



Harry S. Gaples

February 11, 1935 - May 27, 2025

Harry S. Gaples, 90, passed away on Tuesday, May 27, 2025, in Barrington, IL. He was born February 11, 1935, in St. Cloud, MN and had been a longtime resident of Deerfield & Mettawa, IL, living in Barrington, IL for the past 3 years. Harry received his master's degree in mathematics from the University of Minnesota, as well as an MBA from the University of Chicago. He was the President and CEO of Kleinschmidt, Inc., a leading provider of network-based eBusiness solutions and electronic data interchange. In addition to being a successful businessman, he also co-founded the Gaples Institute, a non-profit organization dedicated to nutrition education for both physicians and the public.

Harry had a zest for life and loved adventure. He was an accomplished pilot and world traveler, and enjoyed downhill skiing, water skiing, and riding motorcycles. Harry was competitive in everything he did, from business to a game of cards, and had a deep, booming, boisterous laugh that filled the room.

With his larger-than-life personality, Harry was incredibly generous to many relatives and friends, and endeared people to him with his blunt, sometimes brutal honesty. You always knew where you stood with him!

Harry is survived by his wife, Christine Gaples; 2 children, Tony Gaples & Rebecca (Simon Harrison) Gaples; grandchildren, Liam & Catherine Harrison and sister, Thaspena Woodward.

He was preceded in death by his first wife, Rita in 2006 and by his sister, Delores Thomas.

A visitation will begin at 11:00 a.m. followed by a service at 12:30 p.m. Wednesday, June 4, 2025, at Burnett-Dane Funeral Home, 120 W. Park Ave. (Rt. 176, one block west of Milwaukee Ave.) in Libertyville. Interment will follow to Lakeside Cemetery. For info: 847-362-3009 or share a memory at www.burnettdane.com.

Previous Events

Visitation

JUN 4. 11:00 AM - 12:30 PM (CT)

Burnett-Dane Funeral Home
120 West Park Avenue
Libertyville, IL 60048
(847) 362-3009

Funeral Service

JUN 4. 12:30 PM (CT)

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Tribute Wall

JJ

“ Jeff & Sara Johnson planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Harry S. Gaples.

Jeff & Sara Johnson - June 05, 2025 at 02:50 PM

JJ

“ Jeff & Sara Johnson purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Harry S. Gaples.



Jeff & Sara Johnson - June 05, 2025 at 02:50 PM

SB

“ Harry you will be missed. We haven't seen you for a while but the time we did see you was a fun filled adventure. Rest in peace my friend. Our condolences to Christy..

Steve & Amy Brown - June 05, 2025 at 01:39 PM

MH

“ Dear Christy, Harry...what a man! Such a great guy! I had some quiet talks with him at various events. Though very accomplished he was also down to earth. Keep your memories close. Love, Mark and Elaine Harter

Mark and Elaine Harter - June 05, 2025 at 10:02 AM

LC

“ Sending our most heartfelt condolences to Christy and the Gaples family. Harry was such a kind man. We always looked forward to the opportunity to spend time with Harry and enjoy his company at WACO events. Memory Eternal. Lucia and Jim

Lucia Cirese-Keller - June 05, 2025 at 09:11 AM

RB

“ I am a cousin of Christine and was blessed with opportunity to know Harry, and better know Christy, at a pivotal point in my life. I immediately liked Harry's dry wit and occasionally confrontational humor, the likes of which I grew up with in the Boswell family. A very smart man, rightly proud of his success. I was privileged to meet Dr. Devries, Executive Director of the Gaples Institute, at Harry and Christy's wedding. As a physician, I had followed the likes of Dr. Kenneth Cooper (still alive at 94) and Dr. Peter Attia, and have read much of Dr. Devries work. All are experts in nutrition and longevity medicine. Harry made a good choice here, which I think was his norm throughout his life.

I will miss him greatly. Pam and I were fortunate enough to spend some time at their home in Mettawa, which felt like a special place from the moment you walked in. Those who know him must have felt the same. I'm happy he was able to meet my now son-in-law, Luke, as well as my youngest brother, Andy. My only regret is that I really don't have enough memories of him, as we met later in life, with his declining health creating a bit of a barrier.

Plus he always wanted to pay for dinner. I need to get over that.

So long, Harry. See you soon, Christy. I'm sorry I wasn't able to attend the ceremony.

Loving regards to All Family and Friends -

*Roger W. Boswell, M.D.
Frisco, Texas*

Roger Ward Boswell - June 05, 2025 at 08:51 AM



“ Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Harry S. Gaples.



June 04, 2025 at 07:22 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Harry S. Gaples.

June 04, 2025 at 01:38 AM



“ *Tender Tribute* was purchased for the family of Harry S. Gaples.



June 04, 2025 at 01:38 AM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Harry S. Gaples.

June 03, 2025 at 10:51 PM



“ *Basket of Memories* was purchased for the family of Harry S. Gaples.



June 03, 2025 at 10:51 PM

BN

“ *My deepest condolences to the Gaples family during this difficult time.*

- *Brian Nelson*

Brian Nelson - June 03, 2025 at 08:01 PM



“ *Country Basket Blooms* was purchased for the family of Harry S. Gaples.



June 03, 2025 at 03:10 PM

OS

“ *Olena S. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Harry S. Gaples.*

Olena S. - June 03, 2025 at 09:11 AM



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Harry S. Gaples.*



June 03, 2025 at 07:05 AM

TF

“ *The Boswell-Scott Family purchased the Florist Choice Bouquet for the family of Harry S. Gaples.*



The Boswell-Scott Family - June 02, 2025 at 04:37 PM



“ *Magnificent Life Spray was purchased for the family of Harry S. Gaples.*



June 02, 2025 at 03:01 PM



“ *Sweet Tranquility Basket was purchased for the family of Harry S. Gaples.*



June 01, 2025 at 07:33 PM



“ *A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Harry S. Gaples.*

June 01, 2025 at 04:50 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum* was purchased for the family of Harry S. Gaples.



June 01, 2025 at 04:50 PM



“ *Arrive in Style* was purchased for the family of Harry S. Gaples.



May 30, 2025 at 07:18 PM