

Erskine Jerome (Erky) Harris



Erskine J. Harris, 66 of Centralia died at 5:01 p.m. Sunday, July 9, 2017 at home with family. He graduated from Centralia Township High School in 1969 and continued on to Kaskaskia College. Erky worked as a Gauger for Shell Oil Company for many years, from which he retired. He attended New Bethel Missionary Baptist church.

The visitation will be held from 5:00-8:00 p.m. Friday July 21, 2017 at New Bethel Missionary Baptist Church. The funeral services will be held at 11:00 a.m. Saturday July 22, 2017 at New Bethel Missionary Baptist Church, 501 N. Sycamore St., Centralia IL 62801. Rev. Ronald Johnson officiating. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to the American Liver Foundation and will be accepted the church. Arrangements are under the care of Irvin Macz Funeral Home in Centralia. On-line condolences and memories of Erky may be shared with the family at www.maczfuneralhomes.com.

Erky is survived by daughter Katrina Brown of Detroit, MI; son, Michael Gardner (Joann) of Miami, FL; daughter Kass Barnes; son Steven Barnes (Helen); daughter Betty Barnes all of Centralia; six bonus children Tiant Gardner and Dreaka Gardner both of Dayton, OH, Joyce Barnes, Anthony Barnes, David Barnes, and Shirley Barnes all of Centralia; three sisters Marlene McClinton and husband Anthony of Markham, IL, Kimberly Atchison and husband George of Centralia, and Carla Ivory and husband Harry of Columbus, OH; 32 Grandchildren; 12 Great-Grandchildren; Special Friend Lawanda Barnes of Centralia and a host of relatives and close friends.

He was born June 26, 1951 and raised in Centralia the son of Elmer and Betty (McBride) Harris. Erky was preceded in death by his parents