



Harley Andrew Kirkman

March 1, 1924 - January 1, 2018

Harley A. Kirkman, resident of Olympia, Washington, formerly of Bellingham, Washington, passed away of natural causes on January 1, 2018, at Providence Hospital in Centralia, at the age of 93 years.

Harley was born March 1, 1924 in Sequim, Washington, and spent his childhood on the family farm in Nooksack, Washington. He graduated from Nooksack High School in 1942 and then served his country in the Army during World War II. He attended business school in Bellingham and joined the Bellingham Police Force, eventually becoming superintendent of the Identification Section until he retired from the force in 1974. He then joined the Washington State Patrol Identification Section and moved to Olympia, Washington, until he retired in 1985. He has resided in Olympia for the last 44 years.

Harley met his wife Margery, who survives him, at a church gathering in 1947, and they were married in September 1948. They just recently celebrated their 69th wedding anniversary. They raised four children, Connie (and John Dunton); Stephen Kirkman, Nancy (Brend) and Karen (and Aaron Evich). His six grandchildren, Sarah Heistand, Holly Ruby, Parker Coffman, Amy Sue Manley, Allison Phillips and Alizabeth Dunton, brought great joy to Harley's life, and he was also blessed with 7 great grandchildren.

Harley loved to sing, and was a sought-after tenor soloist for most of his adult life. Harley was always involved in church choir, both at First Presbyterian Church in Bellingham and Lacey Presbyterian in Lacey, Washington. He also loved singing in barbershop quartets and in the choir at the active-adult RV resort in Arizona where he and Margery spent the winters.

Harley loved to travel and spent time traveling with Margery across the United States, and in the Caribbean and Europe. They spent nearly 20 years wintering in Mesa, Arizona. He spent his whole life loving gardening and flowers, always having a backyard that looked like a park. One of his favorite activities, even in the last months of his life, was reading the newest seed and bulb catalogs.

Harley loved people, and his family and friends were the blessed recipients of his love and laughter. He will always be remembered for the way he enjoyed people, and making them feel important and comfortable.

A graveside service will be held Friday, January 12, at 2:00 p.m. at Greenacres Memorial Park in Ferndale, Washington, with a reception immediately following. A memorial service will be held for Harley on Sunday, January 21, at 2:00 p.m. at Lacey Presbyterian Church in Lacey, Washington.

Tribute Wall

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“ I’m so sorry to hear of Buster’s passing. He was a lovely man and I always remember him smiling and cheerful. I loved to hear him sing. May your family be blessed with the many wonderful memories that will help to keep him alive for you always. My prayers and thoughts are with you all at this time. May God bless and keep all of you and give you peace.

Shirley Hatch Taylor - January 01, 2018 at 12:00 AM

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“ I was privileged to know Harley, and he sang at my parents wedding, my sisters wedding and mine. He was so warm and welcoming, fun and faith filled...a truly amazing man. It has been many years since I have seen him, but the memories of time shared with the Kirkman family live on in my heart. Gods blessings to your family and much love to you all...

Cheryl Hardy Norsby - January 01, 2018 at 12:00 AM