



William Stephen "Steve" Harley

January 24, 1935 - June 22, 2026

William Stephen "Steve" Harley, 91, passed away on June 22, 2026. He was the only child born to Stephen Sapp Harley and Mary Quarles Harley on January 24, 1935, both of whom predeceased him.

He was a proud graduate of Clemson College and the University of South Carolina School of Pharmacy. Steve was one of the owners of the small-town People's Rexall Drug Store in North Augusta until August of 1990 when the large corporate drug stores took over. He was a long-time member of North Augusta First Baptist Church where he served as a deacon and treasurer for many years. He was a North Augusta City Councilman in the 1970's and a North Augusta Lions Club member for over 50 years.

He is survived by his wife of 71 years, Frances G. Harley, his son William (Bill) Stephen Harley II of North Augusta, SC and daughter Mary Ellenton McCain (Joey) and one granddaughter, Rachel Britt McCain of Lexington, SC. Also surviving is his cousin, James (Jimmy) Lee Harley of Pineville, NC.

Steve was happiest at his drug store, helping people by filling their prescriptions or joking with his many friends at the soda fountain. Many tall tales were shared and chuckled about in the booths of People's Rexall Drug Store. He always said he never worked a day in his life because he loved what he did. Steve never forgot his hometown town of Ellenton, SC

where he and Frances grew up, went to high school and as he said “thrown out by the government” when the Savannah River Plant took their land. Steve proudly served as the Treasurer of the Ellenton Reunion. In his later years, Steve always commented on how truly blessed he and Frances had been throughout their lives. Heaven has welcomed an old-fashioned gentleman into its Courts. “Well done, good and faithful servant”. (Matthew 25:23)

Family and friends are invited to a graveside Celebration of Life on Friday morning, June 26, 2026, at 10 a.m. at Pineview Memorial Gardens, 450 Five Notch Road, North Augusta, SC 29841.

Cemetery Details

Pineview Memorial Gardens

450 West Five Notch Road
North Augusta, SC 29841

Upcoming Events

Graveside Service

JUN 26. 10:00 AM (ET)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of William Stephen "Steve" Harley.*



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