



Harry Carlip

July 31, 1943 - May 15, 2014

Harry Carlip of Fort Myers Beach, FL died tragically and unexpectedly aboard his beloved boat, "Bella Mar," on Thursday, May 15, 2014. He was 70. Formerly of Beaufort, SC, he had been a resident of Fort Myers and Fort Myers Beach since 2007 and had lived in Lewisburg, PA for many years.

Harry was born July 31, 1943 in New York City, NY. He graduated from Flushing (NY) High School in 1961 and Pennsylvania Military College (Widener University) in 1965.

Mr. Carlip served as a Captain in the United States Army.

Harry worked for Mobil Oil, Red Star Express, Motor Freight Express, ADP, and American Home Foods in Milton, PA, as a senior IT executive before retiring as a consultant for Oracle Systems. He also co-owned the Runner's Gazette in Lewisburg, PA. Harry was a founding member of the Buffalo Valley Striders Running Club in Lewisburg, PA and director of the Bull Run Run 10K for many years. Harry was a long-time member of the Lewisburg Area School Board and served as president during that time. Harry enjoyed running, was an award-winning swimmer and coach, and loved animals. Most important to Harry was spending time on the water, boating, and nature.

Survivors include his loving children, Marcy (James) Marshall of Lewisburg,

PA and Michael (Julie Mae) Carlip of Naples, FL; cherished grandchildren, Shaymus and Zoe; his former wife, Fredlyn Carlip of Lewisburg, PA; and many friends. He was preceded in death by his parents, Morris and Ruth Carlip, of Queens, NY.

A memorial service will be celebrated on Thursday, May 22, 2014 at 6:30 P.M. at Lovers Key State Park, 8700 Estero Blvd., Fort Myers Beach, FL 33931. (Those attending the memorial service, please use main entrance of park (across from Carl E. Johnson Boat Ramp), stop at guard house, park in first parking lot on left side and take tram to the Gazebo)

In accordance with Harry's wishes, burial will be held at sea with full military honors and the United States Navy.

Memorial contributions in Harry's name may be made to the Wounded Warrior Project, P.O. Box 758517, Topeka, KS 66675 or to The Green Dragon Foundation, 115 Farley Circle #306, Lewisburg, PA 17837.

Previous Events

Memorial Service

MAY **22**. 6:30 PM (ET)

Lovers Key State Park
8700 Estero Blvd.
Fort Myers Beach, FL 33931

Tribute Wall



“ *Harry Carlip*

October 09, 2023 at 03:40 AM



“ *Although it has been many years since I worked with Harry at American Home Foods, I will also remember him for his larger than life personality. I send my sincere regrets to the Carlip family in this time of grief.*

Donna Wynn

Donna Wynn - May 29, 2014 at 01:41 PM

AH

“ To Harry's family and loved ones we send our deepest condolences on the tragic loss of such a wonderful person. We are Canadians who spent our first winter in Florida . Our boat was next to the Bella Mar . Harry and Marilyn were the first people to welcome us to the boating community and we became instant friends. We hadn't planned on staying at D dock but we so enjoyed their friendship that we didn't want to go anywhere else. We enjoyed wonderful times and meals together on both our boats. We could listen to Harry's stories forever, he was a fascinating man! We had our English Springer Spaniel on board and Harry loved to reminisce about his beloved Tatiyana . I would tell friends " Harry packs more living into life than anyone I know." When we returned home in March I kept in touch with Marilyn and we shared their excitement for their future together and had hoped to return for their wedding. It will be hard to ever return.



Harry you were such a kind, gentle and intelligent soul. We so enjoyed your company and it seems we knew you for much longer than we actually did. We will always miss you, along with the many other people whose lives you touched. We will remember the good times we shared. We hope we meet again.

Anne Hutchinson, Paul Richards

anne hutchinson - May 28, 2014 at 04:11 PM

DL

“ I worked with Harry at Costco. I was so happy for him and Marilyn. He always wore different hats for each demo and had so many stories. He knew so much about food and sea life. He will surely be missed. My prayers go out to the family.

Diane Lewis - May 25, 2014 at 08:07 AM

DW

“ I worked with Harry at Costco. He will be deeply missed. My prayers are with the Families.Psalms 23

Dennis Wheeler

Josh Wheeler

Dennis Wheeler - May 24, 2014 at 10:18 PM

SZ

“ I had the good fortune to work for Harry at American Home Foods many years ago. He gave me the opportunity to develop skills that served me throughout my career. I remember his happiness when he was promoted to Vice President of MIS. He worked for it and he deserved it. We served together on the Lewisburg school board. Harry was not selfish in his service - his attitude was that he had 1700 children, not just his own two.

Unfortunately we lost contact after his departure from Lewisburg, but Harry was not the kind of person you could forget.

Words are often inadequate, but they're all we have. My condolences to Harry's family. We pray for your solace.

Stan Zellers

Stan Zellers - May 24, 2014 at 08:40 PM

SK

“ The Bull Run Run 10K was my first organized run. Thank you Harry for the encouragement. My condolences to your family.

Steve Kratzer - May 23, 2014 at 01:38 PM

DH

“ Gwynne and I are very saddened by Harry's passing and we were so happy that Harry and Marilyn were to be married and have a wonderful life on the seas. Our family condolences and thoughts are with Harry and his family.

Dave and Gwynne Homan

Dave and Gwynne Homan - May 23, 2014 at 10:40 AM



Kimberly
Victor-
bradshaw

“ Harry and Marilyn called me giddy in love... asking if I would marry them...later her sister offered and she was to do the celebration of their new life together. They were laughing and joyous about the new adventure they were to go on. I believe they are on it now. I can only hope that their loved ones may heal fast from such a horrible turn of events.... two women i am close to, Lesley and Jade, were people who knew his love and kindness. He had a heart that was huge and open and giving... it was tragic to lose both of them this way. I see them sailing off together and it gives me some bit of solace. Harry would not want to rest in peace....so I will wish him them to sail in peace. I know they will both be missed very much.

Kimberly Victor-bradshaw - May 22, 2014 at 01:28 PM

VH

“ If Harry and Marilyn's love and affection for each other, their zest for life, their devotion to friends, if it could have been bottled, on these farewell days, if that bottle could be opened, their love and happiness would bless this solemn occasion. They would want us to remember them with a smile!

Vera and Mason

Vera Harlan - May 22, 2014 at 09:42 AM

LI

“ *Lisa lit a candle in memory of Harry Carlip*



Lisa - May 21, 2014 at 10:12 PM

LI

I did not know him but I am praying for those that did and speak so highly of him...REST IN PEACE NOW HARRY..FOREVER IN THE ARMS OF OUR ULTIMATE SAVIOR...

Lisa - May 21, 2014 at 10:14 PM

 Bettye Newman

“ *My deepest sympathy and sorrow for the untimely and tragic death of Harry and Marilyn. Their love for one another and family shown brighter than the brightest star. They will be deeply missed.
Julian and Bettye Newman of
Tampa, Florida*

Bettye Newman - May 21, 2014 at 04:07 PM

SW

“ Harry Carlip was my dear friend, and a steadfast wellspring of unfaltering love, compassion, integrity and courage. Friendship for Harry was not a shallow matter. He was always there for those he loved.

Whenever I needed advice or cheering up, Harry was the man to see. He knew how to transform what seemed like earth shattering dilemmas into inspirational tales of his life's experiences, always topped off with witty words of wisdom. Soon laughter would fill all crevices of doubt, and that twinkle in his eye would send me off, ready to conquer the world.

Simply put, Harry had the "secret recipe" for lemonade- no matter how many lemons were in the jug. Words can not express how much I will miss him, and I send my love and prayers to all Harry's family, whom he cherished and adored so deeply.

Shelby Ward - May 21, 2014 at 02:50 PM

DB

“ Julie and the Carlip family,
I am so very sorry for your loss. You are all in my thoughts and prayers.

Debbie Brawner

Debbie Brawner - May 21, 2014 at 09:38 AM

AL

“ Harry and I would meet at Barnes and Noble for coffee to discuss the world ,business and life in general. He was a highly intelligent very affable, and a great sense of humor.

Harry was a real Mensch in every sense of the word. Al Linden

Alan Linden - May 21, 2014 at 08:05 AM

NN

“ I send my deepest sympathy to the Carlip family. I worked with him at Costco we became good friends he always had a big smile on his face The thing I'll will always remember him the most for he always wore different hats when he worked he will be greatly missed.
Nell

Nell Neal - May 21, 2014 at 07:49 AM

KL

“ Dear Family,

My name is Karen Longordo, I met Harry through my dear friend Lesley Phillips. On several occasions I met Harry and just wanted to say what a special man he was. I don't think, he knew a stranger, only had goodness in his heart, and was a man that anyone would be gifted to be a able to call him a friend! He was generous, warm and caring for all he encountered. It is sad that he has had to leave us, but be sure that he has touched every heart he encountered in a very special way.

You are in my prayers,

Karen

Karen Longordo - May 21, 2014 at 07:48 AM

MS

“ Our hearts are broken. Harry was the most remarkable man, most amazing man. Harry rescued horses, dogs, and people. Anyone who could sincerely call Harry a friend, has been blessed. I loved him deeply, and wonder how those of us who were close to him will carry on. I will miss his wit, incredible wisdom, and honesty. As a friend Harry would tell us what we needed to hear, not what we wanted to hear. To measure a true man, we used Harry as our example, our measuring stick. He was a true man. I also know in my heart that he was a living breathing angel. God sent him here to watch over us. He will be missed like no other. I told him many times he was my best friend, my father, my Rabbi. He taught me how to love again and he opened his heart and his home to me. He proved that good people really do exist. Harry lived to please the ones he loved. We can learn much in the way he lived his life. He had a strong belief in God, loved God's creatures, and had a passion for life like no other. Harry is love. I pray for those he leaves behind, especially his beloved son and daughter, for I cannot imagine the pain their hearts are in. It is with tears in my eyes that I say, "God bless us all and thank You for Harry."

Mel Short - May 21, 2014 at 04:51 AM



We are Praying for you, that God will wrap his Loving arms around you. Josh & I worked with Harry at Costco. He will be deeply missed by all who knew him. Psalms 23
Dennis Wheeler

Dennis-Debbie Wheeler - May 24, 2014 at 10:40 PM

Maria
Law

“ As a kid, there were very few adults that I truly connected with. I was fortunate to have grown up living next to the Carlips. It was easy to feel a connection to him as he was always kind and caring and had a love of life that was infectious along with his laughter. I have not seen Harry in years but I have always had and will continue to have a special place in my heart for him. Thanks for all the fun runs Harry, the Saturday morning ten milers were the best.

Maria Law - May 20, 2014 at 09:50 PM

LP

“ Harry, you are totally irreplaceable, your kindness, your integrity, your 'can do' attitude, your love and caring for others set you apart.

You are the standard.

Heaven will be improved by your presence.

With love and devotion,

Your friend,

Lesley

lesley phillips - May 20, 2014 at 12:47 PM

LM

“ I had the pleasure to work for Harry for ten years during his tenure at American Home Foods. Harry was a very special man and I will always remember him for his leadership, his commitment to family, and his caring for the employees that served under him. He holds a special place in both my heart and my memories and he will be missed.

Larry Michael



Larry Michael - May 20, 2014 at 11:02 AM

NW

“ Thinking of you and your family during this difficult time. Keeping you close in thoughts and prayers. Niki and family.

Nichole Weber - May 20, 2014 at 09:39 AM

VG

“ You will be missed Harry!

velda goren - May 20, 2014 at 08:07 AM

VG

“ Velda Goren lit a candle in memory of Harry Carlip



Velda Goren - May 20, 2014 at 08:03 AM

DD

“ Debbie Dean lit a candle in memory of Harry Carlip



Debbie Dean - May 20, 2014 at 07:10 AM

DD

To Mike and his family:
I work with Mike and know that this has been a very difficult time for all. Our hearts go out to you and your family. Please know we are thinking of you and keep in your heart the many beautiful and grateful memories you have of your father. Peace be with you.....

Debbie Dean - May 20, 2014 at 07:13 AM



“ *Inspirational Poetry of Comfort & Hope for the Grieving was purchased for the family of Harry Carlip.*



May 19, 2014 at 10:34 PM



“ *I only met Harry briefly, but what struck me was his magnetic personality. Now that I am hearing more about his life, it is all coming together: what a wonderful person who I know will be so missed. Our thoughts and prayers are with his family and friends.*

Heather Haynos

Heather Haynos - May 19, 2014 at 09:50 PM



“ *Sending prayers of sweet comfort and strength to you all-Jody Horn*

Jody Horn - May 19, 2014 at 09:18 PM