



## Harry Richard DeCroes

December 23, 1940 - January 28, 2018

Harry Richard DeCroes, 77, passed away Sunday, January 28, 2018, at Homewood Health Campus in Lebanon. He was surrounded by his loving wife of 56 years and his family.

Richard was born and raised in Lebanon, Indiana and was the son of the late Harry and Dorothy DeCroes.

At age 16, he supervised his own hay baling crew. He actively participated in FFA and was a ten year pin recipient in 4-H. Richard had a fond memory of raising a prize Heifer. Before his marriage, he was the top mineral champion as a salesman for Moorman Feed Company.

Richard graduated from Lebanon High School in 1959. He attended both Purdue and Ball State University and volunteered for the U.S. Army. After an honorable discharge, he continued to serve his country working at Fort Harrison as a civilian where he was awarded the Department of Defense Distinguished Civilian Service Award. He assisted purchasing the security for the Pan Am games held in Indianapolis in 1987. After retiring from Fort Harrison, he enjoyed working as substitute teaching as well as in retail sales.

He loved God and Jesus; he often prayed for others. He enjoyed meeting people and had never met a stranger. Richard's favorite hobby was reading.

He especially enjoyed reading about presidents, the civil war, and unusual facts.

Survivors include his wife, Rosa DeCroes who he was married to for 56 years; son, Rick DeCroes; daughter, Robin DeCroes; sister, Jerri DeCroes; two grandchildren, Jacob DeCroes and Holly Hemmerlein; three great grandchildren; and nephews and a niece.

In addition to his parents, Richard was preceded in death by his sister, Virginia Jones, and two nieces.

Private family funeral services will be held at Myers Mortuary in Lebanon. Interment with military rites will take place at Oak Hill Cemetery in Lebanon.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests donations to be sent to the Disabled Americans Veterans or a charity of donor's choice.

# Cemetery Details

## **Oak Hill Cemetery**

935 East Washington Street  
Lebanon, IN 46052

# Tribute Wall



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**Brian Harris** - March 04, 2025 at 10:32 PM



“ *Harry Richard DeCroes*

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November 27, 2022 at 01:43 PM



“ *I met Harry while attending Pleasant View Church. I remember he enjoyed the kids from the AWANA program and he was a dedicated member to the church and congregation. I hold a special place in my heart for Mr. DeCroes because of his passion for serving our Country.*

*Rest in peace,  
Makada Love*

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**Makada Love** - February 09, 2018 at 09:13 AM



“ *Harry,*

*It was fun to work with you for four years at Wal-Mart, and then to see you from time to time when you became a door greeter there. Gonna miss you, friend! My condolences to the family.*

*Love and respect,  
Brian Harris*

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**Brian Harris** - February 02, 2018 at 08:23 PM