



William "Bill" W. Harper

July 23, 1935 - September 8, 2025

William "Bill" Harper of Willcox passed away Monday afternoon, September 8, 2025, in Tucson at the age of 90. He was born on July 23, 1935, in Terre Haute, Indiana to Thomas Wilbert Harper and Wilma Bates. Bill was drafted into the United States Army on July 15, 1957, and was in the 101st Paratroopers a part of the 501 Airborne Battle Infantry stationed at Fort Campbell, Kentucky. Bill moved to Willcox in 1960 where he met and married Aurora Bedolla on August 2, 1961. Some of Bill's jobs include working for the Arizona Highway Department in the construction of Interstate 10 through the Willcox area, working for Sundt Construction in Tucson and also for the Horizon Corporation building homes in Sunsites, Arizona and El Paso, Texas. Bill would start his own carpentry business and when the economy went down, he applied to the Department of Corrections at Fort Grant and worked there until his retirement in 1997. He is survived by his wife Aurora, his daughter Judith Aurora (James) Hedgcock and his son William Paul Harper and grandchildren Isabella Harper and Jackson Harper. Bill is also survived by his siblings Jackie Foster and Judy (Herb) Robison along with his nephew Jack Foster and niece Missy Foster. Preceding him in death was his parents, a brother Thomas, and nephews Jamie Robison and Joe Foster. Memorial services with Military Honors will be held at 11:00 am on Saturday, September 20, 2025, at Westlawn Chapel. Private burial of his cremains will be at Sunset Cemetery.

Cemetery Details

Sunset Cemetery

N. Sunset Strip Road
Willcox, AZ 85643

Previous Events

Memorial service

SEP 20. 11:00 AM (MT)

Westlawn Chapel & Mortuary Inc.
105 S Arizona Avenue
Willcox, AZ 85643
(520) 384-2413
westwx@vtc.net
<https://www.westlawnchapelmortuary.com>

Tribute Wall

CW

“ Bill was a great friend, father in law and brother in the Lord. I miss him.

Charles Wadsworth - September 20, 2025 at 12:22 AM

AF

“ Albert Mendez Family purchased the Arrive in Style for the family of William "Bill" W. Harper.



Albert Mendez Family - September 19, 2025 at 03:09 PM

TA

“ Great memories with such a wonderful man. Thinking of Aurora, Judy and Paul at this difficult time. God bless you all.

Tina Anderson - September 15, 2025 at 04:58 PM

EH

“ Ellen Hedges lit a candle in memory of William "Bill" Harper



Ellen Hedges - September 15, 2025 at 10:27 AM

KL

“ *Kathy Leonard lit a candle in memory of William "Bill" Harper*



Kathy Leonard - September 14, 2025 at 08:36 PM

SA

“ *Susan Arbuthnot lit a candle in memory of William "Bill" Harper*



Susan Arbuthnot - September 14, 2025 at 07:17 PM

ES

“ *Edna Scott lit a candle in memory of William "Bill" Harper*



Edna Scott - September 13, 2025 at 11:50 AM

TB

“ *Tommy & Rita Bedolla lit a candle in memory of William "Bill" Harper*



Tommy & Rita Bedolla - September 12, 2025 at 10:05 PM

CB

“ *My sincere condolences and prayers for the family.*

Cheryl Bowlby - September 12, 2025 at 08:47 PM



“ *Betsy Ajeman lit a candle in memory of William "Bill" Harper*



Betsy Ajeman - September 11, 2025 at 11:27 PM

LW

“ *Lina Weaver lit a candle in memory of William "Bill" Harper*



Lina Weaver - September 11, 2025 at 03:51 PM

KH

“ *Karla Hansen lit a candle in memory of William "Bill" Harper*



Karla Hansen - September 10, 2025 at 07:55 PM

MT

“ *Mark & Carmen Teeters lit a candle in memory of William "Bill" Harper*



Mark & Carmen Teeters - September 10, 2025 at 03:04 PM

KT

“ *Kathy Thatcher lit a candle in memory of William "Bill" Harper*



Kathy Thatcher - September 10, 2025 at 02:44 PM



“ *Betsy Ajeman lit a candle in memory of William "Bill" Harper*



Betsy Ajeman - September 10, 2025 at 07:57 AM

JI

“ *All of our deepest heart felt sympathies in your loss*

Jim and Kathy Cook

James B Cook II - September 09, 2025 at 09:19 PM