



Robert Dale Harriman

November 30, 1936 - December 31, 2025

Robert Dale Harriman passed from this life on December 31 in Huntsville, Arkansas. Robert was born on November 30, 1936, to Gordon Oren and Edith Opal (Spurlock) Harriman. He was preceded in death by his parents; his siblings, Leon (Juanita) Harriman, Roger Harriman, and Pat Bolinger; an infant daughter, Shelia Dawn Harriman; and a daughter-in-law, Murlene Harriman.

Robert is survived by his wife, Lela Watkins, whom he married on July 20, 1962. He is also survived by one sibling, Linda (Jerry) Counts; his brother-in-law, Dwain Bolinger; and sister-in-law, Pat Harriman. He leaves behind his sons, Gordon (Cara) and Michael Harriman; grandsons, Travis (McKenzie), Jacob (Haley), and Kevin (Shelby) Harriman; and great-grandchildren, Brenleigh, Canyon, Riverlynn, and Dally Jo Harriman.

Robert enjoyed the outdoors—specifically hunting, fishing, hunting for arrowheads and ginseng, gardening, and working. He also had a passion for coaching and playing softball. He loved sitting on the porch with Lela at the house they built, watching wildlife and enjoying sunsets together. Aside from his years of military service in Greenland and his apple-picking trips to Pateros, Washington, he spent his life in Japton, Arkansas.

Robert was deeply involved in the Japton community. He served as a board

member for Japton Park, the Japton Fire Department, and Groseclos Cemetery, and was a lifelong member of the Japton Church of Christ.

The family will receive friends and family on Monday, January 5, 2026, at Brashears Funeral Home from 5:00 PM to 7:00 PM. The funeral service will be held on January 6, 2026, at Japton Church of Christ at 10:00 AM, with Jeff Thomas and Derrek Wood officiating. Pallbearers will be Rodney Counts, Rick Clark, Tim Clark, Jim Watkins, Johnny Watkins, and Lyndall Watkins. Interment will immediately follow at Groseclos Cemetery.

Cemetery Details

Groseclos Cemetery

Madison 5232
Huntsville, AR 72740

Previous Events

Visitation

JAN 5. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

Brashears Funeral Home and Crematory
509 N Gaskill Street
Huntsville, AR 72740

Funeral Service

JAN 6. 10:00 AM.

Japton Church Of Christ

Tribute Wall

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“ Dear Gordon and Harriman family, I'm sorry for the loss of your father. May fond memories help ease the pain and the Lord comfort you during this difficult time. Sending love, prayers, and sympathy to all.

Tammy Griggs Mata, HHS Class of 1981 - January 09 at 07:07 AM

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“ Church of Christ @ Japton purchased the Sacred Duty Spray for the family of Robert Dale Harriman.



Church of Christ @ Japton - January 02 at 04:13 PM

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“ I always I enjoyed listening to Robert telling stories of when he was young and talking about when he was in the arm forces, and on Sundays at Japton, he was always shaking hands and giving hugs to my grandgirls Laurette and Izzy and Carlie and shaking hands with Levi and Robert loved to esarse the whiteboard at Church.And cleaning their house 🏠 I would have to sat and talk about 20 minutes before I could go 🏠, but , Robert was amazing Christian man ,now Robert is flying ☐ high with the Angels to HEAVEN Robert will be very missed.

Shaun R.Stephens - January 02 at 11:56 AM