



Rita M. Harvey

May 31, 1919 - September 26, 2019

Rita M. Harvey, age 100 of Highland, IL, died Thursday, September 26, 2019, at Faith Care Center in Highland, IL.

She was born on May 31, 1919, in Mason City, IA, the daughter of Karl and Clara (nee Shaw) Drake.

On July 07, 1947, she married Dallas C. Harvey at Great Lakes, IL. He passed away on April 27, 2014.

She was a member of Faith Baptist Church in Highland, IL. She was also a member of VFW Post #5694, Highland, IL.

Rita was born in Mason City, IA and grew up in Cedar Rapids. After she graduated high school she attended a business college in Cedar Rapids. She joined the US Navy after the bombing of Pearl Harbor. She served 8 years discharged as a Petty Officer. She met her husband in Great Lakes, IL and they married. They lived and traveled the world following his Naval career. After her husband retired they started Military Ministry for Campus Crusade for Christ. In 1993 they moved to Highland. Rita was given an honorary PHD in Oriental Flower Arranging and she volunteered at St. Joseph Hospital.

Survivors include:

Son - Ed (Sylvia) Harvey, Highland, IL
Son - Steven K. (Deborah) Harvey, Saint Clair Shores, MI
Grandchildren - Ten
Great Grandchildren - Twelve
Great Great Grandchild - One

She was preceded in death by:

Father - Karl Drake

Mother - Clara M. Drake, nee Shaw

Husband - Commander Dallas C. Harvey US Navy Retired - Died 4/27/2014

Daughter - Sharla G. Harvey - Died 2/18/2006

Sister - Helen (James) Stookey

Brother - Richard (Mildred) Drake

Sister - Dorothy (Aldrich) Castek

Brother - Robert (Neva) Drake

Sister - Velma (Albert) Medulan

Arrangements are being handled by Spengel-Boulanger Funeral Home in Highland, IL.

Visitation will be held from 9:00 AM to 10:00 AM on Tuesday, October 01, 2019, at Spengel-Boulanger Funeral Home in Highland, IL.

Funeral service will be at 10:00 AM on Tuesday, October 01, 2019, at Spengel-Boulanger Funeral Home in Highland, IL, with Rev. Leonard Pye, officiating.

Interment will be at Greene Cemetery in Pocahontas, IL.

Memorial contributions may be made to Wounded Warrior Project.

Tribute Wall



“ *Treasured Lilies Spray was purchased for the family of Rita M. Harvey.*



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“ *I'm sad to say goodbye to the most amazing grandma. She truly was a woman ahead of her time. After high school she went to collage and earned her degree in Accounting. When Pearl Harbor happened she was one of the first women to join the Navy WAVES. I will miss her stories about her early childhood adventures in the 20s and 30s and how her family managed through the Great Depression. I will miss the story about how she met my grandpa at a Halloween dance in Hawaii and how she juggled motherhood and teaching in Taiwan. She lived and traveled all over the world and had so many great experiences. Her favorite color was green and her favorite song was “Hey Jude” by the Beatles. She was a fashionista, loved the outdoors, gardening and butterflies. She was the prime example of love, patience and grace and I'm going to miss her.*

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