



## Mr. Willam Douglas Harris

January 6, 1932 - April 25, 2026

William Douglas Harris (Bill) of Providence Village, TX, passed away peacefully on Saturday, April 25, 2026, at the age of 94. He was born on January 6, 1932, in Schulenburg, TX to James Walter Harris and Ella Dorothy (Boenker) Harris.

His younger life was spent moving often throughout Texas as his father worked in various oil fields. Most of his family was either from Cameron or Brenham. He attended high school in Brenham and then attended for a couple of years at Tarleton State College in Stephenville. From there he was drafted into the US Army and served for 2 years. During that time, he was stationed in Kaiserslautern, Germany and enjoyed traveling throughout Europe during his free time. He often spoke fondly of all the beautiful sights he had seen there.

After being discharged from the army, he studied the Bible and dedicated his life to serving Jehovah God as one of Jehovah's Witnesses in Nov, 1955 and served Him faithfully for over 70 years. He was privileged to serve in many ways, including decades as an elder in various congregations. He also loved working with the Regional Building Committee (RBC) and helping provide support during many Kingdom Hall building projects.

His secular work was almost exclusively in banking. He began his banking career as a teller at the Texas Commerce Bank in Houston. He was always

good with numbers and lived by the rules. These qualities helped him to thrive in the banking business. Due to a number of acquisitions, his bank finally became JPMorgan Chase, from which he retired in 1994 as a loan officer.

He lived in the Houston area for all the years he worked in the bank (about 40 yrs). After retiring, he moved to Waco for a few years and then settled in Ft Stockton. He lived there for over 30 years and made many close friends. Everyone knew him as Uncle Bill since he had two nieces in that area, along with their families. At the age of 92, he moved to N Texas to live with another niece and her husband, who cared for him until his death. He never married nor had children of his own, but he loved his siblings and their kids and always offered them a hand whenever needed.

He will be remembered by all for his kind heart and his love of laughter. He teased everyone and was quick with a wise crack. He did what he could to make you feel comfortable and cared for. Though he was serious if the situation called for it, he tried to just enjoy life. Since he lived alone for so many years, he loved any time spent with friends.

He is survived by his niece Becky and her husband, Carlton; nephews, Jim and Jonathan Schwartz and their wives, and his nephew, Gill Turman; great nieces and nephews, Joy (Harris) Finckler, Julie (Harris) Smith, Levi Turman, Tamrin Turman, Justin Schwartz, Travis Muns, Jenna (Schwartz) Phillips , Mallory (Muns) Harris, Matthew Schwartz, Miko (Turman) Molinar, Nevada Turman, and Kenji Turman (along with their husbands/wives); and a number of great-great nieces and nephews.

He is preceded in death by his parents and his three siblings, Dorothy (Harris) Schwartz, Walter Harris and Patsy Baker; nephew Walt Harris Jr and wife Sandra; nieces Dava (Baker) Turman and Melanie (Baker) Turman and husband Hoppy.

A memorial service will be held at 2:00 PM, Saturday May 16, 2026, in a Zoom Service, using the link provided: Join Zoom Meeting <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87324607102?pwd=bKIPSkVaie5LafXat5tHThRAYZKJI6.1>

Meeting ID: 873 2460 7102

Passcode: unclbill

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# Previous Events

## Memorial Service

MAY 16. 2:00 PM.

Zoom Meeting

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# Tribute Wall

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“ Before Uncle Bill moved to the dfw area I only saw him a handful of times in life. I remember spending the night over at his house on those long trips across Texas. In the morning leaving to head to see my dad I would take a handful of peanut butter cups out of his fridge before the trip. Once he moved up to the dfw area I was able to see him more and get to know him. I had a great time coming over to his him. We will all miss you uncle bill -Javier Muns

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**Javier Muns** - May 09 at 09:30 AM

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“ Uncle Bill was one of my favorite people when I lived in Fort Stockton. His quick wit and kindness brightened every meeting. He was in my Bookstudy group which I lovingly called the oldies but the goodies. His smile when he was about to crack a joke always made me smile. I lovingly called him ornery. We recently lost another brother that was his equal in love and just ornery. Almost like they are looking forward to their resurrection party together. Miss you Uncle Bill, till we see you again.



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**Rebekah Auen** - May 06 at 06:36 PM