



Junior Harmon

October 29, 1925 - January 25, 2020

Junior Harmon passed away peacefully at Defiance Area Inpatient Hospice Center on January 25, 2020 surrounded by family.

He was born October 29, 1925 in Henry County, the son of Oscar and Lizzie (Kuhlman) Harmon. He was the youngest of 12 children. Junior graduated from Napoleon High School in 1943. During his high school years, he helped his father, Oscar, on the family farm and with the moving business.

In 1944 during World War II, Junior was drafted into the US Army and served in the European Theater of Operations. He was in the 99th Infantry Division and saw combat action at the Battle of the Bulge. He was awarded a Purple Heart for injuries suffered during combat. After being discharged in 1946, Junior came home to Napoleon to join the family moving business.

On August 20, 1949, Junior married Joan Sworden, and they had three children. They were members of St. Paul Methodist Church. Junior bought Harmon Building Movers from his father in 1957. Junior and Joan went moose hunting and fishing in Canada. Junior also provided band camp equipment transportation for the Napoleon High School band. Joan passed away Nov. 10, 1979.

On May 28, 1982, Junior married Elaine (Niebel) Franz. Elaine's family of 4

children joined Junior's family, and together they provided a very loving and thoughtful relationship with each family member. Elaine stepped in and assisted Junior with the moving business. They enjoyed traveling the country to visit many relatives.

Junior was dedicated to his moving business providing work for Henry County Historical Society, Henry County Fairboard, Wolcott House and Sauder Museum, along with moving many people's houses and barns in the area. Junior volunteered his time and labor to many local organizations. Many family members and businessmen sought his advice and expert knowledge in providing solutions to various problems. He was Honorary Grand Marshal for the Henry County Tomato Festival parade in 1997. Junior was a member of the American Legion Post 300.

Survivors include his children, Gary (Diane) Harmon, Greg (Peggy) Harmon, Darlene (Dan) Grieser, Julia (John) Talks, Cindy Bachman, Lori (Doug) Hall, and Lee (Sheila) Franz. Also surviving are grandchildren Matt (Kate) Harmon, Tiffany (Matt) Small, Drew (Lauren) Harmon, Troy Harmon, Jason Grieser, Alex Talks (Eli Maiman), Stephen Talks, Ryan (Nicki) Bachman, Robyn Bachman Cocke, Amanda (Jarred) Gulley, Sarah Evans, Libbey (Gene) Zinn, Zachary (Ashley) Franz, Taya, Chase, and Chevelle Franz. He is also survived by 23 great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his parents, his 11 brothers and sisters, his first wife, Joan, and his second wife, Elaine.

Visitation will be held at the Rodenberger-Gray Funeral Home, Napoleon on Thursday, January 30, 2020 from 2:00 pm until 7:00 pm. Funeral Services will be celebrated at the Funeral Home on Friday, January 31, 2020 at 11:00 am with an hour of viewing prior to services. Interment will follow at Forest Hill Cemetery, where military Honors will be accorded by the American Legion Napoleon Post 300. Memorial contributions may be directed to CHP Hospice, Defiance, OH or to the American Legion Bert G. Taylor Post 300. Much

wisdom, knowledge, and history was lost with Junior Harmon's passing on Jan. 25, 2020. Online messages and condolences may be shared with the family at rodenbergergray.com.

Cemetery Details

Forest Hill Cemetery

500 E. Maumee Ave
Napoleon, OH 43545

Previous Events

Public Viewing

JAN 30. 2:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

Napoleon Funeral Home
1010 Westmoreland Avenue
Napoleon, OH 43545
(419) 592-2333
help@rodenbergergray.com

Public Viewing

JAN 31. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

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Funeral Service

JAN 31. 11:00 AM (ET)

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Tribute Wall



“ 1 file added to the album *Tribute Video*



Rodenberger Funeral Home - April 22, 2020 at 10:47 AM

CN

“ So sorry to here of Jrs. passing. He moved and lifted a barn and two houses for me . Elaine also helped in moving the barn. Jr. could move anything he will be missed. *Curt Nofziger*

curt nofziger - February 05, 2020 at 06:04 AM



“ *Beautiful in Blue* was purchased for the family of *Junior Harmon*.



January 30, 2020 at 09:44 AM

DB

“ *Jr. What a role model! There is very few people in Napoleon that did the volunteer work that you did that went overlooked. I'm very honored to have known you and considered you as a friend!*

David Bachman - January 29, 2020 at 08:59 PM



“ *Sweetest Sunrise Bouquet was purchased for the family of Junior Harmon.*



January 29, 2020 at 07:17 PM



“ *Liz and I visited Junior and Elaine on October 26, 2015. He shared a story about the man from Luxembourg who had brought Junior a coffee mug and book commemorating the Battle of the Bulge. Junior was really proud of these two items. Then he shared the Purple Heart he had earned in that battle. Junior seldom talked about his time in the Army. He was part of the 'Greatest Generation' as described by Tom Brokaw.*

Thank you for your service Uncle Junior.

your nephew Ron Harmon

Ronald L Harmon - January 29, 2020 at 09:11 AM



“ *Your Junior High Family purchased the Arrive in Style for the family of Junior Harmon.*



Your Junior High Family - January 29, 2020 at 07:08 AM

RE

“ Gary, i am so sorry to hear of Junior's passing. I had nothing but respect for Junior, he was a hard worker and a man of his word. He helped me move and set machines at every company I worked for over my career. My thoughts and prayers are with you and your family. I am sure that he is in a better place and is at peace. Ron Ernsberger

Ronald E. Ernsberger - January 28, 2020 at 06:05 PM

JS

“ Please accept our deepest condolences on the loss of Junior. He was such a wonderful man and will be truly missed by all. Sending many hugs and prayers to you all. Jan and John Stover

Jan Stover - January 28, 2020 at 03:58 PM

 John Walker

“ Gary Harmon, so sorry for your father's passing. Our sympathies to you and your family from classmates Kay Richard-Walker, and John Walker.

John Walker - January 28, 2020 at 11:52 AM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Junior Harmon.



January 28, 2020 at 10:01 AM

KW

“ To all of JR & Elaine's children & extended family ,we send our sincere & deepest condolences. What a generous,joyable gentleman he was. Mother & dad were traveling one summer in their trailer& stayed with them out by the barn. Dad tried to pay JR for their hookup & JR said"Fritz, AZ money doesn't spend well in Ohio. "Your hearts have a huge gaping hole right now, but over time it will fill with all the great memories he left with you.Lord bless each one of you as you travel down this new road of life.Love & prayers,The Darlene Fritz family (Widger's, Campbell's,& Fritz's)

kathie Widger - January 28, 2020 at 09:35 AM

CM

“ Not too many families have the privilege of living next door to such a wonderful family as the Harmons (which our parents did for almost 55 years!) Elaine, Joan, and Junior were the kindest and most generous people. It was always a pleasure to spend time with them and catch up via phone conversations.

We are so thankful for our friendship with Junior, a quiet, unassuming man who brought so much joy to his family and friends. He was possibly the most helpful person to walk this earth as evidenced by the many, many ways he offered to assist people. He will be missed!

Cheryl & Chuck Malone
Joyce & George Cordon
Jeanie & Gregg Knepley
Candy & Mark Knepley

Cheryl Malone - January 27, 2020 at 11:22 PM

BW

“ *What a wonderful, hard working and generous man..having him as butch's employer for many years along with being friends has been a blessing..butch and paula walker*

Butch and paula walker - January 26, 2020 at 08:49 PM

BW

“ *Butch And Paula Walker lit a candle in memory of Junior Harmon*



Butch and paula walker - January 26, 2020 at 08:38 PM