



## Harold G. Hayden

April 27, 1914 - September 28, 2013

Harold G. Hayden April 27, 1914 - September 28, 2013 Harold G. Hayden, 99, peacefully passed away to his eternal rest on Saturday, September 28, 2013. He was the son of the late Elmer S. and Elsie M. (Liddiard) Hayden. Harold was a native to the Syracuse region, born on April 27, 1914, he loved the area and always held fond memories of his childhood in the Town of Onondaga. Harold grew up working on his father's farm, taking pride in completing a good day's work. A work ethic he carried for life. When not at school or working, Harold enjoyed playing semi professional lacrosse. Strong and athletic, he was known to be a highly competitive player. His love of sports stayed with him throughout his life, whether on the field himself or enthusiastically cheering on the Syracuse Orange. His career spanned over 40 years, and his accomplishments were many. Harold worked in the steel industry and was employed by Brace Mueller-Huntley. Always recognizing in others their commitment to hard work. He was a man who would always lead by example. Harold enjoyed many hobbies, and realized that joy was the key to a long full life. Competitive at cards, his reputation preceded him; he was the master of the draw and knew how to hold a lucky hand. Whether walking the golf course, standing on the shoreline with his line cast out, or hunting in the woods, Harold always returned with a great tale. He was known for his stories. Harold's bright and charming smile was infectious, his quick wit relentless and his tales always brought forth an echoing round of laughter. A dedicated family man and proud of his community, Harold served in many

volunteer capacities including being a member of the Nedrow Volunteer Fire Department. He also cherished his membership in the Masonic Temple where he became a brother in 1944. Harold was a devoted member of St. Paul's United Methodist Church, where he actively participated as a leader and volunteer. Harold was predeceased by his wife, Elizabeth Jane Cusick Hayden, wife, Ethel Smith Hayden, and loving companion, Tess Morton, his siblings, Frances, Clifford and Richard Hayden and Helen Walters, as well as many dear and special friends. Without-a-doubt Harold's most joyful and happiest moments were with his cherished family, all of whom he loved dearly. He is survived by his sons, Robert (Susan) Hayden of Marcellus, Paul (Judy) Hayden of South Onondaga and his daughter, Dawn Hayden (Joe Schwartz) of Rochester, along with Wayne (Ann) Smith also of Rochester. His Grandchildren, Craig (Julia) Hayden, Lori Hayden, Bonnie Hayden (Jeff Frey), Paul (Tracy) Hayden, Dustin (Amanda) Hayden, Cody Schwartz, Jillian Schwartz, Kristen (Scott) Fitzgerald and Kasey (Eric) Perkins, and 11 wonderful great grandchildren. Harold' family would like to thank his caregivers at the Loretto Health and Rehabilitation Center for their wonderful care and for giving him so much happiness and love. The family warmly invites friends to a celebration of Harold's life service on Saturday October 5, 2013 at 2 pm at St. Paul United Methodist Church, 2200 Valley Dr. Syracuse. Friends may call from 1 to 2 pm Saturday at the church with Masonic services at 2 pm. A reception will immediately follow in the Church Hall. There will be a private committal service at White Chapel Memory Gardens, DeWitt. Donations can be made in Harold's name to his beloved St. Paul's United Methodist Church, or to your favorite charity. Arrangements are under the guidance of the Ballweg & Lunsford Funeral Home.

# Tribute Wall



“ *Ballweg & Lunsford Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Harold G. Hayden*



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**Ballweg & Lunsford Funeral Home** - September 28, 2013 at 12:00 AM



“ *My family appreciate such a great neighbor as Harold. I enjoyed his smile with the wink of his eye.*

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October 12, 2013 at 12:00 AM



“ *Bob & Sue, Paul & Judy, Dawn & Joe and families. Our deepest sympathy. We are keeping all of you in our thoughts and prayers. So many memories of good times to treasure over the years. May God Bless and Keep you and bring Peace to your hearts in the days to come. Uncle Harold was one of a kind and our world was made better because he was in it.*

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October 05, 2013 at 12:00 AM



“ *Dear Bob & Sue, Our condolences to you & your family. You are in our prayers. Fondly, Thom & Joan*

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October 04, 2013 at 12:00 AM



“ Harold added a bright spot to our Loretto family. It was an honor and a privilege being a part of his care giving team on 7 Cunningham. He will be missed and his memory cherished inside our hearts. May you find comfort , peace and strength during this time.

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October 03, 2013 at 12:00 AM



“ DEAR "PAULIE JUDY" " BOBBY & SUE" " DAWN " JOE" & CHILDREN & GRAND "KIDS" I AM SO SORRY FOR YOUR LOSS , "GOD HAS A NEW "ANGLE" " HAROLD MADE MANY MANY "MEMORIES FOR ALL OF " THE CUSICK FAMILY AS WELL AS YOU CHILDREN & GRAND KIDS ALL MY SISTERS , PEGGY , GINNY. ME JANET , NANCY , BEVERLY JOANNE MY BROTHERS "JACK JIMMY & DICK~~ you will be up there with ALL MY SISTERS & BROTHER "JACK". HAROLD I WILL MISS YOU & JIMMY & DICK ALSO , ONLY THREE OF US LEFT out of TEN HAROLD YOU WERE ALWAYS THERE AS WE WERE GROWING UP & HOW MANY TIMES YOU & BETTY TOOK US TO STAY AT YOUR HOME A SPECIAL THANK YOU FOR ALL THE GOODIES GREAT DINNERS & APPLE PIE BETTY MADE AND VERY GOOD ADVICE OVER THE YEARS & ALL THE STORIES YOU TOLD TO MAKE US LAUGH !! "PAULIE JUDY BOBBY SUE DAWN & JOE MY PRAYERS ARE WITH YOU ALL " "GOD BLESS " LOVE ALWAYS :AUNT " "TOOTIE JANET" & : "FAMILY"

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October 03, 2013 at 12:00 AM



“ Bob and Sue, So sorry to hear of your father's passing, but it sounds like he lived a good and full life. The obituary is wonderful, and he was certainly a wonderful man. I am headed out of town in an hour and gone for several days-but know that my thoughts are with you. Condolences. Sue

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October 03, 2013 at 12:00 AM



“ Harold, you are truly missed. As one of Tess Morton's sons I can say what a blessing you were to her and to us in the way that you cared for her. We enjoyed many hours of your company playing cards or just talking and laughing together. You were truly a good person in all that you did. Thank you also for the privilege of sharing your family with us, you raised a very nice family.

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October 03, 2013 at 12:00 AM



“ To The Hayden Family, One morning while I was at therapy at Lorreto, Bob came in to see his father. I got Bob's attention, and having known Bob and Sue for many years thru CNYBA, he came over and said that was his Dad. One only had to see them together to know that! Bob told me where his Dad was, and it turned out to be the room right across from mine, so after that, Harold and I had many visits regarding CNYBA, and the many interesting things he had done over the years. He was moved to another part of the facility, and the staff all spoke about how they missed him, and what a fine gentleman he was. In the short time I knew him, it was immediately apparent that was so true. My thoughts and prayers are with you all, and hope in time that so many care, will help ease the loss of your dear one. Take care, I do care.

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October 03, 2013 at 12:00 AM



“ As \"SUNSHINE GAL\" for the Central New York Bluegrass Association, on behalf of all of it's members, our sincere sympathy to the Hayden Family. Bob and Sue, you have been such faithful, active members for so many years, and hope, knowing we do care, will help in the days ahead. Our thoughts and prayers are with you all.

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October 03, 2013 at 12:00 AM



**“ Harold will always be in our hearts and bring a smile to our faces...because we knew him - our lives have been changed for the better, changed for good.**

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October 02, 2013 at 12:00 AM



**“ The Officers and Members of the Mattydale Fire Department and Ladies Auxiliary join in extending Heartfelt Sympathy to you and your family at this Time of Sorrow.**

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October 02, 2013 at 12:00 AM