



Harold C. Johnson

April 30, 1922 - December 3, 2022

Harold C. Johnson, age 100, of Hobart, passed away peacefully on December 3, 2022. He was born on April 30, 1922 to Alrick and Ellen Johnson. He was the owner of M Latos Company in Gary. Harold had a winter home in Florida and a summer home in Michigan. He traveled all over the world and visited almost every country. Harold bowled in many leagues, he loved playing cards, especially poker and pinochle, fishing and working in his yard.

Harold was a World War II Army veteran who was an 82nd Airborne Paratrooper with the 376 Parachute Field Artillery. He fought in Salerno and Anzio Italy, Nijmegen Holland and was involved in the Battle of the Bulge and Germany. He was awarded five battle stars, three invasions and two purple hearts. Harold always went to Veteran's Day ceremonies. He stood in his uniform when the World War II planes were in Valparaiso and Florida. Harold went on his Honor Flight to D.C. Another trip through Soaring Valor to National World War II Museum in New Orleans. He was also invited to attend the 75th anniversary of Normandy in 2019. Harold's secret to living 100 years was the following: Never smoking, drinking, swearing and never eating vegetables.

Harold was preceded in death by his parents; wife-Barbara; sons-Kurt and Jack. He is survived by his daughter-Jill (Ken) West; grandchildren-Jessica, Sarah, Tom, Amber, Nicole, Ryan, Scott, Danielle and Michael; great grandchildren-twelve.

Visitation for Harold will be Friday, December 9, 2022 from 5:00 p.m. until 8:00 p.m. at Burns Funeral Home, 701 East 7th Street Hobart. A time of sharing for Harold will be Saturday, December 10, 2022 from 10:00 a.m. until the time of military honors at 11:00 a.m. at Burns (Hobart). In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to Honor Flight Chicago, National World War II Museum in New Orleans, Soaring Valor or your local VFW. www.burnsfuneral.com.

Previous Events

Visitation

DEC **9**. 5:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

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Military Honors

DEC **10**. 11:00 AM (CT)

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Tribute Wall



“ I’m going through old pictures on my iPhone and noticed that, while taking pictures with some veterans during the 2019 D-Day anniversary observance, I caught Mr. Johnson’s name badge and hometown in the photo. That may be why I asked him to take a picture with me that day almost six years ago — we share a last name. He was such a pleasant gentleman. I just googled him and found this obituary. God bless Mr. Johnson and his loved ones. -Rahsaan Johnson (Chicago)



Rahsaan Johnson - January 04, 2025 at 11:50 PM

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“ So sorry to learn of Harold’s passing. We met several years in florida and was so interested in his WW2 service and the incredible life he lived. We even flew on a B17 bomber together! Sad to see hero’s like him go. Rest in peace Harold.



Tony Faranda - April 29, 2023 at 07:26 AM

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“ We had the pleasure of having lunch with Mr. Johnson last Veteran’s Day at Wheeler Middle School. So enjoyed visiting with him and hearing his stories. He always looked great in his uniform and was hoping to greet him at the luncheon this year. He was truly missed. Thank you for your service Mr. Johnson. George and Pam Mandich

Pamela - December 09, 2022 at 11:32 AM



“ Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Harold C. Johnson.



December 08, 2022 at 04:01 PM

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“ To the family and friends so sorry for your loss Rest Easy
Hero Randy Gumkowski (INPGR)



Randy Gumkowski - December 06, 2022 at 07:13 PM