

Cecil Edwin Harwell

June 14, 1949 - February 12, 2026

Cecil Edwin "Eddie" Harwell, 76, of Cleveland, NC, passed away on Thursday, February 12, 2026.

He was born on June 14, 1949, in Iredell Co. to the late Cecil Harwell and Ruby Harwell Lovingood.

Eddie was a veteran having served in the US Army in the 101st Airborne Division in Vietnam for 2 years with 2 purple hearts.

He loved racing and won many events during his racing career. He also won a few Championships in Legend Car Racing.

Eddie enjoyed teaching young kids the right way to race and how to set up their car.

He loved animals of all kinds and they loved him. Eddie loved children even though he never had any of his own. He was a great uncle to his nieces and nephews.

Eddie enjoyed being at home and helping others that were in need.

He retired from Duke Energy after 40 years and he volunteered to tutor children in reading.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by stepfather, Cordin William Lovingood; brother-in-law, Tommy Gurley; mother and father-in-law, William Thomas Gurley, Sr and Dorothy Gibson Gurley; great niece, Anna Grace Jarman.

Those left to cherish Cecil's memory are his loving wife of 44 years, Janet

Gurley Harwell; sisters-in-law, Linda Gurley, Cathy Gurley; brother-in-law, Jimmy Gurley (Sherri); nephew, Billy Gurley (Diana); nieces, Julia Starnes (Curtis), Taylor Jarman (Timothy); great nephew, Mason Starnes; great niece, Lilly Gurley.

A memorial service will be held at 2:00 PM on Monday, March 16, 2026, at the chapel of Cavin-Cook Funeral Home, Mooresville with Rev. Sammy Pierce officiating.

The family will receive friends following the service at the funeral home.

For those unable to attend click the following link: <https://together.oneroomstreaming.com/2J8VGJ>

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to Hopewell Baptist Church, 18841 Davidson-Concord Rd. Davidson, NC 28036; St. Jude Children's Hospital <https://www.stjude.org>

Levine Children's Hospital, 1001 Blythe Blvd. Charlotte, NC 28203.

Cavin-Cook Funeral Home, Mooresville, NC is proudly serving the Harwell family.

Condolences may be made to the family at www.cavin-cook.com.

Cemetery Details

Cavin-Cook Funeral Home & Crematory

494 E. Plaza Drive
Mooresville, NC 28115

Previous Events

Memorial Service

MAR 16. 2:00 PM - 3:00 PM (ET)

Cavin-Cook Chapel
494 E. Plaza Drive
Mooresville, NC 28115

Receiving Friends

MAR 16. 3:00 PM - 4:00 PM (ET)

Cavin-Cook Funeral Home
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Tribute Wall

MR

“ 1 file added to the album Videos



Michael Roberts - March 16 at 01:27 PM

PS

Beautiful Tribute Janet!

Pam Sparrow - March 16 at 03:15 PM



I agree Pam. She did a GREAT job!!

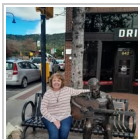
Kay Abernethy - March 16 at 04:49 PM

MS

“ Marshall Steam Station purchased the Emerald Garden Basket for the family of Cecil Edwin Harwell.



Marshall Steam Station - March 12 at 03:33 PM



“ Kay Abernethy lit a candle in memory of Cecil Edwin Harwell



Kay Abernethy - March 10 at 04:38 PM

KA

Eddie was one of the good guys for sure. I thank him for his service to and love of his country as a Vietnam Veteran. I can just see him up there in heaven racing with a great crew of drivers and I know he was greeted not only by our Lord but by two that have been missing him big time, his Sophie and Sam. Till I see you again Eddie, I will miss you.

Kay Abernethy - March 10 at 04:56 PM

BE

We are truly sorry for your loss. Even though we never met Eddie we feel like we knew a bit of his spirit through his sister-in-law Linda. We are sending strength and prayers to the whole family as you navigate these coming days. Bridget and Greg Ely

Bridget Ely - March 16 at 03:55 PM

WC

We are so sorry for your loss 🙏

Wanda, Lenora and Courtney - March 20 at 03:20 AM