



## Harley Cecil Pelfrey Sr.

May 9, 1932 - December 27, 2021

Harley Cecil Pelfrey, Sr., age 89 of Evensville Mountain, passed away at Rhea Medical Center in Dayton on Monday, December 27, 2021. He was born on May 9, 1932, in Old Washington, TN, the son of the late Thomas Albert “Ab” and Caroline (Russell) Pelfrey. He was also preceded in death by his siblings, Ruby (Lee) Roberts, Ethel Pelfrey, Fay (Lee) Clark, James S. (Dean) Pelfrey, Thomas Pelfrey, Robert W. Pelfrey, Tex (Loretta) Pelfrey, and Mildred (William) Cochran.

Harley was raised in Evensville, moved to Michigan in 1951, and was a millwright for General Motors in Kalamazoo, MI, until his retirement in 1995. After he retired, he spent his summers in Hastings, MI, and his winters in Evensville. In 2007 he moved to Evensville for his year-round home. He was a member of the Middleville Lodge F&AM, was a dual member of the Dayton F&AM, and was a Past Master and Past Worthy Patron of Hastings OES#7.

He is survived by his wife of 68 years, Glenda (Hays) Pelfrey of Evensville Mountain; his sons, Harley Cecil (Susanne) Pelfrey, Jr. of Iowa City, Iowa, Billy Joe (Cintia Finkler) Pelfrey of Evensville Mountain; his sister-in-law Cecille, wife of the late Robert Pelfrey of Dayton; and his five grandsons, Maxwell (fiancé Hannah Aslesen) Pelfrey of Sigourney, Iowa, Mitchell (Pauline Cushman) Pelfrey of Bagdad, AZ, Paul Pelfrey of Yucca, AZ, Brock Pelfrey of Evensville Mountain, and Brett Pelfrey of Iowa City, Iowa.

Funeral services for Harley will be held on Friday, December 31, 2021, at 3:00 p.m. in the funeral home chapel with Rev. Von Dunn officiating. He will be laid to rest in Pierce Cemetery in Evensville.

Pallbearers will be his five grandsons, Max, Mickey, Paul, Brock, and Brett Pelfrey; and Byron Morgan of Ocala, FL, a close family friend.

Please share your memories and photos of Harley on his online guest register at [www.vanderwallfh.com](http://www.vanderwallfh.com).

The family is being cared for by Vanderwall Funeral Home in Dayton, TN, where they will receive friends on Friday, December 31, 2021, from 1:00 p.m. until the time of the service. Social distancing is strongly encouraged, and face masks are requested.

# Previous Events

## Visitation

DEC **31**. 1:00 PM - 3:00 PM (ET)

Vanderwall Funeral Home  
164 Maple St  
Dayton, TN 37321  
(423) 775-2662

## Funeral Service

DEC **31**. 3:00 PM (ET)

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Dayton, TN 37321  
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tvan193@aol.com

## Burial

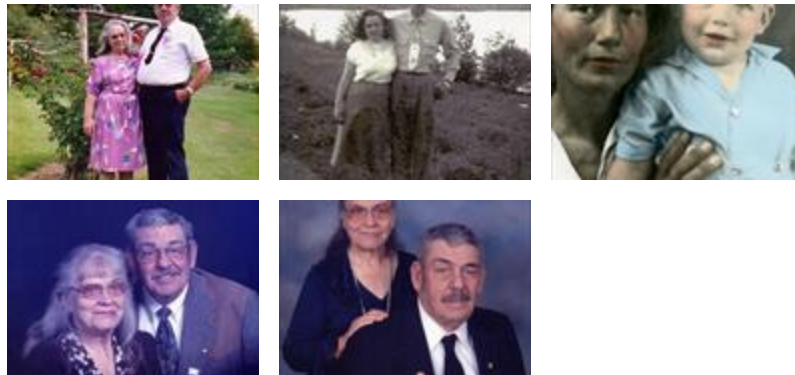
DEC **31** (ET)

Pierce Cemetery  
Evansville, TN 37332

# Tribute Wall



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Vanderwall Funeral Home, Inc. - December 05, 2023 at 12:31 PM

WR

“ Glenda, Cecil and Bill,  
Sorry for your loss of Harley. He was one of those respected and greatly appreciated characters in this life. He was a man of purpose with a big heart. You all are in our thoughts and prayers...  
Bill and Wayne Rodgers

William Rodgers - January 03, 2022 at 11:16 AM

BP

“ Cecil  
I'm sorry to hear about your dad passing. Growing up with you I can remember all your Dad's stories and the kindness he showed towards me. God bless your family and your mom during this time.

Brett and Kathy Pittelkow

Brett Pittelkow - December 31, 2021 at 12:49 PM

CZ

“ I remember a whole stream of little boys following Papaw around with such love and admiration beaming from their eyes. He was truly a gentle giant and a role model for us all. Our lives were all better because he was in it - if anybody deserves to be on an express elevator to heaven, it's Harley Pelfrey.

God bless you all,  
Chris (and Jerry) Zimmerman

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**Chris Zimmerman** - December 31, 2021 at 10:02 AM



“ Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of Harley Cecil Pelfrey Sr..



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December 30, 2021 at 05:47 PM

SF

“ Stephanie Freeman-Brown lit a candle in memory of Harley Cecil Pelfrey Sr.



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**Stephanie Freeman-Brown** - December 30, 2021 at 09:33 AM

TM

“ Uncle Harley was unique and unreplaceable. He will be missed greatly.



Tamela Maddux - December 29, 2021 at 07:33 PM

JD

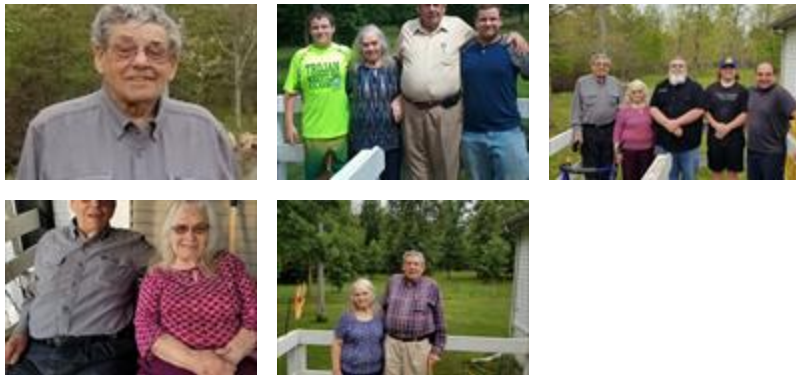
“ Juanita Pelfrey (Ray's Daughter) lit a candle in memory of Harley Cecil Pelfrey Sr.



Juanita Pelfrey (Ray's daughter) - December 29, 2021 at 06:17 PM



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Vanderwall Funeral Home, Inc. - December 29, 2021 at 04:48 PM