. So sorry for your loss.  
J.D., Patricia & Becci Stevenson*

J.D., Patricia and Becci Stevenson - December 18, 2019 at 10:42 AM

JL

“ *Our deepest sympathy to each & every one of  
you. Sending our thoughts, prayers & love to  
your family.  
Julie & Savannah Laurence*



Julie & Savannah Laurence - December 18, 2019 at 10:35 AM

LC

“ *So sorry to hear of his passing, a wonderful gentleman, always  
enjoyed visiting with him during the ostrich days. He will be greatly  
missed. Linda Cleveland*

Linda Cleveland - December 18, 2019 at 10:21 AM

SD

“ *I had not been to Willcox in 25 years and went in the packing plant  
to get some meet. Dave looked at me and said.. I would recognize  
those eyes anywhere! Your eyes look like your aunt Carols. He was  
right! Funny how he remembered families. He was an honorable  
man. A pillar of our community for eons. They don't make um like  
that anymore! Gods speed to a great man! Praying for your family*

Sherry Darg - December 18, 2019 at 10:18 AM

TF

“ *The Hardy Family sent a virtual gift in memory of Dave A. Harris*



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**The Hardy Family** - December 18, 2019 at 10:14 AM

JA

“ *John And Susan Arbuthnot lit a candle in memory of Dave A. Harris*



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**John and Susan Arbuthnot** - December 18, 2019 at 10:02 AM

ES

“ *Edna Wien Scott lit a candle in memory of Dave A. Harris*



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**Edna Wien Scott** - December 18, 2019 at 09:59 AM

SS

“ *Sherrie Sohl lit a candle in memory of Dave A. Harris*



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**Sherrie Sohl** - December 18, 2019 at 09:41 AM

LT

“ Our condolences to all the families.  
Joe and Linda Torres



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**Linda and Joe Torres** - December 18, 2019 at 09:33 AM

NC

“ A special guy! In 1956 my mother went to the packing house to get some "cheap" meat. Dave tried his best to sell her "prime " beef for a higher price. Told her it was "better" beef! Mother wasted no words telling him that there was no sorry meat, only sorry cooks! And Dave remembered that all these years! Some good memories!!!  
Condolences to the family!



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**Nick & Lynn Cleckler** - December 18, 2019 at 09:32 AM

KS

“ My very deepest sympathy to the family! Dave was a great man and will be missed! Willcox has lost an icon!

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**Kim Burleson Sholl** - December 18, 2019 at 09:26 AM

KK

“ Dave Harris was one of the finest men we have ever known. He was a great friend to my late husband Terry Preas and I, and then my Tommy and he became very good friends. Dave and Earlene raised fine boys. Dave was loved by so many, we were among those . There will never be another like Dave and he will be missed by us all.

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**Kittie Koukalik** - December 18, 2019 at 09:13 AM

DD

“ Donny & Esther Doss lit a candle in memory of Dave A. Harris



Donny & Esther Doss - December 18, 2019 at 08:41 AM

LS

“ Lucille And Mike Seney lit a candle in memory of Dave A. Harris



lucille and mike seney - December 18, 2019 at 04:03 AM

MV

“ Michael R Valenzuela lit a candle in memory of Dave A. Harris



Michael R Valenzuela - December 18, 2019 at 01:39 AM

EV

“ Erlinda Valenzuela lit a candle in memory of Dave A. Harris



Erlinda Valenzuela - December 18, 2019 at 01:38 AM

GM

“ Gus & Rita Morales sent a virtual gift in memory of Dave A. Harris



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**Gus & Rita Morales** - December 18, 2019 at 12:16 AM

CB

“ Our sincere sympathy and prayers for all the family.

*Marty & Cheryl Bowlby*

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**Cheryl Bowlby** - December 18, 2019 at 12:01 AM

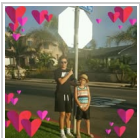
HC

“ HC lit a candle in memory of Dave A. Harris



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**HC** - December 17, 2019 at 10:28 PM



“ Betsy Ajeman lit a candle in memory of Dave A. Harris



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**Betsy Ajeman** - December 17, 2019 at 10:27 PM

JS

“ *John D Sanchez lit a candle in memory of  
Dave A. Harris*



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**John D Sanchez** - December 17, 2019 at 09:51 PM

NF

“ *What a amazing guy. You will be miss.  
Prayers to the family. Noel & Arlene Forsyth*



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**Noel & Arlene Forsyth** - December 17, 2019 at 09:13 PM

MW

“ *Prayers and condolences to the family. He was a good man.*

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**Mary Womack** - December 17, 2019 at 09:10 PM

JJ

“ *All of our deepest heart felt sympathies in your loss. Jim and Kathy  
Cook*

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**James B Cook II** - December 17, 2019 at 08:39 PM