



Harry Tessler

August 7, 1925 - October 31, 2014

St. George, Utah. Harry Tessler, 89, passed away on Friday, October 31, 2014 at Dixie Regional Hospital, St. George. Harry was born in the city of Philadelphia, PA on August 7, 1925 to Joseph Tessler and Betty Cooper Tessler. Harry married Earline J. Smith Rizzo on February 9, 1972 in Media, PA, Judge Paul Sands presided. Harry and Earline resided at 5 Waverly Ave. Springfield, Delaware County, PA from 1972-1993. They then moved in 1993 to St. George.

Harry was born and raised in West Philadelphia where he graduated from Overbrook High School. He then entered the Navy and became a Seabee during WW II. He was in the Pacific Theater stationed and fought on Okinawa. After WW II ended Harry entered St. Joseph's University earning his Associate's degree in Business. Harry worked alongside his parents Joseph and Betty in their growing grocery store business located in Secane, PA. Later he worked in food-freezer sales until he met his "Soul" mate Earline. While living in St. George Harry was active with the VIP's for 12 years. He also handed out Bibles for Gideon's International for 15 years. He was very active in his church by serving as an usher and a "prayer warrior."

Earline had started a small antique business and when she and Harry were married they expanded this business to become one of the largest antique businesses in SE Pennsylvania. They called their business The Lord and

Tessler Antique Shop, emphasizing The Lord Jesus Christ in their lives and business. Harry served as Earline's "right-hand" man in every way and they were inseparable in everything that they did. Harry and Earline traveled throughout this great country in their camper and especially loved the Southwest US where they eventually retired to.

Harry and Earline are a blended family, he has 4 children and Earline 7 and 1 Vietnamese young man Dang Van Tran who they sponsored to come to the the US as he was fleeing the communist regime in Vietnam.

Harry is survived by his wife Earline J Smith Tessler and his children, Barbara Williams, Drexel Hill, PA, Marc (Susan) Tessler, San Diego, CA, Steve Tessler, West Chester, PA, and Jody Tessler, Arcata, CA. Harry is also survived by 7 Step-children; George (Barbara) Rizzo, Cogan Station, PA, Diane (Ed) Ellis, Muncy, PA, James Rizzo, E. Landowne PA, Linda (Francis) Jackson, Prospect Park, PA, Michael (Judy) Rizzo, Drexel Hill, PA, Stephen Rizzo, Philadelphia, PA, Tony (Becky) Rizzo, Morton, PA. Harry also leaves behind 26 grandchildren/step grandchildren, and 15 Great-grandchildren/step Great-grandchildren.

Earline and the family would like to thank Dr. Gilbert and Huntsman Cancer Treatment Center as well as the St. George paramedics and Dixie Regional Hospital ICUS staff for the compassion and care that was given to Harry these past few months and the last two days of his life.

Funeral services will be held Thursday, November 6, at 11:00am at Harry and Earline's church New Beginning Christian Fellowship, 475 Buena Vista Boulevard, Washington, Utah. Visitation is at 10:00 prior to the service. Interment will take place at the Southern NV Vet. Mem. Cemetery Boulder City, NV following the service.

Family and friends are invited to share condolences online at: www.SerenitySt

G.com. Arrangements are under the direction of Serenity Funeral Home, St. George, 435-986-2085.

Family will provide the flowers in lieu of please give Memorial gift to Gideon's International.

Cemetery Details

Southern Nevada Veterans Memorial Cemetery

1900 Veterans Memorial Drive
Boulder City, NV

Previous Events

Visitation

NOV 6. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (MT)

New Beginnings Christian Fellowship
475 Buena Vista Blvd
Washington, UT

Service

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Tribute Wall

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“ On behalf of Mike Rizzo and family, we would like to contribute just a few of our fondest memories. As we all know, Harry was a business man. Mike recollects his words of advice, “there is money to be made on the streets; make something of yourself; the world is yours”. Judy remembers Harry as a sincere, compassionate person. He was a good listener, as well as never passing judgment on anyone. Harry loved family and welcomed extended family and friends. Earline and Harry would invite everyone to their house to swim, for backyard bar-b-ques, birthday parties, and holidays. All were welcome.



Harry especially loved children and liked when they'd clean their plate at dinnertime. He also liked to introduce new foods to the kids. Vincent remembered when Harry told him to eat all his brussel sprouts, and when Harry wasn't looking, he snuck them under the table to the family dog, Fido, Vincent also recalls watching Alf and going for early morning power walks with his Pop-Pop, who he loved.

Judy, Vincent, and Cheryl were so grateful to have had the opportunity to go on various outings and trips. For instance, taking all of us and Vincent's friends to Faith City Church, going to PTL in Virginia, and we'll never forget our month and a half cross country trip. At one point, Harry became irritated when Vincent and Cheryl imitated an English accent relentlessly, even fooling a woman into believing that they were from Liverpool, England. Harry laughed about it later, he had a good sense of humor. While driving down the highway, Vincent remembers Harry listening to Johnny Cash on the radio. He loved country music and had a flare for Western style and that's how we'll remember him.

Rizzo Family - November 05, 2014 at 09:38 PM

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“ Harry very much devoted to Jesus. He shared his relationship with his Savior Jesus often. Harry was very direct and did not mince words. I will miss him but I know we shall meet again. Bob Vosper

Bob Vosper - November 04, 2014 at 02:10 PM

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“ I still remember how he drove his big mark III van. And how awesome his cat Joshua was. He taught me how to dive and swim. I just talked to him about a week ago and im so happy the last words we said to each other was I love you. Im crying as im writing this.

Cheryl Rizzo - November 03, 2014 at 03:33 PM