

Robert Franklin Harrison, 90 of Bowling Green died Thursday, July 11, 2013 at Christian Healthcare.

The Warren County native was a son of the late Nosh and Murtle Spinks Harrison and husband of the late Wanda Craft Harrison. He was preceded in death by a brother William Ray Harrison, Sister, Nora Mae Smith and niece, Francis Reeder. He was a member of Jackson Grove Baptist Church and the Odd Fellow Lodge. Mr. Harrison was most proud of having been in the original First Grade class at Bristow School, and 12 years later in the very first ever graduating class who had spent their entire school careers at Bristow. He bragged of having used the same novel --- Robinson Crusoe --- for every book report from 7th through 12th grades. "I always made an A," he would recall, "But every year the teacher would make comments and suggestions in the margins, and I would make those improvements before handing it in the next year. By the time I got to 12th grade it was a heck of a good book report." He was also proud of his 48 years of employment at Krogers, thought to be the longest tenure of any Kroger employee. Right out of high school, Mr. Harrison ran his own grocery store for two years, but closed it and went to work for Krogers to obtain the medical benefits for his family. As a young boy he would look up from the Bristow Railroad Station at the white house on the hill and promised to own it some day. 15 years out of high school he bought it and lived there the rest of his life. When they tore down the Bristow Station he took the sign home and it still hangs in his barn. On the side he sold used cars, rented trailers and farmed his acreage along the L & N tracks. The County eventually named his road Harrison Road after him. When the L & N was merged into CSX, he bought stock, and every time a train thundered by he would grin and say "Listen to the sound of money."

Survivors include two daughters, Margaret Omlor and Dan and Carol Elaine Harrison and one granddaughter, Abby Leigh Omlor

Visitation will be 2:00-6:00 p.m. Sunday at Hardy & Son Funeral Home, Bowling Green Chapel with burial in Chapel Hill Cemetery. Funeral service 1:00 p.m. Monday at the funeral home.

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