



## Willard "Will" L. Harmon Sr.

August 12, 1930 - January 12, 2021

Willard L. Harmon, Sr., "Will", age 90, of Hammond and Portage, Indiana, passed away on Tuesday, January 12, 2021, at Methodist Hospital Northlake in Gary, Indiana, due to complications from COVID. A U.S. Navy Veteran, and retired Machinist with National Can, Will was a member of the Machinists and Atomic Workers Union. An aspiring traveler, he once took his family on a "camping trip" to Alaska. As an early advocate for the disabled, Will was involved with establishing programs in Lake and Porter County. He and his wife had a long history of volunteering. As a member of the Salvation Army, they served hot coffee and food to recovery workers at the Flight 4184 plane crash site in Roselawn, 25 years ago. One of the most rewarding times was serving as counselors at the Salvation Army's summer camps for young adults. As members of The Elks, they would go dancing up to 3 times a week at various venues. And lastly, as members of Bonner Senior Center, they enjoyed the comradery of the other "youngsters" their age.

Will was preceded in death by his first wife, Alma, two brothers Rodger and Michael, and stepson Steven R. Kubiak.

He leaves to cherish the memories wife Evelyn of Portage, IN; son Willard L. Harmon, Jr. of Portage, IN; daughter Peggy (Tom) Dern of Huntington Beach, CA; sister Gloria Alexander of Demotte, IN; stepsons Benny Kubiak, Jr. of Hebron, IN and Terry (Mary) Kubiak of St. Peters, MO; and a host of nieces, nephews, and step grand and great grandchildren. Services private by family. Burns Funeral Home (Hobart) entrusted with arrangements. [www.burnsfuneral.com](http://www.burnsfuneral.com).

# Tribute Wall

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“ Our sympathy to the entire family on the loss of Will, he was a very special and kind person. Wayne and I always enjoyed watching Will and Evelyn dance when we DJ'd the dances at Jean Shepard. They always were so special and encouraging.

*Wayne Para & Mary Ford*

*Fivestar DJs*

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*Thank you  
Peggy  
Will daughter*

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