



Aubrey Giles Harding

October 15, 1939 - May 19, 2019

Aubrey Giles Harding Sr., 79, of Oskaloosa and formerly of Houston, Texas, died Sunday, May 19, 2019, at the MHP Hospice Serenity House in Oskaloosa. He was born October 15, 1939, in Houston, Texas, the son of Homer and Viola Garrett Harding. After serving his country in the United States Marine Corps, he met and married Sally Swackhammer, on December 28th, 1959. They divorced in the mid-seventies. Aubrey is survived by the children from that union, Roxanna, Aubrey Jr., Daniel, Otho Wayne, Terri Lea, Donald, and James. Over the years Aubrey worked for Kock Brothers, and Chicago Northwestern Railroad, and was co-owner to House of Socrates in Des Moines for a brief time. Aubrey was later joined in marriage to Joyce Riter and the couple relocated to the Houston Texas, where together they built "J. Harding and Co". After having had great success for over 35 years they sold their business and later divorced. After which Aubrey enrolled in college to learn film production and with that education merged his artistic talents with his good business sense and began doing films and production as well as designing and creating props for the film industry, some of his specialties were police vehicles, civil servant uniforms and a wide range of weapons that he built and rented. He also was a talented photographer and had many successful photo shoots, even created the scenery and layouts. His hobbies were vast and there was not much a man of his intelligence and ability could not do. Some of his greatest interests were in photography, sailing, and traveling. He was also member of the "Hole in the Wall" Gang in Houston for many years.

He is survived by his seven children, Roxanna Abela of Portland, Oregon, Aubrey Harding Jr (Allie) of New Port, Washington, Daniel Harding of Montgomery, Texas, Otho Wayne (Elizabeth) Harding of Basalt, Idaho, Terri Lea Babbitt of Oskaloosa, Iowa, Donald (Cheryl) Harding of Indianola, Iowa, and James Harding (Danielle) of Tacoma, Washington; twenty-four grandchildren; seventeen great grandchildren; one great-great grandchild and one of the way; a brother, Roy Harding of Humble, Tx; and many nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents; a grandson, Richard I. Kuhnhausen; three great grandchildren; a brother, Homer Harding; and sisters, Ruby Honea, Lucille Dietrich, Joyce Courtney, Mildred Holley, Edith Lee, and Fay Simpson.

As was Aubrey's wishes his body has been cremated and no services are planned at this time. The Bates Funeral Chapel is in charge of the arrangements.

Comments



“ I will surely miss my annual visits with uncle Aubrey. He will always be in my heart and in my family tree.

Robert “Bob” D.V. Richards Jr.
SMSgt, U.S.A.F. (Retired)
DD, MBA, MSIS, BSOE

Bob Richards - October 13, 2019 at 11:28 PM



“ Yes he is very missed....thank you....cousin....

Terri - April 05 at 02:42 AM



“ Just became aware of Aubrey's passing, my deepest condolences to Aubrey's family. I knew Aubrey back at HCC's film school and would occasionally also run into him at my church. Aubrey was a bright spirit who always volunteered to help others with film projects and brought enthusiasm forward wherever he went. Hoping all your happy memories of Aubrey will comfort you all!



Melissa I Rankin - June 12, 2019 at 01:48 PM



“ Thank you

Terri - April 05 at 02:43 AM



“ My sincerest condolences to Aubrey's family.

Roland Bienvenu - May 27, 2019 at 11:04 AM



“ To Aubrey's family,

He was the most unique of men. When I first joined HITWG, he had a house party when he lived in the Heights (Houston). I took a friend with me as I was new to this social group and we had a blast. Everyone was friendly and we all wanted a good time. He was a fun host.

Through other HITWG events, he always had new tales to share. I remember him driving a police car (a prop) to one of Jean's house parties in the Westbury area (Houston). Sometimes he wore his prop clothes to house party.

I think he made life interesting. And, we appreciate his service to our country. I remember him talking about sailing as I had hosted 2 different sailing events for our social group ("HITWG").

Maybe Sue or Debbie have pictures of him. I will have to check my HITWG photo box. I hosted events but wasn't a picture taker.

May each of you treasure special memories and moments of Aubrey. He lives on in his family.

Janice Golding

Janice Golding - May 23, 2019 at 01:20 PM



“ btw for those of you who don't know. HITWG is 'HOLE IN THE WALL GANG' ;) thank you again Janice for sharing

Terri Babbitt - May 23, 2019 at 02:39 PM



“ God bless you all. Sorry for your loss.



Jeffrey Hackbarth - May 21, 2019 at 05:14 PM



“ TERRI AND FAMILY;
Sorry for your loss know we are thinking of you and our hearts and prayers are with you all through this time. if you need anything you know we are there for you and the kids.

JULIEBRIANCLARK - May 21, 2019 at 02:57 PM



“ Terri Babbitt lit a candle in memory of Aubrey Giles Harding



Terri Babbitt - May 20, 2019 at 09:38 PM



“ 6 files added to the album dad and family



Terri Babbitt - May 20, 2019 at 09:12 PM