



## Steven LeRoy Harris

June 28, 1943 - November 22, 2023

Steven LeRoy Harris passed away on the eve of Thanksgiving (22nd of November) at Avamere adult facility with "private care giving and hospice at his side".

Steve was born to Lois and Jack Harris in Seattle, Washington while Jack was stationed in the Pacific during World War II who also worked (mechanic) on the Enola Gay, the airplane that was used to propel the end of the war in Asia. Steve attended Lewis & Clark and Washington grade schools and then junior and senior high schools in East Wenatchee graduating in 1963.

Because of the fact that the Harris' were close friends of Bob and Lucille Feils, Steve was Bob Feils Boats & Motors Janitor for many years from a young age until approximately 6 years ago. He loved the relationships he made with the loyal employees too. A special "thank you" to the sons of the original Feils family (Dan, Dick and Tom). They were "super" with Steve, always treating him like their family which was appreciated by the Harris family. Steve, also, worked for a few people earlier on by serving them with his lawn care service. When Lois and Jack passed within a week of each other around Christmas in 1994, Steve remained in the Harris home until 3+ years ago. Many people thought he could not maintain the house and property, but he did. He was conditioned by his mother to keep the inside of the house in shape and his dad in performing the outdoor duties (gardening, lawn, irrigation, etc.).

Steve really enjoyed and watched pro-football (Seahawks), the NBA Super Sonics, college sports and other teams, but not much on baseball (too slow).

In his earlier years he enjoyed getting together with ham radio friends and listened to his radio every day. He loved music and had many cds and collected dvd movies which he enjoyed watching. His main transportation was riding his bike. He rode all over the East Wenatchee and Wenatchee area. He stayed in great shape and enjoyed his independence since he didn't drive. Later he rode Link Bus to the Wenatchee Mall, downtown Wenatchee or wherever he wanted or needed to go.

After losing his parents, his sister, Sue, was his "main" care giver in his life which allowed him his freedom in living at home. His other sister Patty, who lives in Portland, Oregon also gave him moral support especially during his last days talking several times daily on the phone. That said, we, absolutely, thank Hospice and especially Lorrie and her private team who oversaw Steve's care in his final hours; they were "the best". A "special thanks" to Dr. Peter Rutherford and attorney, Bob White, for their guidance during Steve's lifetime. Steve enjoyed his stay at Avamere the past three plus years in a nice ground unit apartment with a view, but they did not provide him the nice assisted living at his life's end.

Also, thanks to Dante at Jones & Jones - Betts Funeral Home for your expert help with Steve; we appreciate it.

Steve was preceded in death by his parents, grandparents Roy and Florence Harris and grandparents, Florence and LeRoy Brown (later Florence and Otto Mohr).

He was survived by his sisters; Sue Neel (husband Mark Neel), Patty Shoultz (husband Wayne Shoultz). and his nieces; Kim Richards (husband Randy Richards) and Brooke Richards.

We appreciate your thoughts for Steve. There will be a private ceremony at a later date.

# Tribute Wall

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“ Steve was one of the people that was always there in our lives a friend and neighbor for over 60 years.

*In the early 60's we walked together home from the school bus stop talking about many things and looking forward to what we might do in the future.*

*Steve had an interest in ham radio and had a Hallicrafters short wave receiver set up in his room I would go over his home and we would listen to the Morse Code and voice communication, Steve practiced coding in hopes of obtaining a ham license, not an easy task. In later years he monitored the scanner frequencies and would report what had been going on when he came to work each day at the boat shop as the custodian.*

*Steve was an avid sports fan and had a phenomenal knowledge of the players and statistics much like a sports caster occasionally he would emulate an announcer and was good at it.*

*Collecting music records from the 45s up through the cds his recollection of the artist and songs was impressive. Once portable radios became small enough to carry easily he almost always had head phones on listening to either music or the scanner. Steve always watched a lot of TV and movies, from the VCRs to DVDs he was able to recite titles and actors in a wide variety of genres at any time.*

*We enjoyed all the years Steve was with the boat shop family, we all will miss him.*

*Dan Feil*

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**Dan Feil** - December 08, 2023 at 10:16 PM



“ *I have so many fond memories of Steve. I worked with his sister Sue and he would always come into our office at Davis Arneil with a smile on his face and a kind greeting. He would ride the bus over to the office and he and Sue would take her lunch hour to go do his grocery shopping. Rest in Peace Steve. Rozy*

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**Rozy Williams** - December 05, 2023 at 01:46 PM