



# John Harris

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**J**ohn Harris, 65, beloved Husband, Father and Grandfather, was called to his eternal resting place on November 27, 2020. Born on July 8, 1955 in Newark, OH, to the late Dick and Betty (Idle) Harris. He is survived by his loving wife, Cathy (McKee) Harris, his children, Dawn (Jarrod) Harris-McClain, Ryan (Mindy) Harris, Lyndsay Ross, Sydney Harris, and his 9 grandchildren, Cameron and Tyson Poulton, Reese and Justis McClain, Kerstin and Evan Harris, Delaney Winters, Beckham Ross, and Londyn Wilson, two sisters, Judy (Mike) Dettre and Cindy (Dwight) Stockdale, and several nieces & nephews.

A 1973 graduate of Licking Valley High School and lifelong resident of Newark, OH. John started his career in custom residential home building, owning and operating John Harris Construction for 2 decades before joining Kokosing Construction Company as a mechanic/operator. Soon after retiring from Kokosing he went back to work with BUDS Inc. where he supervised construction projects throughout Ohio.

John's true passion was working on the family farm, building upon his Father's legacy over the course of the last twenty years. Harris Farms is a place where he felt most at home and connected to his parents. John loved farming alongside his good friends, BJ Varner, Roger Wills, Frank Darnes, and his grandson Reese McClain.

Friends and family may call 4p.m. to 7p.m. Friday, December 11, 2020 at VENSIL & CHUTE FUNERAL HOME – NEWARK, 1850 W. Main St.

Private funeral services will take place with Pastor David Warner officiating. Burial will be at Spring Grove Cemetery.



## Tribute Wall

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DW

**Dale Walker** posted:

I can remember John as the hard nosed linebacker on our LVHS football team decking opposing running backs. And on offense clearing the way for our running backs as a pulling guard. He was a great football player and team mate. Such a hard worker. Such a great team mate. He wore a collar on his shoulder pads and looked like horns on a bull in a China shop. He was always upbeat and positive. I can see him now in the Summer August heat of 2 a days and in the freezing rains of October and frozen fields of Fall. Later in life he helped us out greatly by farming on our place in Flint Ridge cutting hay, planting corn and grains. He kept the fields clean. We rode around in his UTV KUBOTA and talked about the football games. I was shocked and so greatly saddened to learn he had passed away suddenly. I will miss him so much. Thank you John for all you did and for who you are; you will be missed greatly.

February 26 at 4:56 AM

MT

**Mark Travis** posted:

Sympathy Gift courtesy of Mark Travis. Group of 10 Memorial Trees Planted In Loving Memory of John Harris.

January 13 at 8:10 AM

MT

**Mark Travis** posted:

Cathy, we are so sorry to hear about John. You and your family are in our prayers. May he rest in peace.

January 12 at 8:05 AM

HF

**Heather Frazier** posted:

Cathy I am so,sorry to hear about John. I didn't kniw him but only thru the stories at work when you two met. Decades ago. You will be in my prayers

December 12 at 6:38 AM

BS

**Bill Settles** posted:

My sincere and profound condolences to all the family; John was one of the good ones. He will be sorely missed. May he rest in peace...

December 11 at 7:56 PM



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JD

**John Darnes** posted:

I always liked John. He was a good man. He sure could make any meeting a good thing like a light bulb being turned on. We are missing him. I am very sorry for your loss. Praying that God's mercy carries all of you throughout this time of grief

December 11 at 5:28 PM

AR

**Alan Robinson** posted:

Going to miss your laugh. RIP John

December 11 at 3:50 PM

CL

**Cyndi Lane** posted:

Cathy, Mike and I are so sorry for your loss. For the last 6 years John would stop into our agency and raise holy heck! He truly was a friend and I've chosen to remember his laugh, his loudness, his crazy smile and his stories. Please know that we will continue to pray for your family as you move through this season. John will always and forever be remembered as one of my favorites. He will be missed.....

December 11 at 11:39 AM

ZS

**Zack And Katie Stockdale** posted:

Cathy, Dawn, Ryan, Lyndsay, and Sydney. I'm so sorry for your loss. I wish I could be there for you, and say goodbye to him with the rest of the family. A get together at Grandma and Grandpas was never complete until Uncle John came. He was the life of the party, and would always put a smile on your face. He will truly be missed! Love you guys!

December 11 at 11:00 AM

SP

**Sue (Warner) Soltysik Pearce** posted:

I went to school with Judy and Cindy; best friends with Judy in grade school. Knew John as a "little brother" friend many years ago. So sorry for your loss. RIP John.

December 11 at 9:52 AM



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RB

**Rod Beegle** posted:

Cathy and family - So sorry for your loss. John was one of a kind and will be missed. Sending our thoughts and prayers to all of you. Rod and Family

December 11 at 9:22 AM

RG

**Ruth Gallwitz** posted:

Cathy we are so sorry you have to go through this. You have been very good for John and the kids. You always wear a beautiful smile; hopefully it will soon return as God helps you to go forward. We would like to be with you, but are being pretty careful about being in close contact situations. You are in our hearts and prayers. Aunt Dorothy, Dave and Ruth Ann

December 11 at 5:21 AM

DJ

**Dave And Nicole Johnson** posted:

John will be greatly missed Friday nights will not be the same without him so many great memories and laughs you will be missed more than you know love ya little buddy ...

December 11 at 3:50 AM

VA

**Veda Adkins** posted:

Cathy, I'm sorry for your loss of John. You are in my prayers. Veda

December 10 at 10:00 AM

JG

**Jim Ghiloni** posted:

Judy and Cindy, sorry to hear of your "little brother" passing away. I have good memories of your family and the farm. may God comfort you all in this time of sorrow. Jamie Ghiloni San Diego, CA

December 10 at 9:53 AM

SO

**Sue And Mark Ormiston** posted:

Cathy - Mark and I send our deepest condolences. May all the wonderful memories help you through the difficult times.

December 10 at 8:25 AM



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BG

**Bobbie Grigsby** posted:

I was shocked and deeply saddened to hear of John's passing - I went to school with him from grade school on - he was funny - happy and hard working - Cathy and family please accept my sincere condolences and prayers for strength and healing at this difficult time - God Speed John - may you Rest In Peace - I can visualize you and you mom laughing together in heaven.

December 10 at 4:40 AM

RP

**Ron Priest** posted:

I knew John pretty well he was a good man and would help you out if at all possible. I knew his mom and dad and know his sisters and brother in laws real well too. Let the good memories help in this tough time. My prayers are with all of you.

December 10 at 3:10 AM

NW

**Neil Wilson** posted:

May God wrap His arms of love around you and comfort you.

December 9 at 5:14 PM

DF

**Denna (Wolfing) Richardson-Fullerton** posted:

So sorry to hear about John. I know he will be greatly missed! May God wrap his comforting arms around each of you. "Blessed are those who mourn, for they shall be comforted." (Matthew 5:4). The Lord will wrap His arms of love and comfort around them who trust Him.

December 9 at 3:40 PM

TG

**Tari Gray** posted:

Kathy, please know you and your family are in our thoughts and prayers. Kent & Tari Gray, Thornville, OH

December 9 at 2:57 PM

BF

**Brenda Ayers-Fenton** posted:

So very sorry to Johns Family....RIP my friend

December 9 at 2:22 PM



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**Tina & (Robin) Athey** posted:

We send our deepest sympathy to Cathy and the family. John was a big-hearted, hard-working, loving, and kind man. We were blessed to know him. He will be missed by many. Our thoughts and prayers are with you. Love from your bestie.

December 9 at 1:05 PM



**Carol Oesterritter** posted:

We miss you. Fly high Farmer John.

December 9 at 7:36 AM



# Memories only last if you share them

Join us in honoring John by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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