



Harry F. McDowell

May 31, 1924 - May 14, 2014

Harry Franklin McDowell, age 89, of Lehigh Acres, Florida passed away peacefully on Wednesday, May 14, 2014. He was born on May 31, 1924 in Johnstown, Pennsylvania, the proud son of Geraldine (Timmeney) and Harry M. McDowell. He was a member of the "Greatest Generation" and proudly defended freedom by serving his country as a member of the United States Army Air Corps during World War II. He obtained a college degree following his military service and then returned to government service as a printing and documents specialist for the Central Intelligence Agency. Harry married Viora "Kitty" Kelly and was proud to be a father to son Ron and daughter Bonnie. In 1974, Harry, Kitty and their family moved to Lehigh Acres from Silver Spring, Maryland. Sadly, in 2013, his beloved Kitty preceded him in death. Harry was an energetic person who always gave generously of his time and talents to causes he cared about. Foremost among his concerns were the issues faced by our military and veterans. He became an active member of the American Legion, always working to advance their mission of caring for our nation's protectors. He served as past Commander of the American Legion for Lehigh Acres Post No. 323, Past District Commander of the American Legion for Florida District 13 and as Past National Vice Commander. Harry was also an active member of the Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 4174 also in Lehigh Acres. Harry is survived by his son Ron E. McDowell, his daughter Bonnie B. McClung and several grandchildren. He will be greatly missed by his extended family, countless friends, scores of people he worked with at the American

Legion and the many people who were fortunate to have met him. A Memorial Gathering will be conducted on Wednesday, May 21, 2014 from 10:00-11:00 AM in the Chapel at Anderson-Patterson Cremation and Funeral Services, 2701 Lee Boulevard, Lehigh Acres, Florida 33971, (239) 368-7080. Members of the American Legion will provide a Memorial Service with Honors at 11:00 AM. In lieu of flowers, the family respectfully requests that you instead consider a contribution in Harry's honor to American Legion Post No. 323, 1124 Ashlar Avenue, Lehigh Acres, Florida 33936, (239) 369-3178. Those who wish to offer condolences to the family at this difficult time are urged to visit Harry's memorial webpage at www.andersonpatterson.com and sign the guestbook.

Tribute Wall



“ *Harry F. McDowell*

October 09, 2023 at 02:01 AM



“ *Harry F. McDowell*

January 28, 2023 at 12:09 PM



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Joanne - July 08, 2016 at 01:44 PM



“ *Joanne lit a candle in memory of Harry F. McDowell*



Joanne - July 08, 2016 at 01:39 PM



Rest in Peace. I remember Harry F. McDowell's parents and they were wonderful people. I always think about them a lot and wonder where their children are. I think that I found one. He sounds as though he was just as thoughtful and as good as his parents. But didn't he have a sister, Virginia?

Joanne - July 08, 2016 at 01:42 PM



Virginia is my grandmother. She passed away 2005.

Rachael Martin - February 21, 2017 at 05:22 PM

JO

ty Rachael, I just saw your response and I appreciate it. Could you tell me what your grandmother's married name was? tysm

Joanne - January 13, 2018 at 06:44 AM

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