



Homer L. Harris Jr.

May 5, 1925 - July 24, 2018

Homer L. Harris Jr., 93, of Tavares, passed away on July 24, 2018. He was born in Dayton Ohio and moved here in 1978. He is a retired masonry contractor and a Christian. Homer was a Veteran of the United States Army and fought in the Battle of the Bulge in World War II, he was also a member of the American Legion. He is survived by his wife Mary Ann, his children; Steven Harris of Ohio and Lisa Mueller of California, his step children; Dave (Stacy) Fileccia of Dayton, Ohio and Terri (Dan, deceased) Herbling of New Carlisle, Ohio, his siblings; Mary Marker of Eaton, Ohio, Robert Harris of Phillipsburg, Ohio and Helen Peters of Tavares, grandchildren; Jake, Chad (Kirby), Danielle, Justina, Dylan, Rebecca, Aurelia, Patrick, Sean, John, Aeryk and Phillip, great grandchildren; Saylor, Crew and Cora, all from Ohio. Florida and many loving nieces and nephews. Military honors will be provided at Lakeside Memory Gardens, Eustis, Florida at 11 AM on Wednesday, August 1, 2018.

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Events

Lakeside Memory Gardens

36601 County Road 19A

Eustis, FL, 32726

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Military Honors

11:00AM

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Comments



“ What a wonderful tribute to your very special Dad! He sounds like the best dad a girl could ever ask for. Just look at all of the special memories you'll always have of him. He'll always be with you in these memories and in your heart. Thank you, Mr. Harris, for your service to our country.

Patricia Rozell - July 28, 2018 at 02:10 AM



“ Thank you Patricia.

Lisa - July 29, 2018 at 06:06 AM



“ My amazing father.



Lisa Mueller - July 27, 2018 at 02:14 PM



“ Where to begin with an amazing man like my father? He was everything you could want in a Dad. Funny, supportive, loving & encouraging in all ways. He taught me how to ride a bike & got me the best one he could find. I lived on that thing. The times he, my brother & I went for rides together were some of my fondest memories. We took long car rides traveling & sang country music for hours. He always made sure to stop at our favorite places to eat (but not in the car. Ha ha). He loved White Castle, Wendy's & all of the same things us kids liked. He did all of the right things, like making us do chores for our allowances. This gave me an incredible work ethic which I'm so grateful to have. He taught us that respect is earned & to never take anything for granted. These are the values that cannot be taught in school. It can only be given to you from a loving parent.

I am so proud of his service to this country. He loved the US with all his heart and had the medals of honor to prove it. When I was a child he didn't speak of it very much as I'm sure it was painful & difficult. But as the years went on, he began to tell stories about WW2 to many people and we all learned so much about history & the sacrifices made by him & all of those who served.

My father & I had always had our ups & downs as we were so very much alike. Suffice it to say we butted heads on quite a few things but he had real strength & will power, which was probably why he survived the war & many illnesses later on in his life.

He found true happiness with his wife (my stepmother), Maryanne. She was his everything and he loved all of her children who later had grandkids. This was very special to him because he always wanted a big family. He treated all of us the same & always encouraged me to become close with my extended family. I am especially grateful for that as I lean on them now for strength during this difficult time of his passing. My step sister Terri & step brother David have treated him as family. Loving & respecting him always, which again, gives me great comfort.

His passing is still so fresh for me it's hard to write everything I feel. I'm mostly grateful to him for my life & his service to this country. I feel a deep loss that is inexplicable at this time. But he knows how I feel and is with me now in spirit. I am certain he's met my son in Heaven by now & talking to him about cars already. At least that's how I like to think about it.

God bless you my sweet father. You were absolutely one of a kind and I love you so much. You were the bravest man I've ever known or heard of and the world lost a great man when you left here. I know you're at peace now... free of pain & suffering. Take care of my boy until I see you both again.

Your loving daughter Lisa.



“ Homer, God bless you for your service. You died on the same day that my brother died. He served his country as a Marine. He was a proud veteran and a great patriot, such as yourself. He died on 7/24/04 and is buried at the National Cemetary is Schuylerville,, NY. God bless you.

Barry - July 29, 2018 at 08:50 AM



“ What a beautiful tribute Lisa. It's lovely to hear about him as a father with such great memories. I'm sure the angels brought him to those who have gone before. Find peace knowing he is without pain or want. I know my father smiles upon me in every rainbow I see. No doubt he is well pleased how amazing his daughter turned out and takes great pride in your strength.

My prayers are with you during this time.

Patricia Martz - July 29, 2018 at 09:54 AM



“ Patricia Martz sent a virtual gift in memory of Homer L. Harris Jr.



Patricia Martz - July 27, 2018 at 02:18 AM



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David Fileccia - July 26, 2018 at 03:50 PM



“ My sweet Dad. You were a strong lion always. Right up to the end.

Lisa - July 27, 2018 at 02:09 PM



“ Looks like I am going to be the first! Homer (Larry as we called him) married our mother 28 years ago but they knew each other from when I was in high school. He contributed to my BSA experience and entertained me with his stories. Sometimes too much but always with love.

As my family grew it was harder to see him but we always called to speak with him. He especially loved speaking with my son, Dylan. Dylan is a WWII-phile. Larry has given him hats and uniform pieces. Because of Larry Dylan volunteers in the veteran's museum in Germantown, OH. They also shared a love of cars. They would talk over each other for hours about war and cars!

The last few months were hard on us all with the turmoil that differing views in families can bring out. Larry always expressed his love for everyone and wanted us to put our differences aside. We will miss Larry. Dylan especially.

God Bless and Keep you Homer, keep fighting the good fight and above all rest in the peace.and love of our Lord, Jesus Christ!

David Fileccia - July 26, 2018 at 02:45 PM



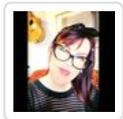
“ Thinking of his family at this time of loss. May your hearts and souls find peace and comfort. A person that departs from this earth never truly leaves, for they are still alive in our hearts. It is sad to lose another WWII hero. May his memories continue to live on. May his family, children, stepchildren and grandchildren be comforted by the outpouring of love surrounding them.

Patricia Martz - July 26, 2018 at 07:31 PM



“ Thank you so much Patricia. Your kindness to him will never be forgotten.
-Lisa

Lisa - July 27, 2018 at 02:06 PM



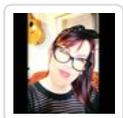
“ David, he loved you all very much. Thank you for such a loving tribute.

Lisa - July 27, 2018 at 02:08 PM



“ Well, I guess it's my turn. I first met Homer, when he married my sister (Parazetta), Lisa's mother. I was six years old at the time. I'm 63 now, and over the years, Homer has been there for me when I needed him. I could always count on Homer. I will never forget his kindness towards me and my mother, or the talks we had. Thanks Homer. And thank you for the service to this country.

Josette Key - July 29, 2018 at 08:50 PM



“ Thank you Josie.

Lisa - August 08, 2018 at 01:08 PM