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Harold Crawford Barks, 85, of Dexter, Missouri, passed away peacefully on May 30, 2025, surrounded by the love of his family. Born on February 27, 1940, in St. Louis, Missouri, Harold was a man of quiet strength, a kind-heart, and deep-rooted love for his family.

Harold married his high school sweetheart, Marie, and together they built a life filled with love, laughter, and memories. A proud Navy veteran, Harold enlisted after graduating high school, beginning a lifetime of service to his country. He continued his commitment in the U.S. Navy Reserves for 27 years and served honorably in Operation Desert Storm.

A true outdoorsman, Harold found joy and peace in nature—whether hunting, fishing, or boating. His love for Corvettes was well-known, and he proudly participated in countless car shows over the years. Harold and Marie embraced retirement together, RV-ing through Florida and soaking in the sunshine with friends. Harold also had a special fondness for card games, always enjoying the fellowship, laughter, and a little friendly competition.

Harold was a beloved husband, father, grandfather, and great-grandfather. He is survived by his loving wife of 65 years Marie; daughters Kathy Viers and husband Dennis, Lisa Watson and husband Steven, Deanna Barks, and Viki Vinson; grandchildren Jacob Watson, Kaitlin Smith and husband Colby, Justin Viers; great-granddaughter Elyse Smith, and many loving nieces, nephews, and cousins who will fondly remember his warmth, humor, and generous spirit. Harold was preceded in death by his parents Ruby and Jacob Barks, and son-in-law David Vinson.

Visitation will be held at Mathis Funeral Home in Dexter on Tuesday, June 3, 2025, from 9:00 to 10:00 a.m. with memorial service to follow. A graveside ceremony will be held at 11:00 a.m. at the Missouri Veterans Cemetery in Bloomfield, Missouri. Pallbearers will be Jeff Anthonies, Steve Anthonies, Justin Viers, and Colby Smith.

Harold leaves behind a legacy of love and will be deeply missed, forever honored, and always remembered.

Memorials may be made to 18 Fore Life, c/o Scott Kruse, 705 Laurie Circle, Dexter MO 63841.

Mathis Funeral Home in Dexter is assisting with arrangements.

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