



Harold Slemp

October 7, 1956 - April 22, 2025

Harold Eugene Slemp, age 68, passed away peacefully on April 22, 2025, at Barnes-Jewish Hospital in St. Louis, Missouri.

Born on October 7, 1956, in Springfield, Missouri, Harold was the beloved son of Charles Harold Slemp and Helen Isabelle Howe. A proud graduate of Central High School, he held a variety of jobs throughout his life, but found his true calling in dairy farming, a profession he dedicated himself to for more than 30 years.

Harold had a lifelong passion for auto racing, especially stock car racing, and took great pride in restoring classic Willys Jeeps. Harold enjoyed cooking for others and catered many birthdays, and other celebrations over the years. Harold found joy in classic rock and country music, old western movies, good barbecue, and bargain hunting at auctions.

Above all, Harold will be remembered for his generous spirit, infectious sense of humor, and unwavering love for family and friends. He had a remarkable gift for lighting up a room, and his kindness left a lasting impression on all who knew him.

Harold is survived by his son, Adam Slemp; his longtime partner of over 30 years, Diana Samek; and his sisters, Pat Samek (husband Ed Samek) and

Sandra Samek. He is also lovingly remembered by Diana's children, Jodi Freifeld and Josh Samek, and their families. In addition, he is survived by numerous nieces and nephews, leaving behind a large extended family who will carry forward his memory with love.

Harold will be deeply missed, and his legacy of warmth, humor, and hard work will live on in all who had the privilege of knowing him.

A graveside service will be held at 11:30 AM Tuesday, April 29, 2025, at St. Wenceslaus Cemetery in Bolivar, Missouri.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made in Harold's memory to:

St. Wenceslaus Cemetery Care Fund

Attn, Jane Otradovec

708 W. Division

Bolivar, Mo 65613

or

The American Heart Association

www.heart.org

Donate by Phone: 1-800-242-8721

Previous Events

Graveside Memorial Service

APR **29**. 11:30 AM (CT)

St. Wenceslaus
State Hwy U
Bolivar, MO 65613

Tribute Wall

AD

“ One time when my parents and I went to the farm to see grandma and grandpa we got to watch Harold pull a calf out of the mother using some chains and a four wheeler and I think I was about 10 to 12 years old. I'll miss you, uncle Harold.

abe davis - April 29, 2025 at 05:20 PM

CM

“ I am so sorry for your loss. Harold was such a good person and always made me laugh. I so enjoyed being around him. My heart goes out to all of you.

Cathy McNatt - April 29, 2025 at 10:54 AM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Harold Slep.



April 28, 2025 at 04:09 PM

DH

“ Danny & Trish Hall purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Harold Slep.



Danny & Trish Hall - April 28, 2025 at 03:01 PM



“ *Kendra is right, our childhoods would have been a little more boring without him. When he lived off Sunshine and Campbell in SGF he would take me out to ride the streets in his dune buggy, no doubt to moms shagrin! Many good times hanging out at his farm or the Sameks. I swear there was never a dull moment with him and dad around. So many games of Sonic the Hedgehog played with Adam, rides in dirty old trucks and farm equipment & just running amuck. He was truly dads best friend and our "bonus" Uncle Hairwad. The Pope is gonna have his hands full keeping the 3 amigos in line...*



Hillary Talburt - April 27, 2025 at 09:25 PM

CA

“ *There are so many memories, I wouldn't even know where to begin.*

Harold was always a big part of our lives before and after Ed and I got married.

My sincere condolences to Adam, and the rest of the family.

Cathy Akers - April 27, 2025 at 07:42 AM



“ *A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Harold Slem.*

April 26, 2025 at 05:43 PM



“ *Magnificent Life Spray was purchased for the family of Harold Slemp.*



April 26, 2025 at 05:43 PM



“ *Mark Colburn and family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Harold Slemp.*

Mark Colburn and family - April 26, 2025 at 03:33 PM



“ *Mark Colburn and family purchased the Country Basket Blooms for the family of Harold Slemp.*



Mark Colburn and family - April 26, 2025 at 03:33 PM



“ *So sad to hear you were gone . Lots of trouble you and swish got into - to come home to snake in my bed (rubber of course)
Never seen two guys laugh so much as I screamed - don't you and Swisher get in trouble , loved you so much. You were a great neighbor Janet Swisher*

Janer Swisher - April 25, 2025 at 06:33 PM

KM

“ *My childhood would have been so boring without you.
Found this gem of you and Adam after Dad passed and was glad to
be able to share the memory with you.
I know he was there to welcome you. Keep eachother out of trouble
this time, ok? Love you “Uncle Hairwad”.*



Kendra McQuay - April 23, 2025 at 11:03 AM