



Harley D. Greene

April 27, 1935 - June 14, 2026

Harley D. Greene, 91, of Gilead, Indiana passed surrounded by family at 10:13 am, Sunday, June 14, 2026.

Harley was born on April 27, 1935, in Kokomo, Indiana, to Daniel and Anna (Hauber) Greene. He graduated from Northwestern High School in 1954. On July 3, 1955, he married Sue A. Greene in Kokomo, and they shared their lives together until her passing on October 16, 2014. Later, on May 13, 2026, Harley and Viola Stafford committed their lives to one another before God.

Harley was known for wearing a hat that read “Men of God Make a Difference,” a message he embodied daily through his character and the way he treated others. He farmed for many years and worked for Adler Seed Company before retiring from Northrup-King Seed Company. He later served the State of Indiana as a field inspector for the Indiana Quarter Horse Association, specializing in broodmare inspections.

He was a devoted member of Olive Branch Church and also attended South Pleasant Church. Harley was a member of the Masonic Lodge, first in Gilead and later in Macy, and was also a member of the Scottish Rite and the Murat Shrine.

Harley’s influence on Indiana Quarter Horse Racing was significant. A lifetime

member of the Quarter Horse Racing Association of Indiana, he was inducted into its inaugural Hall of Fame class in 2010. Since 2015, a race has been held annually in his honor, named the Harley Greene Derby.

A passionate Indiana University fan, Harley also cherished attending gospel concerts at Riverview Community Church with Viola in recent years. Above all, he treasured his family, Viola's family, and his many friends. He loved talking farming with Scott and looked forward to his weekly roundtable conversations at the Gilead Store.

He is survived by a daughter, Anita Greene of Roann; grandsons David Michael Greene and Daniel Davidson, granddaughter Jessika Greene; great-grandchildren Khloe Harris and Harley Smoke Greene; brother Larry Greene and Judy Sawyer; and Viola Stafford and all of her family.

Harley was preceded in death by his parents, wife Sue, and son David Greene, brother Bob Greene and wife Pat, sister Donnis Eades and husband Jerry, brother and sister-in-law Jim and Jo Butcher, and mother and father-in-law Paul and Kate Butcher.

The celebration of the life of Harley will be held at 2:00 pm, Friday, June 26, 2026 at Olive Branch Church, 4581 E. 1200 North, Roann, with Pastor Jeff Sumner officiating. Memorial visitation hours will be conducted from 12 pm to 2 pm time at the church.

His remembrance place will be in the Gilead Cemetery next to his wife and son.

The arrangements have been entrusted to Hartzler Funeral Home 305 West Rochester Street Akron, Indiana.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Olive Branch Church and Parkview Hospice.

Cemetery Details

Gilead Cemetery

State Road 19
Gilead, IN

Upcoming Events

Memorial Visitation

JUN 26. 12:00 PM - 2:00 PM (ET)

Olive Branch Church
4581 East 1200 North
Roann, IN 46974

Memorial Service

JUN 26. 2:00 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall

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“ *Shirley Bickel lit a candle in memory of Harley D. Greene*



Shirley Bickel - 3 hours ago