



## **Harry J. Hartman** January 13, 1944 - April 17, 2021

Harry J. Hartman, friend, father, and husband passed away Saturday, April 17, 2021. He didn't lose his battle with cancer, instead, faced it as a proud Marine who defiantly stood his ground. Harry fought until no moves remained, as he did with opponents who sat across the chessboard. Harry spent his last weeks at home surrounded by friends and family, his waning strength bolstered by the outpouring of support. He was 77 years old when he resigned and tipped his king.

Born in Boston, Massachusetts, January 13, 1944, Harry was the son of Frank M. Hartman and Rae Worden. A job with the railroad brought the Hartman family to North Wales. Harry grew up attending St. Rose Elementary School and then Lansdale Catholic High School. After graduating in 1962, he headed off to serve 10 years in the Marine Corps.

While stationed at the U.S. Embassy in Lisbon, Portugal, Harry met Ana Maria Infante. From the city cafes to the small-town beaches, touring the countryside with Ana, Harry became enchanted with Portugal, but it was Ana who captured his heart. After they married in October 1966, the Marine Corps kept the newlywed couple moving. In North Carolina, they welcomed their daughter, Michelle. Two years later, their son, Christopher, was born in Lisbon, while Harry fought in Vietnam. Paul joined the family after a move to Virginia 18 months later.

Harry left the Marine Corps as a Staff Sergeant in 1972. The bonds, experience, and dedication he garnered from his service paved the path for how he lived his life. He was a steadfast friend, a proud father, and supportive husband. He never backed down when protecting his own. After moving his new family to Portugal and settling down, a military led coup forced him to move the family away from danger and to the United States.

Harry's love of friends and family grew after settling in North Wales in 1975, to be close to his father and stepmother, Evelyn. Harry stepped into public service, working to improve the town by serving on the Borough Council. His proudest mission was the relocation of the North Wales Library when the school district reclaimed their space. His childhood memories of the library, compounded by those of his children, drove him to ensure the library found a new home.

Over the years, the family tree continued to grow and blossom like Harry's prize orchids. Michelle and her husband, Michael Makaila, gifted Harry with his first grandchildren, Justin and Malia. Christopher brought along two more, Ryan and Alexa. Paul married Erin Wiswall and added to Harry's expanding family with Gavin and Kiera.

With three younger brothers, Frank, Richard, and Walter, Harry's family continued to extend beyond cousins and international relatives with many nieces and nephews.

To Harry, friendship meant commitment, and all those he held close knew him as a confidant, pillar of strength, and called him brother. To a Marine, that made you family. His eyes sparkled brighter while spending time with family.

Cherished by all who knew him, he will remain unforgettable, never to be replaced.

From all his fellow Marines: "Semper Fi, Harry."

St. Rose of Lima Church will provide a Visitation and Funeral Mass on Saturday, April 24, 2021. Visitation will begin at 10am, with the Funeral Mass starting at 11am. The Church is located at 424 S. Main Street, North Wales, PA 19454.

St. Rose services are viewable via Live Stream for those who cannot attend in person. The link to the Church YouTube channel is <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCwkVAYIWD2uDnbP-SNWYvTg>

Instead of flowers, memorial donations to the Navy-Marine Corps Relief Society will provide benefits to others that Harry would be proud of. <https://www.nmcrs.org/donate>

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