



Robert E. "Ed" Harpstrite

November 16, 1940 - March 12, 2018

Robert E. "Ed" Harpstrite, age 77 of Trenton, IL, died Monday, March 12, 2018, at Saint Elizabeth Hospital in O Fallon, IL.

He was born November 16, 1940, in Highland, IL, the son of Harvey and Mildred (nee Hanke) Harpstrite.

On October 16, 1971, he married Sandra Kay Price at St. John United Church of Christ, Trenton, IL.

He was a member of Saint John United Church of Christ. He was also a member of Clinton County Fair Bureau and of Methodist Faith.

Ed was born in Highland, IL and grew up west of Trenton on the family farm. He graduated from Lebanon High School in 1958. He served with the U.S. Army. After returning from the service, he started farming south of Trenton as Clint-Clair Farm with his brothers, Earl and Harvey. Harvey and Ed farmed until 2017. He enjoyed reading (non-fiction) and traveling when he had time. He was an International Harvester man. He also helped his son collect farm machinery toys.

Survivors include :

Wife - Sandra K. Harpstrite, nee Price, Trenton, IL

Son - Scott E. (Partner - Stephanie Knapik) Harpstrite, Saint Louis, MO

Brother - Earl Harpstrite, Monroe, WI

Brother - Harvey (Carol) Harpstrite, Trenton, IL

Sister - Martha Harpstrite, Jerseyville, IL

Sister - Mildred "Kay" Hapke, Sparta, IL

Brother - James R. (Partner - Barb Schmidt) Harpstrite, Trenton, IL

He was preceded in death by :

Father - Harvey R. Harpstrite - Died 12/20/1982

Mother - Mildred L. Harpstrite, nee Hanke - Died 12/02/1985

Brother - Thomas Harpstrite - Infant Died at Birth

Arrangements are being handled by Spengel-Boulanger Funeral Home in Highland, IL.

There will be a gathering at a later date.

Memorial contributions may be made to Friends of St. Joseph's Hospital Foundation.

Tribute Wall

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“ My first memories are back in the trailer laying on the foldout with uncle Ed watching David Letterman and laughing it was great. Next was a time he laughed after I asked him if the bull would bite me if I fed him. He was cool on the farm I watched him burn bag worms, we tossed manure 30 feet in the air after skiing around the milking lot on bald tires, and I will always remember RC Cola, best sausage around, and all the time I spent quietly following him through his day on the farm.

With love, David Douglas

David price - March 15, 2018 at 12:31 AM

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“ Sending you thoughts of love and peace at this difficult time.

Erin (friend of Scott) - March 14, 2018 at 03:44 PM

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“ My deepest sympathy to the Family and friends of this awesome man...Ed . Remembering him with the fondest memories!! His directions always got us where we planned on going!! 😊 He will be forever remembered and loved! Heaven has a wonderful Farmer! Till we meet again. ❤️



Sandy Gentry - March 13, 2018 at 05:41 PM