



Harry E. Collins

June 3, 1931 - May 24, 2015

Collins, Harry E... passed away on May 24, 2015 at War Memorial Hospital in Sault Ste. Marie, Michigan. Harry was born in Muskegon, Michigan on 3 June 1931 attending school in Muskegon until the age of 15 years and then South High School in Grand Rapids, Michigan. He enlisted in the US Army on 3 June 1949 on his 18th birthday serving until 1 January 1971 and then retired with over twenty years of service. He served in the Korean War during 1951/1952 with the 25th Infantry Division, 14th Infantry Regiment as a combat Infantryman. After returning from service in Korea and after a break in service, Harry reenlisted in the US Army in 1954, he volunteered for the US Airborne service as a paratrooper that same year , attending the US Army Airborne Jump School at Fort Campbell, KY, on graduation he served with the 11th Airborne Division , 188th Parachute Infantry Regiment, 508th Airborne Battle Group, after serving two other additional overseas tours in the far East and two years in Germany and other assignments and receiving numerous commendations he retired as First Sergeant of the 52nd Military Police Company at Fort Sam Houston, Texas in 1971. After retiring from the US Army, Harry was employed with the Federal Prison system for over 3 years at Milan, MI as a Senior Officer Specialist and then accepted employment with the Chippewa County Sheriff's Dept. in 1974. He then attended Police Training School at Northern Michigan University, graduating as class president in 1975. He also attended Lake Superior State University part time and earned an Associate Degree in Law Enforcement and an Associate Degree in

Corrections. Harry retired from the Chippewa County Sheriff Dept. in 1991 as a Deputy Sergeant and also served as the Jail Administrator. Harry is survived by his wife, Marie Louise (Demour); 4 children: Michael (Cirra) Collins, Michelle (Delbert) Anderson, Terrence (Kristin) Collins and Mary Ann (Michael) Jurczenko; 7 grandchildren: Jennifer (Pete Soppelsa) Anderson, Melanie (Jonas) Anderson-Kong, Mark and Catherine Collins, Breana Eby, and Jacob and Bailey Collins; and 4 great grandchildren: He is also survived by a brother Daniel (Anita) Collins of Albuquerque, NM, sister Beverly Hentig of Wyzata, MN and numerous nieces and nephews. Harry was predeceased by his parents: Harry and Florence (Dahl) Collins; brothers: Robert Collins and Donald Collins. Harry's family would like to thank all of the Doctors and Nurses who cared for him. Harry was especially appreciative of the wonderful care he received from his doctors and nurses, particularly Doctor Timothy O'Connor and Doctor Edward Smith, the nurses who work in the Oncology Department of Mackinac Straits Hospital in St. Ignace and the Infusion Department of War Memorial Hospital. Family and friends may gather for visitation at C.S. Mulder Funeral Home from 10:00 AM until 12:00 noon on Wednesday, May 27, 2015, followed by military services at Oaklawn Chapel Gardens. Memorials may be left to Hospice of the EUP.

Tribute Wall

KJ

“ *What a beautiful legacy of a life well lived. Harry was a "man's man" in every sense of the term. The authority that he carried in the military was readily seen in his personal life. It was an authority that could be felt when you were in his presence. It was very easy to have a deep respect for the life he lived. He has sown many valuable principles into the lives of his family and so many others. May The Lord comfort you in this time of great loss.*

Keith & Phyllis Jackson - May 28, 2015 at 12:00 AM

JH

“ *Dear Louise and family so sorry to hear of Harry's passing. He was a wonderful man. Lots of great memories out at Don and Darlas. Love and prayers to you all.
Joe-Anne and Al Helferty*

Joe-Anne and Al Helferty - May 27, 2015 at 12:00 AM

RK

“ *YOU WILL BE MISSED UNCLE HARRY.LOVE AND HUGS FROM ALL OF US.*

randy and janet krmpotich - May 26, 2015 at 12:00 AM

DA

“ *We are so sorry for your loss. Your family is in our hearts. Our deepest condolences.*

Doug and Kathy Anderson - May 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM