



## Harold L Merritt

June 6, 1927 - June 3, 2018

Harold L. Merritt, age 90, of Pierce City, MO died on Sunday, June 03, 2018, at Lacoba Homes Inc. in Monett, MO. Mr. Merritt was born in Kansas City, MO on Monday, June 06, 1927. He was the son of William and Irene (Cowan) Merritt. Harold married Marian Miller on Saturday, December 08, 1951, at the First Baptist Church in Pierce City, MO.

He was owner of the Merritt Cleaners in Pierce City, MO and owned and operated Pierce City School buses for many years. He served in the MO National Guard for over forty years and was a member of the First Baptist Church in Pierce City, MO.

Surviving are the following: his wife, Marian of the home; one son, Barry (Jeanna) Merritt of Wentworth, MO; one daughter, Cindy (Aaron) Weibel of Pierce City, MO; one sister, Bess "Susie" Smith of Huntsville, AL; five grandchildren; and six great-grandchildren.

The family will receive friends at the First Baptist Church in Pierce City, MO on Tuesday, June 05, 2018, from 7:00 - 8:00 PM.

Funeral services will be at the First Baptist Church in Pierce City, MO on Wednesday, June 06, 2018, beginning at 11:00 AM with Rev. Aaron Weibel and Pastor Greg Hagebusch officiating. Burial will follow at Pierce City

Cemetery in Pierce City, MO.

# Cemetery Details

## Pierce City Cemetery

Pierce City, MO 65723

# Previous Events

## Visitation

JUN 5. 7:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

First Baptist Church  
21819 Hwy 97  
Pierce City, MO 65723

## Funeral Service

JUN 6. 11:00 AM (CT)

First Baptist Church  
21819 Hwy 97  
Pierce City, MO 65723

# Tribute Wall



“ *Harold L Merritt*

October 09, 2023 at 08:34 AM



“ *Marian and family much sympathy!  
Many years ago growing up in Pierce City, Harold was the song leader at the original First Baptist Church which we attended. Many good memories!*

**Gloria Harvey Abramovitz** - June 07, 2018 at 09:44 AM



“ *When we were little, and growing up, Marion and Harold were part of my brother Peter and my many trips/vacations to see the folks in Southern Missouri-Lebanon, Monett, Urbana, Pierce City, Buffalo where our relatives all lived. It seemed so long to get down there, but I loved the small town life. For those relatives living on the farms, we loved all of the kittens and dogs that usually were to be found in the barns. Harold always was SO VERY SWEET and interested in what all we were doing. He loved to listen, and he was so kind, and loved giving us candy. Harold, I know you are in Jesus' Presence, and your ONE THOUSAND YEARS is just beginning your day. Sending you love, and thanking you for being such a wonderful role model for us all. May He continue to wrap you in His Arms forever! We miss you already!! Hugs and kisses for you, and your grieving beautiful wife, dear Marion, and your children, and grandchildren.*

**Jeannie L Russell Frank** - June 06, 2018 at 09:47 PM

HW

“ Heather (Falls) Willard lit a candle in memory of Harold L Merritt



Heather (Falls) Willard - June 06, 2018 at 04:10 PM

HW

Harold was the kindest, most patient, compassionate, helpful and caring neighbor you could ever ask for. The Falls family was blessed by having both he and Marian just across the hedge line for those decades. He was, and is, a truly Christ-like man. I last saw him at my grandfather's viewing, and he (of course) had funny stories and memories that made us laugh.

Heather (Falls) Willard - June 06, 2018 at 04:15 PM

HW

p.s. The green candle is in memory of Harold's amazing green thumb and the beautiful yard he tended with such care - just as he did the people in his life.

Heather (Falls) Willard - June 06, 2018 at 04:18 PM

NG

“ Nikki Gaston lit a candle in memory of Harold L Merritt



Nikki gaston - June 05, 2018 at 08:37 PM

WH

“ *William (Rick) Heeter lit a candle in memory of Harold L Merritt*



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**William (Rick) Heeter** - June 05, 2018 at 08:35 PM

WH

*To the Family of Harold, he was a good man and may God Bless Him and your Family. I knew him many years ago in the Guard. My deepest sympathy in your loss.*

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**William (Rick) Heeter** - June 05, 2018 at 08:39 PM

MW

“ *Some called him dad, while others called him grandpa, and still others called him the bubble gum man, but I simply called him a man of God! Harald was a rock in FBC-PC and never wavered nor compromised his faith. It was a privilege to be his pastor from 2005-2008. Rest easy my friend until I see you again! Prayers for your family!*

*Bro Mark Wilson*

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**Mark Wilson** - June 05, 2018 at 05:05 PM

RB

“ *Harold was the standard for what a good man should be every day. We are thankful for all he and Marion have done for the family in Pierce City.*

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**Ron Bowen** - June 05, 2018 at 02:08 PM



“ *Red Magnolia and Yellow Lily Mix (Silk Cemetery Flowers) was purchased for the family of Harold L Merritt.*



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June 05, 2018 at 10:37 AM



“ *Janet Adams lit a candle in memory of Harold L Merritt*



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**Janet Adams** - June 05, 2018 at 09:05 AM



“ *Sorry to hear about harold. Prayers*



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**Carroll and betty jarvis** - June 05, 2018 at 07:30 AM



“ *Jeanne Gatewood lit a candle in memory of Harold L Merritt*



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**Jeanne Gatewood** - June 05, 2018 at 06:19 AM

J(

*I remember as a little kid Harold standing at the front door just waiting for the kids to come through handing out bubble gum. 30 years later my kids, nieces and nephews all enjoyed seeing him. He will be greatly missed*

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**Jeanne Gatewood (sooter)** - June 05, 2018 at 06:23 AM

AG

“ *Harold was a wonderful person. He gave me the sweetest gift. Because I am so short, he gave me a hand made step stool for my wedding. I know he treated every person he encountered with the same care. To know that He is in the presence of the Lord right now is very encouraging. I continue to pray that Harold's life continues to be a testimony to those he interacted with.*

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**Alex Gibson** - June 05, 2018 at 06:10 AM

PH

“ *Patty Hall lit a candle in memory of Harold L Merritt*



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**Patty Hall** - June 05, 2018 at 04:40 AM

CG

“ *Harold was a great music lover. He bought many records from my store, The Double Eagle, in Pierce City before the tornado. Prayers to his family. He will be missed. Cindy Gitchel*

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**Cindy Crossland Gitchel** - June 05, 2018 at 12:45 AM

AD

“ Thank you, Harold, for interrupting my Sunday School class every week so I could watch the kids run to you with hugs and love and they knew they were loved by you. They knew you would have their favorite bubble gum in your pockets. You were a highlight in our class each week. I didn't mind your presence taking over my class cuz I knew this was a memory they would never forget, just like with my own kids. Saying this now on a Tribute Wall is great, but I will always be thankful I let you know personally how important your presence was to the kids. Thank you for a consistent life of faith.

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**Annette Douglas** - June 04, 2018 at 08:29 PM

NI

“ Bubble gum. :)  
When I was a little girl I always got super excited when I saw Harold. I almost held my breath in anticipation, hoping he would notice me and share the seemingly bottomless pocket of bubblegum! And too many years ago to count, sitting on his lap at the BN (sp?) eating Suzy Qs, listening to the men talk, while my mom worked. Although, I have to say, my favorite memory ever.....sitting on his lap getting to drive the bus down the country road from the neighbor kids house to mine. ❤️  
Love you Harold, you blessed my youth.  
God bless your family  
Nicky Turner

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**Nicky** - June 04, 2018 at 08:05 PM



“ I will never forget this sweet man. He always had bubblegum for us when we got off the school bus. I happen to run into him little while back after being gone from MO for over 18 years, and what do you know he pulled out some bubblegum to give me. Rest in Peace.

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**Amy Humes** - June 04, 2018 at 07:39 PM

KT

“ My memory was way back when Harold substituted driving the bus when Alfred Box could not drive. Each time, when I would visit my parents in PC, I would have lunch at the Center with my parents and Harold would always speak to me and gave me an update to his family. My thoughts and prayers to Marion and the Family. Keith Towers and Family!



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**Keith Towers** - June 04, 2018 at 07:37 PM

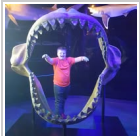
DS

“ Donna (Howerton) Stow lit a candle in memory of Harold L Merritt



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**Donna (Howerton) Stow** - June 04, 2018 at 07:33 PM



“ LaTosha Aldridge lit a candle in memory of Harold L Merritt



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**LaTosha Aldridge** - June 04, 2018 at 07:17 PM

LH

“ Thinking of the family with prayers- what a great man and another great angel for heaven to gain.



Linda Haase - June 04, 2018 at 07:14 PM

JM

“ He always had bubble gum for everyone. Will be missed

Julie Morrison - June 04, 2018 at 06:36 PM

BL

“ Prayers and sympathy for all of the family. May God give you peace as you walk through this time of sorrow.

Bonnie Hemphill Long - June 04, 2018 at 06:33 PM

VV

“ Vickie L. Vallee lit a candle in memory of Harold L Merritt



Vickie L. Vallee - June 04, 2018 at 06:27 PM

JW

“ Harold & Marian Merritt were our neighbors for nearly 20 years. They define the meaning of "good people". Harold was a 2nd grandpa to our youngest daughter and the path between the hedge, dividing our property, was well-worn. I never heard him raise his voice or get upset with any of our children. He truly exemplified a good Christian life and I am grateful for his (and Marian's) influence on our family. Our life in Pierce City was blessed by wonderful neighbors - the Merritts, the Lakins & the Weckers. Who could ask for more? We will miss you Harold but know you are walking the the Lord.

Love - Janice Falls Winden

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**Janice Winden** - June 04, 2018 at 03:30 PM

JW

“ Janice Winden lit a candle in memory of Harold L Merritt



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**Janice Winden** - June 04, 2018 at 03:24 PM

ES

“ Our thoughts and prayers are extended to the family of such a nice man. You have many fond memories to cherish.  
Edgar and Glenda Schoen



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**Edgar and Glenda Schoen** - June 04, 2018 at 02:39 PM

DP

“ I served with Harold in the PC National Guard until I left the State for a job in Nebr. Harold was a great man and friend; he will be missed.



*Dick Porter, Alexandria, VA*

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**Dick Porter** - June 04, 2018 at 01:10 PM

NJ

“ Nadine Crawford Jones lit a candle in memory of Harold L Merritt



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**Nadine Crawford Jones** - June 04, 2018 at 09:14 AM

BS

“ We rode the bus over to Monett for vo-tech. The three of us girls sat up front and the boys all sat in the back. We would see Harld look at us in the mirror and we would yawn. Then he would yawn and all the guys in the back of the bus would yawn...lol He was a special man and he will be missed.

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**Brenda (Jarvis) Sims** - June 04, 2018 at 07:32 AM

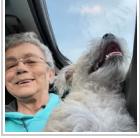
MA

“ Harold, your yard was a beautiful gift and you were so talented . Thank you for sharing your gifts and for your sweet kids and wife who continue to make such a difference here in Pierce City.



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**magnoliafl@yahoo.com** - June 04, 2018 at 07:11 AM

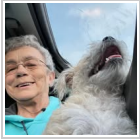


“ *Dorothy Blinzler lit a candle in memory of Harold L Merritt*



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**Dorothy Blinzler** - June 03, 2018 at 09:33 PM



“ *I remember Harold calling my son (Darrell Lamp) Leonard most of the time. Darrell thought a lot of Harold. May God wrap His arms around you at this time*

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**Dorothy Blinzler** - June 03, 2018 at 09:33 PM