



## Gordon Stanley 'Mike' Harman

May 14, 1937 - May 25, 2024

Gordon Stanley Harman, better known as “Mike” to his many loved ones, was born on May 14, 1937 in Abbs Valley, Virginia, to John and Flora (Frazier) Harman, and passed away on May 25, 2024, in Tulsa, Oklahoma, at the age of 87 years. On February 20, 1958, he married Peggy Ann Roark. Together, they built a beautiful life for themselves and their three children. They were married 62 years at the time of her passing on September 5, 2020.

In 1954, at the young age of 17, Gordon joined the United States Air Force. Gordon dedicated his life in service to his country, achieving the distinguished rank of Chief Master Sergeant. Gordon’s 24-year Air Force career sent him to several duty stations within the United States and abroad, including a one-year tour in Vietnam, where he was awarded the Bronze Star medal in recognition of his outstanding service. His enlistment in the Air Force ignited his love of travel and he especially enjoyed his trips to Japan to play tourist. His commitment, leadership and dedication to duty inspired those around him and left an indelible mark on all who knew him. He pursued his education while enlisted in the Air Force and earned a bachelor’s degree in business administration and economics from Park College. In 1978, upon his retirement from the Air Force, Gordon, led by his inherent ambition and love of learning, began law school at the University of Tulsa College of Law. In the second half of his life, Gordon enjoyed his work as an attorney in Tulsa, OK, until his retirement in 2006.

Gordon was an avid outdoorsman. He especially loved hunting, fishing and hiking. On these many hiking trips, his endurance impressed his fellow Airmen, earning him the nickname “Mountain Goat” Harman. He enjoyed many hunting and fishing excursions throughout his life and he credited his love of the outdoors for keeping him active. Later in life, he stayed active with his grandchildren during countless trips to local parks, hunting and fishing trips and time spent at the gun range. A treasured memory was hunting alongside his grandsons when they each snagged their first deer and turkey.

A man of integrity, loyalty and strength, Gordon touched the lives of many with his kindness, generosity and wisdom. He was the epitome of a gentleman. His memory will be cherished by all who had the privilege of knowing him.

Gordon is preceded in death by his lovely wife Peggy Ann Harman.

He is survived by his three children, a son, Dennis Harman of Hulbert; two daughters, Anna Demoss (Darryl) of Coweta and Cynthia Mist Marsh-Harman (Tally) of Tulsa. He is also survived by his grandchildren, Lindsay Harman King (OJ) of Bixby; Tyler Harman of Oklahoma City; Dylan Harman of Tahlequah; Samuel Moran of Albuquerque, New Mexico; Sarah Moran of Drumwright; great-grandchildren Landry Skye King, who he affectionately called "my girl"; Zade Tyler Harman; Colton Moran; and Ashlyn Baucom; two siblings, Sallie Harman of Abbs Valley, Virginia, and Garland Harman (Pat) of Columbia, South Carolina; extended family; and many friends.

Gordon gave generously to many charitable organizations. Donations in Gordon's name may be made at the St. Joseph Indian School, located in Chamberlain, South Dakota, by visiting the website at [www.stjo.org](http://www.stjo.org).

A celebration of Gordon's life will be held noon Friday, June 7, 2024 at Clifford D Garrett Family Funeral Home Chapel in Fort Gibson with his committal service immediately following at Fort Gibson National Cemetery. Full Military Honors will be presented. The family of Gordon Stanley Harman has entrusted his service and inurnment to Clifford D Garrett Family Funeral Home, Fort Gibson. 918-478-2555.

Online condolences may be left for Gordon's family at [clifforddgarrettfamilyfh.com](http://clifforddgarrettfamilyfh.com)

# Cemetery Details

## Fort Gibson National Cemetery

1423 Cemetery Road  
Fort Gibson, OK 74434

# Previous Events

## Celebration of Life

JUN 7. 12:00 PM (CT)

Clifford D Garrett Family Funeral Home Chapel  
1224 E Poplar  
Fort Gibson, OK 74434

## Committal Service

JUN 7. 1:30 PM (CT)

Fort Gibson National Cemetery  
1423 Cemetery Road  
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# Tribute Wall

BK

“ I am so gonna miss you my Dear Uncle Mike. You were a very special man. I pray you are with the love of your life Peggy. Prayers for family. Bennie Jean Roark Keene

Bennie Jean Roark Keene - June 07, 2024 at 09:33 AM

LT

Tom and I was so happy we were able to visit with you and aunt Peggy. I will always cherish the beautiful basket you gave us. You are now with aunt Peggy Peggy.

Lana Tugman - June 18, 2024 at 05:59 PM



“ Blue Caribbean Bouquet was purchased for the family of Gordon Stanley 'Mike' Harman.



June 06, 2024 at 03:00 PM

FF

“ From the leach family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Gordon Stanley 'Mike' Harman.

From the leach family - June 06, 2024 at 03:00 PM

PL

“ Paul and Judith Lamarche purchased the Country Basket Blooms for the family of Gordon Stanley 'Mike' Harman.



Paul and Judith Lamarche - June 06, 2024 at 10:40 AM

JK

“ Mike, our mutual friend, Paul LaMarche, and I were all stationed together in the USAF at Bartlesville OK, and then went overseas together to Osan Korea in the 1950s. It was not until we reconnected in 2010 via the internet that I really started to appreciate just what an amazing person my friend Mike was. Paul and I, although disconnected after leaving the USAF, had both elected to become engineers, courtesy of the GI bill. Mike on the other hand had elected to become a lawyer – although he had never gone past the 9th grade in high school. When I knew him in the military, he seemed to me to be one more guy in my life – maybe a bit more skillful socially, and better looking than the next GI, but not extraordinary. But by then, it had become clear to me that Mike’s life was an extraordinary story. By May of 2017, we three guys had decided to have a reunion in Bartlesville. It was not until then that I fully appreciated just what an unusual guy Mike was. Most of his life consisted of living with unloving relatives, in orphanages or on the streets. Yet he was clearly way brighter and ambitious than I had suspected, and despite his severe upbringing – or maybe because of it – a very compassionate guy. These factors, along with the fact that we shared severe childhoods, with too much time living outside our homes in places like orphanages and unloving relatives, brought us closer together than ever. His passing leaves a giant whole in my heart, but my life is just a bit richer having known him. Joel Barrett Klein

Joel Barrett Klein - June 05, 2024 at 01:35 PM

AN

The death of of my Father has put a scar on my heart that will never heal. I adored my Father and my Mother beyond measure. You see my parents adopted me when they were just newlyweds. They even added a year to their wedding anniversary to explain why they had a three month old baby when they had only been married three months themselves. Can you imagine adopting a baby when you’ve been married for three months? It takes amazing commitment, and love for someone to do that for another person. I thanked them regularly for giving me a superb home and for sparing me from being raised by a mother who would not find the time or give the love a baby needs. I miss you both every minute of every day. The closest I’ve ever been to my father was those last few weeks in the hospital when I spent many hours just he and I Reminiscing, holding hands, laughing and crying. Dad would call me and ask where I was? I would tell him. I’m on my way there Dad right now. I’m on my way. Well hurry up but don’t get in an accident. I won’t dad I won’t. Well hurry up then. I still laugh thinking back at that then I cry. I miss you, Dad. And for all of those people out there that think an adopted daughter cannot love her adopted father as much as I did. Jesus is going to have a long, long, long talk with you. IF, you make it that far. One of the last things Dad said to me was. Anna, take care of yourself and make sure to always pay your taxes. Lol.

Anna - August 18, 2024 at 09:07 AM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Gordon Stanley 'Mike' Harman.



June 05, 2024 at 12:08 PM

BS

“ Brenda & Jr. Sheets purchased the Arrive in Style for the family of Gordon Stanley 'Mike' Harman.



**Brenda & Jr. Sheets** - June 04, 2024 at 10:13 AM

EL

“ Ele purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Gordon Stanley 'Mike' Harman.



**Ele** - June 02, 2024 at 04:20 PM