



## Mr. Nelson R. Harris

January 10, 1933 - May 16, 2014

Nelson Robert Harris, 81, of 138 Chapel Rd. Savoy, died early Friday morning, May 16, 2014, at Berkshire Medical Center.

He was born in Adams on January 10, 1933, son of the late Walden and Gladys (Harwood) Harris. He attended Savoy schools, and graduated from the former Adams High School with the Class of 1951. He had also attended the University of Massachusetts-Amherst for 2 years.

Mr. Harris worked as a lumberjack for most of his life, and had operated a logging company for many years. He had also worked for the Town of Cummington DPW and the Henshaw Well Drilling Co. until returning to logging for several years.

He had been a member of the West Cummington Congregational Church, and enjoyed creating machinery in his spare time. An accomplished writer, he was the author of "Folklore and Boylore", which chronicled his childhood adventures in Savoy, and also wrote a monthly column for the Savoy Newsletter.

He is survived by his wife, Sandy Totter, whom he married on June 8, 2002; a daughter, Gail Harris-Burdick of Bangor, Maine;

a stepson, Michael Donahue of Savoy;

2 stepdaughters, Meagheanne Donahue of Adams, and Emily Stockman of Plainfield;

His son-in-law and business partner, Ty Stockman of Plainfield;

His sister, Viola Decoigne of Adams;

7 Grandchildren, David Pratt, Diane Persson, Christine Pratt, Katelyn Errichetto, Henry Stockman, Mace Donahue and Morgan Donahue;  
5 Great Grandchildren, Brooklyn, Savannah, Owen, Cody and Aiden;  
His former wife, Norma Harris,  
his beloved dog, Spike; and several nieces, nephews, in-laws, and many friends.

Funeral services will be held on Thursday, May 22, at 12 Noon in the PACIOREK FUNERAL HOME, 13 Hoosac St. Adams.

Burial will be at a later date at the convenience of the family.

Calling hours are Wednesday from 4 to 7 PM at the funeral home.

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to Hilltown Hose Company, 17 Center Rd. Savoy, MA 01256.

To leave a message of condolence, please go online to [www.paciorekfuneral.com](http://www.paciorekfuneral.com)

# Tribute Wall

MP

“ I knew Nelson pretty well, back when I was young and a summer visitor to West Cummington. He always had a friendly "Hi, Bink" and a kind word when we saw each other. Sad to say that I hadn't seen him in a long time, what with moving around and all. I know he fought the good fight for the last few years, and he will be missed. May he find whole, new, unspoiled forests to wander.

Marshall Pixley - June 07, 2018 at 12:21 PM



“ Our sincere sympathy goes out to Nelson's family and friends. Peace & prayers are with him. Dan and Sherri Henshaw

June 07, 2018 at 12:21 PM

PR

“ Grief can be so hard, but our special memories help us cope. Remembering you and your loved one today and always. He will be sadly missed. Celebrating a life well lived. We will cherish the memories forever.

Pete & Regina - June 07, 2018 at 12:21 PM

SO

“ My condolences to the family, I will always fondly remember Uncle Nelson from my youth.

Stephanie Tirrell Oraziatti - June 07, 2018 at 12:21 PM

DA

“ Our sympathies to the family on the passing of a good friend. We have many fond memories of long talks and laughs.

Diane and Brian Anderson - June 07, 2018 at 12:21 PM



“ SANDY AND FAMILY, SORRY TO HEAR ABOUT THE PASSING OF NELSON. HE WAS A GREAT GUY TO HAVE IN THE NEIGHBORHOOD. OUR PRAYERS GO OUT TO THE FAMILY. THE LAHEYS

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June 07, 2018 at 12:21 PM



“ We have the pleasure of working with Emily Stockman and heard of the passing of her stepfather. Our deepest sympathies go out to all of Nelson Harris's family. May peace replace sadness and memories continue to grow. Sincerely, Kathy Fabrizio and MaryEllen Devanny

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**Kathy Fabrizio** - June 07, 2018 at 12:21 PM



“ Emily & Family, We are deeply sorry for your loss.

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**The guys at The Dalton Water Department** - June 07, 2018 at 12:21 PM



“ Sandy and family, I am so sorry for your loss. Nelson was quite an amazing man. The type of person who didn't trumpet his knowledge, but if you took the time to get to know him, he would share with you. Rest in Peace Nelson. You will be missed.

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**Maureen DeMaranville** - June 07, 2018 at 12:21 PM

AL

“ Condolences to Nelson's family and close associates. Love to you all! Nelson was always interested in what our family was doing, and I enjoyed hearing and reading his stories about work - especially driving his logging truck. He will be missed.

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**Andi Lynes** - June 07, 2018 at 12:21 PM

LW

“ Sandy I am so sorry to hear about Nelson. your daughter told me tonight about it. Hope you are doing well and just remember that you guys will be together again. love you. Lyn

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**Lyn Wilson** - June 07, 2018 at 12:21 PM

CS

“ Sandy and Family,  
I will miss seeing Nelson in the library. He was such a sweet man.  
My thoughts are with your family during this difficult time.

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**Christa Sidway** - June 07, 2018 at 12:21 PM

MK

“ Deeply sorry for your loss. The kubli family

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**Morgan kubli** - June 07, 2018 at 12:21 PM

MG

“ Nelson worked with Evergreen when they cut timber on my place, 2004 to 2007. He was a hard worker and a true gentleman. It was a pleasure to do business with him. I enjoyed talking to him about local history and very much enjoyed reading his book, Folklore and Boylore. I wish to extend my sympathy to his family and friends.

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**Marty Glendon** - June 07, 2018 at 12:21 PM

TH

“ *My he rest in peace and may you live on with all the wonderful memories of the life you shared with him. God Bless*

Terry Haig - June 07, 2018 at 12:21 PM

PS

“ *Dear Sandy & Family, I will miss Nelson very much. I've known him for many, many years and enjoyed his dry sense of humor! I especially enjoyed his writing! Sandy, you are in my prayers; Nelson is at "peace" now.*

Pat Stefanski - June 07, 2018 at 12:21 PM

PF

“ *Please accept our condolences to Nelson's family and friends. We knew him to be a wonderful icon of America and this region.*

Peter Harding & family - June 07, 2018 at 12:21 PM



“ *I shall greatly miss Nelson's quiet strength, the growth experiences that he courageously shared, and the hope that he so generously gave. I can still hear his voice and see his smile.*

*I knew Nelson from an Ashfield gathering, and, although I no longer live in the area, I try to get back to the group when I can. Nelson was one of the members who always made me feel like I was coming home.*

*Please accept my condolences on Nelson's passing from this life.*

*Diane*

May 23, 2014 at 12:00 AM



“ Dear Sandy, Meagheanne, Mace and all of Nelson's family: we will miss him so very much here at the Adams Free Library. What a wonderful person he was. I am so sorry for your loss. You are in my prayers.

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May 21, 2014 at 12:00 AM



“ just heard. so very sorry for you loss.  
his sense of humor was a gift to all of us.

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May 20, 2014 at 12:00 AM