



Bernard Rudolph Harris Jr.

November 18, 1923 - May 20, 2015

Bernard Rudolph Harris, Jr., 91, of New Britain, widower of Ann Bohatzuk Harris, passed away Wednesday May 20 at Jerome Home. He was born in Fairport, Virginia and was the eldest son of Bernard R. Harris Sr. and Geodice Bowen Harris. He spent most of his adult life in New Britain and served as alderman under Mayor Bill McNamara. Bernard served in the Merchant Marines from 1941 to 1949 as a seaman and also as a submariner in the US Navy during the Korean Conflict. Bernard graduated from Teacher's College of Connecticut with a BS degree and the University of Hartford with a Masters of Education. He furthered his education with an Advanced Graduate Study Degree in Guidance Counseling. He taught English and History at both Pulaski High and New Britain High schools retiring as a guidance counselor in 1984. Bernard was a member of numerous organizations including VFW, American Legion, New Britain Federation of Teachers, Moose and Disabled American Veterans. He enjoyed fishing, boating, gardening, traveling and loved his homes in Old Saybrook and Port Charlotte, Florida. Surviving are two daughters, Lynn Disney and her husband Thomas and Deborah Janowski, all of New Britain; a sister, Leah Rae Clark of Baltimore, Maryland; four grandchildren, Thomas Janowski and his wife Wendy; Alicia Janowski; Amanda Disney and her husband Richard Field; and Matthew Disney and his wife Ashley; 5 great grandchildren, Tristan, Christopher, Alexander, Emma and Devin. Besides his wife Ann,

he was predeceased by a daughter, Cindy Murren.

A private funeral service is planned. There are no calling hours. Memorial donations may be made to Arbor Rose at Jerome Home, 975 Corbin Avenue, New Britain, CT 06052. A special thanks to all the staff at Arbor Rose and Jerome Home for their outstanding care, compassion and kindness. Carlson Funeral Home, New Britain is in charge of arrangements. Please share a memory or note of sympathy by "clicking" SEND CONDOLENCES at the bottom of the page.

Tribute Wall

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“ *Our deepest sympathies on the loss of your father.*

Betty & Tony Kaczynski - September 20, 2016 at 12:00 AM

GM

“ *My sincere condolences to the Harris family, or this fine gentleman, that I don't know if I ever met him, but certainly know he is kin to my father, Joseph Walker Harris, Jr. passed in 2008. They could pass for twins and we are also from Virginia. They both were multi accomplished men and earned much respect from family, friends and their communities. They can now renew their kinship while we can remember them in our hearts. May God give him eternal life and peace .
In hopes that we will meet some day
with cousin love
gloria*

Gloria Harris Mays - September 20, 2016 at 12:00 AM

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“ *On behalf of the United States Submarine Veterans On USSVI, we offer our sincere condolences to Lynn and Deborah and all of the Harris family and friends in your loss and sorrow. May God whisper peace into your hearts and comfort and heal them. We are grateful for Bernard's service to our country in the U.S. Submarine Service. To our "Brother of the Dolphin"; "Sailor, rest your oar. We have the watch. May you rest in peace and may God bless your loved ones who remain. Thank you for your service to our country." -- Chaplain Bob Reinisch, National Chaplain United States Submarine Veterans, USSVI.*

Bob Reinisch - September 20, 2016 at 12:00 AM

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“ *Mr. Harris was my Guidance Counselor at New Britain High School. I was Class of 1985. May he rest in peace.*

Robin Gaedeke Bosse - September 20, 2016 at 12:00 AM

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“ *To the Harris Family - I feel so blessed to have been involved with the chronicle of his Life Story that he edited and rewrote, of course through this wonderful Jerome Home/Arbor Rose program. I connected with him long ago as my guidance counselor at Pulaski - I was totally amazed at his history, accomplishments - an unbelievable individual! May he enjoy his well deserved rest and may others be inspired by his perseverance and constant desire to learn and move forward. Thank you Mr. Harris for letting me into your life story as I will never forget you.*

Beverly Rulkowski Lonero - September 20, 2016 at 12:00 AM