



Robert Harris Jr.

June 25, 1954 - January 11, 2026

Robert Harris Jr., 71, of Cape Girardeau, Missouri died Sunday, January 11, 2026 at Mercy Hospital Southeast.

He was born June 25, 1954 in Canalou, Missouri to Robert and Bernice Crawford Harris.

Robert loved working for the kingdom of god. He was kind, compassionate, and loved people. Robert was a master gardener and used his passion to start a community garden and food pantry that he ran for 12 years. Robert had a servants heart and loved supporting his community, he served on the Tree Board, Parks and Recreation Board, and the Crosstrail Medical Board. He loved to sit by the river and watch the trains and was also well known for selling his watermelons all across town. Robert was a bus driver for the Cape Public School District and was cherished by everyone he came across.

Survivors include three brothers, Lee (Sarah) Crawford of Sikeston, Ronald G. (Juanita) Crawford of Memphis, Tennessee, and Henry Harris of Rockford, Illinois; two sisters, Birder (Fred Swan) Harris-Swan, and Debra (Larry) Harris of Cape Girardeau; as well as numerous cousins, nieces, nephews, great and great-great nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents; a daughter, Megan, who died at

birth; three sisters, Carolyn Harris-Long, Brenda Wren, and Bobby Bradley.

Friends may call 10:00 to 11:00 am on Saturday, January 24, 2026 at Ford & Sons Sprigg St. Chapel in Cape Girardeau.

Funeral Service will follow at 11:00 am Saturday, January 24, 2026 at Ford & Sons Sprigg St. Chapel in Cape Girardeau with the Rev. Howard McGee officiating.

Burial will be at New Morning Star Cemetery in Haywood City.

Memorial contributions may be given to Southside Farms.

Cemetery Details

New Morning Star Cemetery

Haywood City, MO

Previous Events

Visitation

JAN 24. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

Ford and Sons Sprigg St. Chapel
118 S. Sprigg St.
Cape Girardeau, MO 63703

Funeral Service

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Tribute Wall

RC

“ You were always a great person from the first time we met and until your savior wrapped his loving arms around you again, well done
JR

Rose Campbell - January 25 at 02:26 PM

JS

“ Robert was my school bus driver when I was in highschool a long time ago. I hated riding the bus but he was the nicest bus driver anyone could have asked for. I don't have a single negative memory of him. He put up with a lot from rambunctious teens and never lost his cool. The world was made better because he has been a part of it. My deepest condolences.

Julie Shirrell - January 23 at 08:42 PM

JW

“ Robert Harris Jr. was an exceptional individual. He truly cared about people. I knew his as a bus driver, but we talked about his many interests. I feel blessed to have known him. The community lost a great person. Prayers for the family.

Jim Watkins - January 23 at 05:59 PM

SR

I remember Mr. Robert harris jr. He was one of the nicest, kindest, people on earth I ever known. He was my school bus driver years ago. I was so shocked to hear about his passing. He will truly be missed. Prayers for the family of Robert Harris Jr.

Stephanie rollins - January 25 at 02:35 PM



“ Everyone should have a brother like you. You handled adversities with a smile, and your vision of the world was unclouded, you lived and let live, for 71 years I seen that smile and I miss it already little brother. Say hello to mom and our little sisters for me.

Gene Crawford - January 22 at 09:50 AM

RD

“ As principal at Franklin I had the pleasure of working with Robert for many years. I often rode on the bus with him He was the kindest man I have ever met. May God bless you and your family.

Rhonda Dunham - January 21 at 01:45 PM

BS

“ Condolences to the Harris family. We were neighbors for a long time. Junior was such a awesome, beautiful person inside and out he will be missed. ❤️🙏

Betty Smith - January 21 at 01:32 PM

YL

“ I rode Robert's bus back in the late nineties for the Cape Girardeau School District. He was always so sweet and caring and the staff and students all loved him. He was so proud when he became a master gardener and it was an honor to see his garden that he had worked so hard on. He will be missed and prayers to his family.

Yvonne Lossing - January 19 at 08:55 PM