



Fred William Harkins

March 25, 1934 - November 21, 2023

Fred W. Harkins, 89 of Bonita Springs, FL passed away Tuesday, November 21, 2023 at American House. Formerly of West Springfield, MA he moved to Naples, FL in 1998 before recently relocating to Bonita Springs. Fred was born March 25, 1934 in Meriden, CT a son of the late Fred William and Margaret Mary (Coffey) Harkins.

Mr. Harkins was a Veteran of the United States Air Force, proudly serving his country for 12 years. Fred graduated from Newbury Junior College in Boston, MA before his career as a computer technician, retiring from Honeywell International Inc. In the early 1980's, Fred was part of the Framingham Companies of Militia and Minute; he participated in reenactments of the American Revolution including a 28-mile march, in full period uniform, to Bunker Hill, MA.

He was a life member of the Lion's Club where he served as a District Governor in Massachusetts, and as a volunteer and Treasurer of the Bonita Springs Lions Club. Fred had a passion for trains and was known for chasing trains and following tracks. He also loved model trains, playing cribbage and bingo.

Survivors include his beloved wife of 63 years, Elizabeth L. "Betty" (Stamant) Harkins; brother, Robert T. Harkins of Agawam, MA; sisters, Maureen (Peter)

Hoffman of Agawam, MA, Catherine (George) Belhumeur of Agawam, MA; sister-in-law, Jeanne Stamant Pittman of Naples, FL; and many nieces and nephews.

A Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated on Wednesday, December 6, 2023 at 1:00 PM at St. John the Evangelist Catholic Church, 625 111th Ave. N., Naples, FL 34108. His Mass will be livestreamed and can be viewed at <https://sjecc.org/funeral-mass/>. Burial will follow in the church memorial garden.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions in Fred's name may be made to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital, 501 St. Jude Place, Memphis, TN 38105.

Online condolences may be offered by visiting www.ShikayFuneralHome.com.

Arrangements are being handled by Shikany's Bonita Funeral Home, Family Owned Since 1978.

Cemetery Details

St. John the Evangelist Memorial Garden

625 111th Ave. No.
Naples, FL 34108

Previous Events

Mass of Christian Burial

DEC 6. 1:00 PM (ET)

St. John the Evangelist Catholic Church
625 111th Ave. N
Naples, FL 34108

Tribute Wall



“ *Uncle Fred was a great uncle. We thank him for his years of service to our country in the Air Force and for serving his community in the Lions Club. I still remember seeing Uncle Fred and Aunt Betty doing the Revolutionary War re-enactments. I think of all of the times that Uncle Fred and Dad would go off on "train" adventures, following train tracks and talking with engineers. They had so much fun together.*

We will be watching the funeral on the livestream and we wish we could be with you, but we will be with you in spirit. We love you and we miss you, Uncle Fred.

Jackie Longino - December 03, 2023 at 07:38 AM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Fred William Harkins.*



December 01, 2023 at 07:56 AM

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“ Uncle Fred was a wonderful godfather. He was so encouraging, positive, and loving. I enjoyed numerous good times with him over the years, from sharing holidays together to seats at the ballpark. And I even got to witness the joy he and my father found in chasing trains together. I remember playing on our home’s first computer in the 1980s, a gift from Uncle Fred. And I can still see him in his Revolutionary War uniform. He was so passionate about the things he got involved with, and he was always ready to step up and volunteer his time. It was a valuable lesson to learn from him, to do things that you care about all the way. Uncle Fred was a good man, and I will really miss him.

James Stamant - December 01, 2023 at 07:45 AM

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“ We have spent more than 30 years as friends after spending 1994 and ending 1995 as International Lions District Governors for our Districts.

Paul Chute - November 30, 2023 at 02:19 PM