

Eldon Lee Hari
February 29, 1932 - January 13, 2023

Eldon Lee Hari, 90, of Hoopeston, IL, passed away at 6:37 P.M. Friday January 13, 2023, at Carle Foundation Hospital in Urbana, IL. He was born February 29, 1932, in rural Cissna Park, IL, the son of Elmer Arthur and Anna Marie (Drayer) Hari. He married Betty Wagoner on October 26, 1952, at the First Christian Church in Hoopeston. She survives in Hoopeston.

He is also survived by two daughters, Peggy (Sam) Pratt of Hoopeston, IL and Patricia (Jerry) Koschnick of Paxton, IL; one son, Bruce (Chris) Hari of Riceville, TN; two sisters, Arcelia Watson of Savoy, IL and Karen (Todd) Feller of Peachtree City, GA; one brother, Dennis Hari of Rankin, IL; one brother-in-law, Greg Webster of Houston, TX; four grandchildren, Derek (Eliza) Compton, Denise Compton, Jamie Compton (Joel Swartz), and Sarah Compton; four great grandchildren, Olivia and Mason Swartz, Ronnie Compton, and Alayna Compton; and several nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents; three sisters, Alberta Germann, Thelma Webster, and Nelda Faye Hari; one brother, Richard Dean Hari; one sister-in-law, Nancy (Nease) Hari; and one son-in-law, Ron Compton.

Eldon farmed the family farm and later worked as a machinist at FMC in Hoopeston until his retirement. He served in the United States Navy and was honorably discharged. He was a member of the First Christian Church Disciples of Christ where he was very active through the years serving on the church board and as a past deacon, elder, and Sunday school teacher. Eldon was an avid water skier teaching hundreds of people how to water ski. He was also active in the Danville Flying Shingles Water Ski Club. He also enjoyed fishing for walleye at Cass Lake in Minnesota for over forty years, vacationing, camping, and spending time with his family.

A visitation will be held 5:00 – 7:00 P.M. Tuesday January 17, 2023, at Anderson Funeral Home, 427 E. Main St. Hoopeston, IL. The funeral service will be held at 11:00 A.M. Wednesday January 18, 2023, at the First Christian Church Disciples of Christ, 502 E. Main St. Hoopeston, IL. Burial will follow in Floral Hill Cemetery in Hoopeston. In lieu of flowers, the family requests that memorial donations be made in Eldon's memory to the First Christian Church Disciples of Christ, 502 E. Main St. Hoopeston, IL 60942 or to the donor's choice.