



## Rusty H. Harris

April 2, 1948 - October 4, 2018

Rusty Henry Harris, 70, of Amherst, WI passed peacefully in the comfort of his own home surrounded by members of his family on October 4, 2018. He was born April 2, 1948 to Russell and Ruth (Dunaway) Harris in Beloit, WI.

He graduated from Colby High School in 1966 and enlisted with the United States Marine Corp. He was sent to Vietnam where he received a National Defense Service medal for his service and was honorably discharged in 1970 with the rank of Lance Corporal. He returned to Dorchester, WI and was an apprentice meat cutter. He worked at several area meat processing plants over the years and later in his career became a Wisconsin State Meat Inspector. After several years of state service, he left his employment and drove an 18 wheeler until he retired in 2001.

He loved the outdoors and enjoyed hunting, fishing and camping with his family. He enjoyed raising chickens, other varieties of poultry, pigeons, and rabbits. He was a sports fan and loved the Brewers and Packers. He was member of the US Jaycees where he received the Recruiter of the Year Award. He was active with the 4-H Association and judged poultry and small animals at many local fairs throughout Wisconsin. He also showed animals at local fairs and in 1992, he and his son Jon entered pigeons in the Wisconsin State Fair and won State Grand Champion.

He will be remembered most as a loving father, grandfather, son, brother, uncle, and husband. He is survived by his wife of 21 years Linda. His spirit will live on through his four daughters and son: Heather (Tairu) Harris-Fatty, Heidi (Kurt) Fischer, Erin Harris, Danielle Harris, and Jon (Kealy Barsema) Harris, grandchildren Garrett Kohl, Amelia and Madeline Fischer, and Eva and Silas Harris. He is also survived by his mother Ruth and his brothers Jim, Robert, and Jack, sisters Peggy and Jane and numerous nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his father Russell and brother-in-law Glen Goeltz. Visitation will be held on Wednesday, October 10, 2018 from 4-7 PM at Jungers-Holly Funeral Home in Amherst, WI where the funeral will also be held Thursday, October 11, 2018 at 10:00 A.M. Funeral services will be followed by a Military Burial Ceremony at the Wisconsin Veterans Home in King, WI with a luncheon to follow. In lieu of flowers, we encourage donations to your local veterans organizations.

A special thank you to the staff at TheDacare of Waupaca, Bethany Home of Waupaca,

and the wonderful RNs and CNAs of his in home hospice care group.

God grant me the serenity to accept the things I cannot change and the courage to change the things I can, and the wisdom to know the difference.

# Cemetery

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## Central Wisconsin Veterans Memorial Cemetery

N2665 County Road QQ  
King, WI, 54946

# Events

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**OCT 10 Visitation** 04:00PM - 07:00PM

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Jungers-Holly Funeral Home  
(Amherst)  
262 S. Main St, Amherst, WI, US,  
54406

**OCT 11 Funeral Service** 10:00AM

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# Comments

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“ Sharon Jensen only knew Rusty through him being married to my cousin, Linda, she always said that Rusty was her prince and how much she loved him. There are not to many ladies who say that. That is a good man. We will miss you Rusty. To family sorry for your loss. Sincerely Sharon

Sharon Jensen - October 11, 2018 at 04:58 AM

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“ So sorry to hear of Rusty's passing. Rusty and I shared a love for bantam chickens, I remember him sitting in his little shed/coop on River Street in Chippewa Falls just admiring them. I met Rusty through Danny Paff, the bird world has lost 2 great men now.

Karen Schulner - October 09, 2018 at 02:41 PM

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“ I didn't know Rusty well, as we had only met once or twice, but my memories of him are nice ones. I remembered he would often share his rabbit/pork blended sausage with us at Lost Acres, and I've eaten many of his hens' eggs. My love to all the Harris family at this time of loss.

William Beyer - October 05, 2018 at 07:03 PM

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“ I am so sad to hear of Rusty's passing. Having just moved back to the area, I was hoping to see him and speak with him, maybe even pick on him a little bit. That was the kind of relationship we had when I was young and naive. I feel so lucky to have known him and all of his children because they always made me laugh and I so much enjoyed being able to walk through the woods to visit their happy, loving home. Rusty would tell us stories about the war that were terrifying, but enlightening, because he didn't ever sugar coat it. He told us real things about the world and treated us like adults. He was always teasing us, keeping us on our toes, and making us giggle with fun-loving insults and jabs. What a great guy, I only wish it hadn't been so many years since I last saw him. My condolences to the lovely family he raised.

Brynn DeHay - October 05, 2018 at 05:05 PM