



Warren Harry Durling

January 3, 1924 - June 30, 2021

Warren Harry Durling 97, of Bonita Springs, FL

On June 30th 2021, Jesus said to Harry, 'Well done, good and faithful servant; you have been faithful over a few things, I will make you ruler over many things. Enter into the joy of your Lord.' ~ Matthew 25:23

Harry was at home with family by his side and in Leslie's arms as he drew his last breath, we all thank you Jesus for your mercy and grace!

Harry was born on January 3, 1924 in Brooklyn, NY a son of the late Walter H. and Viola (Brown) Durling. Harry has been a resident of Bonita Springs for the past 32 years.

Harry grew up in Kingston, NY and after graduating high school in 1942, Harry along with 3 fellow classmates enlisted in the U.S. Army Air Corps during WWII. Harry served for 3 ½ years stationed at Watton Airbase, England as part of the 3D Strategic Air Depot; 31st Headquarters Squadron and the 89th Depot Repair Squadron of the 8th Air Force as a B-24 radio operator.

Harry spent more than 40 years in the Glens Falls region raising his family and enjoying the Adirondacks especially Lake George which he shared with friends and family each year. Camping on the islands and sunset cruises were

especially memorable. His love for family endured following his move to Florida spending summers at the lake and sharing his gifts with those close to him.

In 1956, Harry joined J. E. Sawyer & Company in Glens Falls, NY. He would eventually become the Executive Vice President/General Manager and retire from that position in 1989 after 33 years of service. The Sawyer Company was founded in 1883 and remained under local ownership for the next 130 years. Harry was blessed by so many of the Sawyers group, he loved and cherished the friendships that continue to this day. As an active community member, Harry was involved and sat on the board of many charities and banks. He was a Paul Harris Fellow and a member of the Tocqueville Society.

Harry was a long-term member of First Presbyterian Church of Glens Falls, NY where he served as Trustee and then a 25-year member of the First Presbyterian Church of Bonita Springs, FL.

Throughout his life, Harry's top priority was his Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. This love was exemplified and instilled in him by his loving mother during his youth and reignited in 2012 when he was blessed to attend the Great Banquet of SWFL. Jesus continued to direct all his steps and Harry's sole purpose and drive became one of introducing others to Jesus.

Harry's genuine kindness and warmth would envelope all whom he encountered, and you could sense his inner joy, peace, and love for Jesus. Please know that when you met Harry, you met Jesus!

Harry was a fun-loving, compassionate, caring, Christian man, a true gentleman and friend who loved to laugh and smile and always had a positive attitude throughout all circumstances. Harry gave of himself to all he encountered, continually encouraging others through his tender words and

actions. Harry touched everyone's heart and will be loved and remembered as a beautiful enduring gift from God, a blessing given to all who knew him.

Harry was a devoted loving husband, best friend and soulmate to his forever and cherished wife, Leslie A. Durling of Bonita Springs, FL.; a dedicated and loving friend to his brothers-in-law, Charles and Scott Callan of Massachusetts; a caring father to his children; Robert Durling and his wife, Judith of South Glens Falls, NY; Mark Durling and his wife, Karen of Hamilton, MT; and Denise (Durling) Colwell and her husband, John of San Geronimo, CA.; a loving PopPop and PaPa to 11 grandchildren and 23 great grandchildren; an amazing uncle to several nieces and nephews and their families; as well as a special friend to many.

He was preceded in death by his parents; his first wife of 60 years, Dorothy D. Durling; his brother, Douglas and his two sisters, Beatrice and Thelma.

In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made to:

Cafe of Life, Inc., PO Box 367794, Bonita Springs, FL 34136
<https://www.cafeoflife.org/donation/>

First Presbyterian Church of Bonita Springs – Great Banquet
9751 Bonita Beach Rd., Bonita Springs, FL 34135
<https://fpcbonita.org/give/>

Memorial Announcement: There will be a tribute for my cherished husband Harry and his walk with Jesus, on Friday, October 22nd at 3:00 pm in the sanctuary of the First Presbyterian Church of Bonita Springs
9751 Bonita Beach Rd.

There will be pages of precious memories on display and for all to sign so please come with a thought or two to share. Bless you & thank you for your prayers, support & love, Leslie Durling & Family

To sign his guest register or to leave online condolences please visit www.ShikanyFuneralHome.com.

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

Previous Events

Memorial Service

OCT **22**. 3:00 PM (ET)

First Presbyterian Church of Bonita Springs
9751 Bonita Beach Rd.
Bonita Springs, FL 34135

Tribute Wall



“ *Warren Harry Durling*

October 09, 2023 at 03:40 AM



“ *Harry, Harry, Harry, we miss you, your constant smile and good cheer, when you and Leslie called to sing on our birthdays, your faith and walk in the Lord will be mostly missed. Until we meet again, we ask you to save a place for us in your heavenly home. With love and admiration,
John and Debbie Hashek*

John Hashek - October 10, 2021 at 11:24 AM



“ *So sorry to hear of Harry's passing. My heartfelt condolences to all the Durling clan. I have great memories of those basement parties at the Owen Avenue house in Queensbury (Harry used to make a mean 'Rusty Nail') and the picnics up on the islands in Lake George. Loved that red and white Chris-Craft. One of the nicest men I ever met!*

Andrew Harvey - July 20, 2021 at 09:55 AM

SM

“ *My sincerest condolences to Leslie and the rest of Harry’s family for their loss. But in our sorrow let us not forget that Harry had a great run and a long life filled with innumerable opportunities to positively affect many lives before the good Lord summoned him to be by His side.*

Harry was kind, considerate, gentlemanly, loving, and a genuinely good Christian man. I feel fortunate and blessed to have known him.

R IP Harry, you have earned it.

A donation to the café of Life in Harry’s memory is in the mail.

Steve Sullivan.

STEVEN SULLIVAN M.D - July 15, 2021 at 03:02 PM

BB

“ *Our deepest sympathy to the Durling family at this difficult time.
Sincerely,
Bill & Beth Bishop*

Bill Bishop - July 12, 2021 at 01:57 PM

JH

“ *Harry was such a kind and loving man. Every time I think of Harry I smile. It is not easy to put into words the special way Harry had. He always made me feel like I had something important to share with the world. Harry was an encourager. I will always remember the special love I witnessed between Leslie and Harry.*

*Much Love,
Jill*

Jill House - July 12, 2021 at 08:29 AM

JE

“ How to know love. Seeing Harry and Leslie together. Seeing Christ in each. Seeing simple acts and words of comfort to others. Now you know, although parted in death, Leslie will one day be reunited with her Harry for that is Gods' great love. Jenny

jenny - July 11, 2021 at 08:54 PM

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jenny - July 11, 2021 at 08:26 PM



“ A sympathy card was purchased for the family of Warren Harry Durling.



July 11, 2021 at 04:42 PM

DH

“ We were so sorry to hear of your loss of your beloved Warren. We send our deepest sympathy.
He will be sadly missed but in a much more beautiful place now.
On behalf of the Board of Directors, members and all our docents of the Naples Museum Of Military History, we will be sending a check to The Cafe of Life.
Feel free to contact if you need anything.

*Dave Hinds President
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614 205 0357*

Dave Hinds - July 11, 2021 at 04:30 PM

DA

“ Harry Durling was a guiding force to me as a employer that started out of high school. He became more of a mentor after my military service at which point he remained in contact. Upon returning to J.E. Sawyer, Harry continued to guide me to a career always challenging and supporting me to move forward. His support was always with me after retirement, and our love for each other continued to the end. My prayers include thanks for all he did for our Family. Love u Harry. Dan and Janet

DanOlden - July 11, 2021 at 03:25 PM

CH

“ Blessings for Harry and your family.
Chris from Roys

christianne - July 11, 2021 at 08:57 AM

LW

“ We are so blessed to have known Harry. What a gentleman he was. He was always concerned how we were doing. When Either of us had surgery, Harry prayed for us.

We will miss those calls from Harry and Leslie on our birthdays.

Harry and Leslie were a great team and they brought great joy to so many people.

*With deepest sympathy to Leslie and their family.
Love, Linda and Jack Wallace*

Linda Wallace - July 11, 2021 at 07:49 AM