



Dennis Lee Harris

October 2, 1951 - November 3, 2025

Dennis Lee Harris, age 74, of Waynesville, Missouri, went to be with the Lord on Monday morning, November 3, 2025. He was born on October 2, 1951, in his West Plains Missouri home, to Kenneth and Dessie Harris. Dennis lived a life marked by quiet strength, generosity, and deep devotion to his wife of 51 years, Sharon, his family, and his friends.

He graduated school from the College of the Ozarks, and while working during his school years there, an encounter with Sam Walton changed the course of his life and set him on a career path with Walmart. For nearly 30 years, Dennis poured his energy into the company he loved and the communities where he managed stores, earning not only the respect of his peers but also the genuine affection of countless associates.

To his family and friends, Dennis was more than a provider—he was a steady source of love, gentle guidance, and encouragement. His patience, generosity, and counsel were constants, shaping the lives of those who knew him.

Dennis found peace in the outdoors, whether he was hunting, fishing, or simply taking in the beauty around him. Nothing, however, brought him greater happiness than his seven grandchildren. He lit up in their presence, and every moment spent with them was a source of great joy for him.

Dennis will be sadly missed but fondly remembered by all those that knew and loved him. He leaves to cherish his memory, his wife: Sharon Harris of the home; three children: Jodi Layman (Tim) of Camdenton, MO, Darrin Harris (Jenny) of Bentonville, AR, and Leslie Alford (Donald) of Waynesville, MO; seven grandchildren: Nathaniel Luebbering of Jefferson City, MO, Nicholas Datt of Waynesville, MO, Alyssa Layman of Columbia, MO, Collin Harris of Bentonville, AR, Libby Harris of Bentonville, AR, Kammi Layman of Camdenton, MO, and Lincoln Alford of Waynesville, MO; one brother: Charlie Harris (Connie) of West Plains, MO; one sister: Judy Judd (Kenny) of Hollister, MO; several nieces, nephews, other relatives, and friends.

He was preceded in death by his parents: Kenneth and Dessie Harris; younger brother: Kenny Doyle Harris; and older brother: Kenneth Dean Harris who passed shortly after his birth.

Even though he is gone from our sight, Dennis' spirit will live on in our hearts forever.

Funeral services will be held at 10:00 a.m. Friday, November 7, 2025 in the Memorial Chapels and Crematory of Waynesville / St. Robert. Graveside services will be held at 3:00 p.m. Friday, November 7, 2025 in the Jolliff Cemetery of Rover, MO. Arrangements are under the care and direction of Memorial Chapels and Crematory of Waynesville / St. Robert.

Visitation will be held from 5:00 – 7:00 p.m. Thursday, November 6, 2025 in the Memorial Chapels and Crematory of Waynesville / St. Robert.

Memorial contributions may be made in memory of Dennis Harris and may be left at Memorial Chapels and Crematory of Waynesville / St. Robert.

Cemetery Details

Jolliff Cemetery

Rover, MO

Previous Events

Visitation

NOV 6. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM.

Memorial Chapels And Crematory Of Waynesville / St. Robert

Funeral Service

NOV 7. 10:00 AM.

Memorial Chapels And Crematory Of Waynesville / St. Robert

Graveside Service

NOV 7. 3:00 PM.

Jolliff Cemetery Of Rover

Tribute Wall



“ *Memorial Chapels and Crematory created a Tribute Video in memory of Dennis Lee Harris*

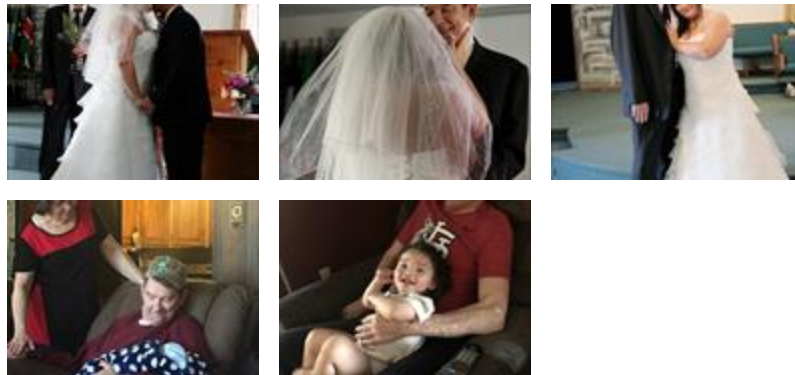


Memorial Chapels and Crematory - November 07, 2025 at 11:55 AM



“ *I miss you daddy, but how blessed was I to grow up around so much love? So blessed ☐*

I always felt so safe, loved and proud to be your daughter and I will miss you everyday until I see you again. ❤️ ☐ you will always be my hero ❤️ ❤️



Leslie Alford - November 08, 2025 at 02:38 PM

CM

“ Once upon a time, there was a little tow-headed boy and his momma shopping at Wal-Mart (early 80s). Over the intercom momma hears, "Mrs. Shultz, you have a little tow-headed boy looking for his momma." Jeffrey had taken off, and he was fast! That is the day I met Dennis. That was not the only time Jeffrey disappeared from my watch. If I turned my head for a second, the next thing I would hear over the intercom was, "Mrs. Shultz, Jeffrey is at the customer service desk. Come get him when you're ready." Dennis was a delight and Jeffrey adored him, I did, too. I smile at these memories. Jeffrey and Dennis will be able to have some great conversations now. My heart goes out to Leslie who was a great friend of my son's and Dennis's family and those who loved him.

Charlotte Metzger - November 07, 2025 at 08:11 AM

LA

Your hugs meant the world to me, I bet my dad found Jeffrey in heaven with an icy in his hand ❤️❤️

Leslie Alford - November 08, 2025 at 02:31 PM

FL

“ I knew Dennis as a great guy. Friends and family will greatly miss him!



Frank Livingston - November 06, 2025 at 11:16 AM



“ 1 file added to the album *Life Tributes*



Memorial Chapels and Crematory - November 06, 2025 at 10:26 AM

BB

“ *I worked for Dennis at Walmart as Christmas hire when it was still next to IGA on the spur. He was an awesome person to call my boss. My heartfelt condolences to the family.*

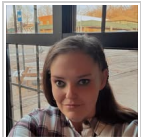
Barbara Becker

Barbara Becker - November 06, 2025 at 08:23 AM

LR

Dennis had a heart of gold. He was always thinking of others and putting it into action. We are so sorry he had to leave his family and community. Praying for his loved ones.

Linda (Dye) Redmond - November 06, 2025 at 05:22 PM



“ *I grew up knowing Dennis in 2 very different ways. One being my Grandma Pansy's coworker at Walmart, the other being my cousin Tommy's best friend Darrin's dad. He was a gentle soul who made a big impact on my life in so many ways. One of my favorite things to do at Walmart was to see if Dennis was on duty. Sending love from the Petersons and the Dyes.*



Sarah Dye - November 05, 2025 at 11:39 PM

BB

“ Dennis was more than a manager. He was an uncle, brother and friend to his employees. And he didn't mind giving your hyper kid chocolate cookies just before leaving the store. 😊 As loss Prevention he always had our backs. Sincerest condolences to Sharon and the family. He was truly a man with a heart. Rest in Peace.



Barbara Bradley - November 05, 2025 at 10:32 PM

EA

“ Earl & Michelle Arnold lit a candle in memory of Dennis Harris



Earl & Michelle Arnold - November 05, 2025 at 09:38 PM

DM

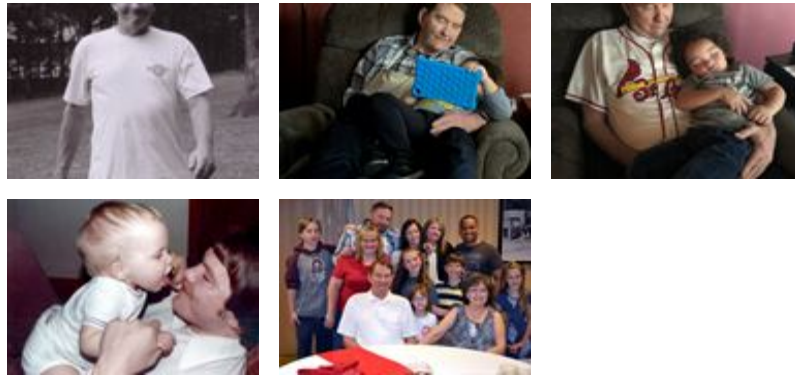
“ Debby (Johnson) Myers sent a virtual gift in memory of Dennis Harris



Debby (Johnson) Myers - November 05, 2025 at 09:16 PM



“ 59 files added to the album Life Tributes



Memorial Chapels and Crematory - November 05, 2025 at 05:59 PM

MS

“ I remember Dennis as Walmart Mgr. He was excellent and helped the community with many donations to various nonprofit organizations. He was a good man. Rest in peace. AMEN 🙏



Marge Scott - November 05, 2025 at 12:13 PM

VN

“ I remember one evening a a CSM up front a mouse ran over my foot. I scream so loud Mr Harris heard me from the back office. He came running up front ask me what happened. I told him a mouse ran over my foot. He look at me and said well if the pa ever breaks I know who to call then he laugh. That was the icebreaker as I had not been there very long

Verna Null - November 05, 2025 at 09:31 AM

TL

“ *Teresa Gordon Livengood lit a candle in memory of Dennis Harris*



Teresa Gordon Livengood - November 05, 2025 at 05:28 AM

SS

“ *susie snelling lit a candle in memory of Dennis Harris*



susie snelling - November 04, 2025 at 11:12 PM

WM

“ In 1987, when I was first promoted to assistant manager, I had the privilege of working under Mr. Dennis Harris—my first store manager and one of the finest leaders I’ve ever known. As a young manager, I was eager but green, and Dennis took me under his wing with a steady hand and a people-first philosophy that shaped the way I lead to this day.

Dennis wasn’t just a manager; he was a mentor. He taught me that success in retail—and in life—starts with how you treat people. Whether it was an associate on the floor or a customer walking through the door, Dennis believed in dignity, respect, and service. He lived it every day.

He was also one of Walmart’s top minds in operations and merchandising, with a sharp eye for detail and a deep understanding of what made a store thrive. But what I remember most is how he made time to share stories—especially about Sam Walton. My favorite was the one about Sam’s dog, Ol’ Roy. Dennis told it with a twinkle in his eye, and it always reminded me that behind every great company are real people, real values, and sometimes even a good dog.

When I was promoted to store manager, Dennis shook my hand, looked me in the eye, and said he was proud of me. That moment meant the world. His belief in me helped fuel my confidence, and his example continues to guide me. Thank you,
Kent Morris

Wendy Morris - November 04, 2025 at 07:13 PM

MB

“ Sharon and children, I am so very sorry! Dennis was a very good friend and have so many good memories!

Milie Howlett Brotherton - November 04, 2025 at 07:13 PM