



Mr. John Ellis Harbison, SR.

September 10, 1940 - December 7, 2024

Mr. John Ellis Harbison, Sr., age 84, of the Scant City Community of Arab, Alabama passed away Saturday, December 7, 2024 at Barfield Health Care in Guntersville, AL. John was born September 10, 1940 in Tennessee. His parents were Joseph Harbison and Sophie Dorothea Schoettlin. John has resided in the Scant City Community for over 58 years. He was a member of St. John Evangelical Protestant Church in Cullman. John was also a high school graduate and had earned his bachelor's degree in engineering from Auburn University. He worked for and retired from NASA where he was employed as an engineer for 31 years.

John's leisure time was spent fishing, quail hunting, and softball. He also supported Auburn Football but even more than that, he supported his grand and great grandchildren in their various sporting events.

Surviving family members include his son and daughter in law, John E. Harbison, Jr. and Amber; his daughters and sons in law, Suzanne Spielman and Matthew, and Wendy Bloodworth and Dale; grandchildren, Whitney Bridge (Tamaron), Leanna Ross (Chris), Brooks Malone, Reagan Malone, Sydney O'Bryant (Zack) and Shelby Thornton (David); great grandchildren, Jacob Bridge, Eli Bridge, Anna Bridge, Christopher Ross, Evan Ross, Bryce Ross and Ellis O'Bryant; nephews and niece, Andy Fry, Chris Fry and Amy Gorman; special friend, Charlotte Schrimsher.

In addition to his parents, Joseph Harbison and Sophie Harbison, John was preceded in death by his sister, Eva D. Fry.

Services for John will include a visitation 9:00 a.m.- 11:00 a.m. on Friday, December 13, 2024 at Arab Heritage Memorial Chapel in Arab, AL. The funeral service will follow beginning at 11:00. Interment will be in Forrest Hill Cemetery in Birmingham, AL. Serving as pallbearers will be Matthew Spielman, Dale Bloodworth, Andy Fry, Chris Fry, Tamaron Bridge, Zack O'Bryant, Brooks Malone and David Thoronton. Arab Heritage Memorial Chapel entrusted with arrangements.

The family request in lieu of flowers consider donations to Shepherd's Cove Hospice.

Cemetery Details

Forrest Hill Cemetery (Jefferson County)

Birmingham, AL

Previous Events

Visitation

DEC 13. 9:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

Arab Heritage Memorial Chapel
1340 North Main Street
Arab, AL 35016
(256) 586-4100

Funeral Service

DEC 13. 11:00 AM (CT)

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Tribute Wall

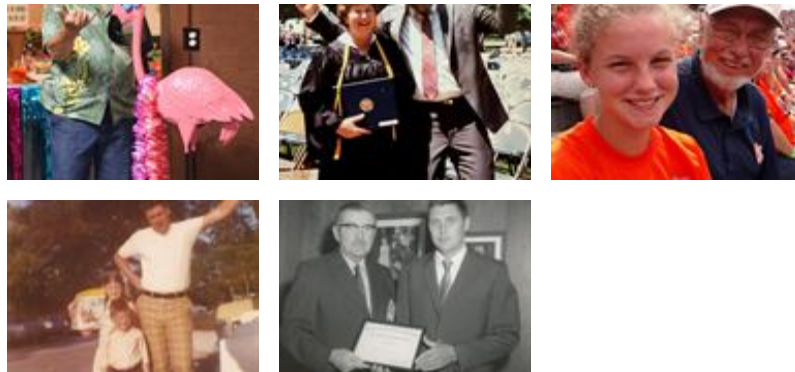
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“ I just discovered that John passed away when I tried to find a phone number for him. He was a good friend that I worked with at NASA and also spent time with on Lake Guntersville fishing. I recall driving one of his bass boats that was drastically over powered and after I slowed down to an idle, I asked John "just how fast will this boat go?". His response was " "I don't know, so far you've driven it faster than anybody". I'm sorry I missed his funeral but I didn't hear about it until now. My sympathies go out to his family. I know he loved you very much.

Doug Hendrix - August 16, 2025 at 03:45 PM



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“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Mr. John Ellis Harbison, SR..*



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“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Mr. John Ellis Harbison, SR..

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“ *Sorry for the loss of your loved one. Knowing he will be missed. GOD will comfort you all---IF you let him. Got you all in our prayers for comfort. Jerry Walls-bus driver Guntersville City Schools.*

Jerry Walls - December 09, 2024 at 07:32 PM