



## Leo Charles Harris

February 13, 1937 - February 25, 2022

Leo Charles Harris formerly of Monroeton, passed away February 25th, 2022 at the Grandview Nursing Home in Danville, Pa. He was the son of the late Geoffrey Weldon “Dode” Harris and Myrtle Bailey Harris. Leo was born February 13, 1937, in Towanda and recently celebrated his 85th birthday with his children and family. Leo graduated from Towanda Area High School in 1955 and soon after enlisted in the United States Army getting stationed in Germany from 1956 to 1959. Upon his return, he married Shirley Dibble Harris on July 8, 1961, celebrating 60 years of marriage. Leo spent 33 plus years working at GTE Sylvania in the stockroom and company store before retiring. Leo and Shirley loved their children, grandchildren, nieces, and nephews. From elementary school to college, they rarely missed any game, match, musical, play, performance, or concert, often taking in more than one event each day. Leo's musical talent was inherited by his children and most of his grandchildren who play multiple instruments and love to sing. Leo was a lifetime member of the Monroeton (Kellogg) Mountain Rod and Gun Club, longtime member of the Monroe Hose Company (running the pizza booth with Shirley for 35 plus years), the Towanda Rifle and Pistol Club, Towanda Elks Lodge, Sayre Sportsmen’s Club, and was a regular attendee of the Independent Baptist Church as health allowed. He also had a love for the Monroeton Public Library. Leo took great pride in the importance of scouting that started with his father Dode. Dode was an Eagle Scout, Leo, his sons Leo II (Skip), and Donald (Chip), grandsons (Josh, Jon, Jared and Jayden) Chip

and Mary Beth Harris's sons are all Eagle Scouts, granddaughters (Cara, Kelly, Robin) Mindy and Rob Holman's daughters also earned girl scout Gold Award honors.

Leo enjoyed many hobbies especially rifle, pistol, trap, and skeet shooting. He enjoyed hunting (Kent Run), fishing (especially the Dryden Trout Derby), bowling at Promart , Starlite, and Shamrock Lanes (25 plus years attending the state bowling tournament), collecting trains, army patches, watching and attending NASCAR with Shirley (Bill Elliot), Towanda, Syracuse (Adam), PSU and Giants football, golfing with Shirley (having a hole in one on the 4th hole at Towanda), woodworking, and wintering in Florida with Shirley for 12 plus years that included weekly even daily trips to Disney and a ride down Splash Mountain. Summer days were often spent canoeing with family down the Susquehanna River. Leo is survived by his wife of 60 years, Shirley Dibble Harris formerly of Monroeton and currently a resident of the Maria Joseph Nursing Home in (Danville, Pa); children, Melissa (Jeff) Brandt (Danville, Pa), Melinda (Robert) Holman (Towanda, Pa), Leo Harris II (Towanda, Pa), Donald (Mary Beth) Harris (Rome Pa); grandchildren Cara Holman (Pottsville, Pa), Daniella Brandt (Danville, Pa), Nathan Harris (Athens, Pa), Adam (Racquel) Harris (Marietta, Ga), Kelly (Dan) Andrus (Pittsburgh, Pa), Chris (Rachael) Brandt (Carlisle, Pa), Robin (Chris) Plasencia, (Pottstown, Pa), Josh Harris (Bethlehem, Pa), Jon Harris (Bethlehem, Pa), Emily (Wally) Fashola (Middletown, Pa), Jared Harris (Rome, Pa), Jayden Harris (Rome, Pa); and great-grandchildren: Jaden Holman, Ariaah Brandt, Everett Harris, Finley Harris, Leonora Harris, Zoe Andrus, brother, Lyall Harris (Monroeton, Pa), sisters-in-law, Audrey (Dibble) Place (Towanda, Pa), Margie (Dibble) Yapple (Towanda, Pa), brothers-in-law, Stan Hugo (Ithaca, Ny), Joe Dibble (Athens, Pa), brothers-in-law and sisters-in-law, Chuck and Linda (Adams) Dibble (Monroeton, Pa), Walt and Sharon (Dibble) Brown (East Smithfield Pa), and numerous nieces and nephews. Leo was predeceased by his sisters-in-law, Bobbi Harris, Donna (Dibble) Hugo, Connie Dibble, brothers-in-law, Bill Place, Andy Yapple, brother-in-law and sister-in-law, Don and Joyce (Dibble) Silk.

A celebration of life and memorial service will be held on Monday, March 14th, 2022 at 2:00 pm at the Maryott-Bowen Funeral Home 217 York Ave. Towanda, Pa. Friends and family may call on March 14th from 12 to 2 pm at the funeral home. A luncheon and celebration of life will immediately follow the service at the Towanda Post No. 42 American Legion. We greatly encourage friends and family to attend the celebration even if unable to attend the service and share a story and a drink as we celebrate Leo's life. The family suggests in lieu of flowers, contributions be directed to the Monroeton Public Library, P.O. Box 145, Monroeton Pa, 18832, the Monroe Hose Company, P.O. Box 48, Monroeton Pa, 18832 or the Independent Baptist Church, 109 Cherry Street, Towanda, Pa 18848 in memory of Leo Charles Harris. Online condolences may be made at [www.bowenfuneralhomes.com](http://www.bowenfuneralhomes.com).

# Previous Events

## Visitation

MAR 14. 12:00 PM - 2:00 PM (ET)

Maryott-Bowen Funeral Home  
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## Service

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# Tribute Wall



“ *Leo Charles Harris*

October 22, 2023 at 08:10 PM



“ *Leo Charles Harris*

October 08, 2023 at 10:34 PM



“ *Leo Charles Harris*

October 06, 2023 at 09:57 AM



“ *Leo Charles Harris*

October 06, 2023 at 03:29 AM



“ *Leo Charles Harris*

October 05, 2023 at 02:02 PM



“ *My sympathy to the Harris family. Leo was a High School classmate and a friend. I am sure he will be missed.*  
*Eulie Allen Costello*

**Eulie** - March 12, 2022 at 08:59 AM

AS

“ My heart goes out to Leo's family. I always enjoyed our chats, Wendy's chili lunch dates, and blackberry Brandy. I always admired how much he loved his wonderful family and always reminded him how blessed he was to have such a great family.

Ashley



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**Ashley** - March 10, 2022 at 11:45 AM

KM

“ Our thoughts and prayers are with the Harris family.

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**Katrina and Joe McMahon** - March 09, 2022 at 07:47 PM

MM

“ My heartfelt sympathy and prayers to the Harris family. Leo and Shirley were wonderful Monroeton neighbors and a wonderful example of a loving and caring family. RIP Leo.

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**Mary Kay Ward - Monroeton** - March 09, 2022 at 11:57 AM

JF

“ Sincere condolences to Leo's family. Worked with Leo at Sylvania. He was a very nice man.

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**John Fedorchak** - March 08, 2022 at 12:49 PM

HK

“ To the Harris family my deepest sympathy to your family on the loss of Leo. May go bless you and your families in this loss. May her wrap his arms around you all and give you great comfort . May you all have fond memories of Leo and chairous them forever.

Hope Goode Kline - March 07, 2022 at 08:56 PM

NB

“ Leo and Shirley spent time with us playing golf and watching them work on puzzles. Leo was a gentleman and had a good sense of humor. May your family have our prayers and comfort for the coming days.

Nancy Brown - March 07, 2022 at 08:14 PM

EM

“ My deepest sympathy to the entire Harris family. I lived down the street from Leo for 12 years and always found him and Shirley to be great people. He will be missed dearly.

Eric Maryott - March 07, 2022 at 04:30 PM

VS

“ Please accept our deepest sympathy.

VFW Post 1536, Sayre - March 06, 2022 at 03:34 PM

JM

“ To the Harris family I'm sorry for your loss. I was raised in Monroeton and knew Dode and Lyall, who went thru all 12 grades witjh me. Leo was 4 years younger so a distant memory. John Mingos

John Mingos - March 06, 2022 at 11:37 AM

SS

*My deepest sympathy to Leo's family. I worked at the Towanda Court House many years with Shirley. Leo was a very nice person every time he picked up from work.*

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**Sandy Stephenson** - March 19, 2022 at 12:16 PM