



## Harold (Harry) Clem Witte

June 1, 1934 - October 9, 2021

Kemper-Keim

Family Funeral Chapel

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Harold (Harry) Clem Witte, age 87, passed away peacefully at his home on Saturday, October 9, 2021. He was surrounded by his family and wife of 60 years.

Harry was born on June 1, 1934, on the family farm in Ethlyn, Missouri. He was the fourth of six children of Clem and Agnes (Reller) Witte. He graduated from Buchanan High School in Troy, Missouri in 1952, attended the University of Missouri, and served in the Army from 1957-1959. He married Nora Belle (Mudd) Witte, of Olney, Missouri, on September 23, 1961, and together, they had six children.

Harry was instrumental in the development of the family business, Witte Bros. Exchange, Inc., along with his brother Jim, who passed in 1989. Together, with their brother Joe, ran one of the largest cattle operations in the Midwest during the 1960's and 1970's. They bought, sold, fed, and raised thousands of cattle in multiple locations and states during this time. In 1980, his brother Jim

and himself sold 95% of the cattle operations to focus on interstate trucking. They operated the business until 1989 when Jim passed away from cancer. Harry became the sole owner of the companies and continued to operate and grow with the help of a dedicated staff. His legacy continues today as the companies continue to flourish and are being managed and operated by his children.

Harry was a member of many organizations, a Paul Harris Saphire Fellow of the Rotarian International Club, Knights of Columbus, Sacred Heart Catholic Church, and served on the boards of Missouri Motor Carriers Association, Truckload Carriers Association, and Lincoln County Development Authority.

Harry is survived by his wife of 60 years, Nora, his children Nicole (Witte) and Jim Watry of Arlington, TX, Lila (Witte) and Steve Renfro of Lake St. Louis, MO, Brent and Elaine Witte of Troy, Janel (Witte) and Vaughn McDowell of Troy, and Chad and Greta Witte of Troy; sister June (Witte) Anderson of Moscow Mills, MO; sixteen grandchildren, and three great-grandchildren. He is preceded in death by his son Charles Witte, brothers Jim, Martin, and Joe, and sister Leona.

Family and friends will be received from 4:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. on Friday, October 15, 2021, at KEMPER-KEIM Family Funeral Chapel located at 351 Monroe Street Troy, MO 63379. Funeral mass will be held at 10:00 a.m. at Sacred Heart Catholic Church located at 100 Thompson Drive Troy, MO 63379. Officiating the mass will be Father Mike Lydon. Internment will be held at the Sacred Heart Cemetery in Troy, Missouri. Followed by a luncheon celebration and remembrance at the Knights of Columbus Hall in Troy from 12:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. Expressions of sympathy may be made to the Sacred Heart Catholic Church, in care of Kemper-Keim Family Funeral Chapel P.O. Box 222 Troy, MO 63379.

Arrangements are under the direction of Kemper-Keim Family Funeral Chapel; 351 Monroe Street, Troy, Missouri 63379. Online condolences may be made at [www.kemperkeimfamilyfuneralchapel.com](http://www.kemperkeimfamilyfuneralchapel.com) Phone 636-528-8221

# Cemetery Details

## Sacred Heart Catholic Cemetery

Troy, MO 63379

# Previous Events

## Visitation

OCT **15.** 4:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

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## Mass

OCT **16.** 10:00 AM (CT)

Sacred Heart Catholic Church  
100 Thompson Drive  
Troy, MO 63379

# Tribute Wall



“ *Harold (Harry) Clem Witte*

January 30, 2023 at 12:08 AM



“ *Harold (Harry) Clem Witte*

January 29, 2023 at 10:26 PM



“ *Our thoughts and prayers are with the Witte family.*

*Mark and Karie Teetor*

**mark teetor** - October 18, 2021 at 07:50 AM



“ *Nora, Nicole, Lila, Brent, Janelle, Chad and family members:*

*“We pray the love for the lost is forever carried in your memory.”*

*Regards,*

*Paul Kerpash and family.*

**Paul Kerpash** - October 16, 2021 at 10:54 AM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Harold (Harry) Clem Witte.*



October 15, 2021 at 11:26 AM



“ *Care and Compassion Spray was purchased for the family of Harold (Harry) Clem Witte.*



October 15, 2021 at 09:17 AM



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Harold (Harry) Clem Witte.*



October 14, 2021 at 07:12 PM



“ *Your Friends at Midwest Bank Centre purchased the Medium Dish Garden for the family of Harold (Harry) Clem Witte.*



**Your Friends at Midwest Bank Centre** - October 14, 2021 at 05:36 PM



“ *Basket Full of Wishes was purchased for the family of Harold (Harry) Clem Witte.*



October 14, 2021 at 04:53 PM



“ *Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Harold (Harry) Clem Witte.*



October 14, 2021 at 04:25 PM



“ *Rush Truck Centers of Missouri purchased the Florist Choice Bouquet for the family of Harold (Harry) Clem Witte.*



**Rush Truck Centers of Missouri** - October 14, 2021 at 03:15 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Harold (Harry) Clem Witte.*



October 14, 2021 at 02:06 PM



“ *Medium Dish Garden was purchased for the family of Harold (Harry) Clem Witte.*



October 14, 2021 at 01:36 PM



“ *WEL Companies purchased the Vivid Recollections for the family of Harold (Harry) Clem Witte.*



**WEL Companies** - October 14, 2021 at 12:35 PM



“ *Sweet Tranquility Basket was purchased for the family of Harold (Harry) Clem Witte.*



October 14, 2021 at 11:52 AM



“ *Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Harold (Harry) Clem Witte.*



October 14, 2021 at 10:21 AM



“ *Days of Sunshine Bouquet was purchased for the family of Harold (Harry) Clem Witte.*



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October 14, 2021 at 12:12 AM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Harold (Harry) Clem Witte.*



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October 13, 2021 at 05:33 PM



“ *Bountiful Rose Basket was purchased for the family of Harold (Harry) Clem Witte.*



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October 13, 2021 at 02:38 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Harold (Harry) Clem Witte.*



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October 13, 2021 at 01:36 PM



“ *Fall Fantasia was purchased for the family of Harold (Harry) Clem Witte.*



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October 13, 2021 at 12:56 PM



“ *Medium Dish Garden was purchased for the family of Harold (Harry) Clem Witte.*



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October 13, 2021 at 12:14 PM



“ *Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of Harold (Harry) Clem Witte.*



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October 13, 2021 at 08:29 AM



“ *Your Friends at S&H Express in York, PA purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Harold (Harry) Clem Witte.*



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**Your Friends at S&H Express in York, PA -** October 13, 2021  
at 07:32 AM



“ *Your Light Shines was purchased for the family of Harold (Harry) Clem Witte.*



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October 12, 2021 at 10:30 PM



“ *Our condolences and prayers to the family. May God's peace be upon each of you during this difficult time.*

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**Stacy & Sandy Bergesch** - October 12, 2021 at 09:35 PM



“ *MATT AND JOY HANDTE purchased the Country Basket Blooms for the family of Harold (Harry) Clem Witte.*



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**MATT AND JOY HANDTE** - October 12, 2021 at 03:09 PM



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Harold (Harry) Clem Witte.*



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October 12, 2021 at 01:03 PM



“ *Sweetest Sunrise Bouquet was purchased for the family of Harold (Harry) Clem Witte.*



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October 12, 2021 at 12:45 PM



“ *Beautiful Dreams was purchased for the family of Harold (Harry) Clem Witte.*



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October 12, 2021 at 11:37 AM