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McDermott, Harry J., 84 of St. Petersburg died Friday, January 12, 2007 at Northside Hospital and heart Institute. He moved here in 1963 from his native Cincinnati, Ohio. In 1984 he moved to Boise, Idaho and in January of 2007 moved back to St. Petersburg. He was a Catholic. He retired in 1963 as warehouse manager for Westinghouse in Cincinnati. He was a very active foster grandparent, teaching reading to young children even though he was legally blind. He also loved dogs. He is survived by four sons, Dennis of Middleburg, Florida, Rick of Milford, Ohio, Kevin of Vista, California and Kerry of Spring Harbor, Michigan; three daughters, Cheryl Popp of St. Petersburg, Gail Fiasco, and Kim Gerhardt, both of Cincinnati; a brother, Jim of Cincinnati; eleven grandchildren and thirteen great grandchildren ATTENTION ALL VISITORS Please take the time to sign into the guest register, simply click on the "Guest Book" tab at the top of this page. You can also click on the "View Tribute" tab just below Dad's picture & watch a video tribute. "Thank you" to each and every person that has visited Dad's Memorial site. Love, Cheryl "Grandpa Harry" By Esther Burkheimer 1-14-07 Here's a tribute to Grandpa - Who was faithful as could be!

He listened to kids as they learned to read,
Their success was his guarantee! The kids all dearly Loved him-
For sometimes he was a tease!
But in spite of all the pranks he played,
Taft students learned their ABC's! When he was in the faculty lounge
A special placemat showed his spot!
It's "Harry's Place", without a doubt-
Just in case you had forgot! We extend our deepest sympathies
To Grandpa's friends & family-
We are glad we got to know him



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He was a special V.I.P.! Yes, here's a tribute to Grandpa Harry
Who kept us on our toes!
And we will miss him greatly,
As only Heaven knows!



Tribute Wall

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CP

Cheryl & Lou Popp posted:

Dad, We love you & miss you very much! Thank you for spending your last special days with us. Love always!PS As a birthday present to you on what would have been your 85th birthday, I quit smoking. Happy Birthday & please keep giving me the strength to stick with it! Love you so much, Cheryl

December 12 at 10:09 AM

SE

Shawna, Eric, Sam & Annie Exline posted:

We think of Harry often. We were so glad that we got to visit with Harry before he left Idaho. Harry will always live on in our hearts.

December 12 at 10:09 AM

SE

Sherri Ellis posted:

I met Harry for the first time at Companions Animal Hospital, I had just taken over the reception position there and Harry was taking care of his beloved dog Clancy. Harry let me know right away that he like Paula, the lady I was taking her place, better. At first I was of afraid of him. He told me he liked dogs and children but he could live without adults. Well, I decided that I would make him like me. I needed to find common ground and that was the apartments where he lived. I worked a second job at the long term care facility that was part of the organization that owned the apartments where Harry lived. The next thing we had in common was Clancy, his beloved old black poodle. You see, Harry needed help in giving Clancy his medications and that is where I came in. I would go over after work and give Clancy his medication but a funny thing happened. I went there determined to make Harry like me, but I left his home that first day in awe of him. He became my friend and hero. When it was time for him to make the hard decision to put Clancy down, I was working that day. My heart broke for him and his loss and I worried how he would make it without his trusted companion. There is so much more to this story of how one old man, an old dog and new receptionist became friends. One day as I was in the activity room of the long term care facility where I work when I recognized a voice, I turned and saw that it was Harry. He's own health had become a challenge for him. I know that he would have like nothing better than to have stayed in his apartment but circumstances had him at Boise Samaritan Village. I was grateful that I could help in some small way to make his recovery a little less lonely. I will always remember Harry as a hero to children that needed a little extra love and attention, and as the man who loved animals and children with all of his heart.

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KM

Kristal Mcclung posted:

~I regret that I did not make more of an effort to get to know you better, and now I am left wishing I had more time. We met twice and I quickly realized where the sense of humor in our family came from. I know that will carry on. I am truly sad that I did not get to develop the relationship you had with so many children, but it warms my heart to know your love and time was not wasted. You will be a very busy Angel, but please remember me, as I always will you. I am so proud you are my Grandpa.....Love, ~Kristal~and great-granddaughters Isabelle, Savannah, & Richelle (Aunt Cheryl & Uncle Lou, Everyone appreciates you taking care of things. The tribute is really nice...Hope u are doing better...Miss Ya!)

December 12 at 10:09 AM

RM

Rick Mcdermott posted:

After not seeing my father in 30 years it was nice to have him at my house two times and get to know him. I wish I could have seen him one more time so he could have picked on the special lady in my life.

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KT

Kristen Tracy posted:

Cheryl and family,I just viewed the tribute and it is beautiful. I loved seeing the picutres of Harry as a young professional and then as a Foster Grandparent!

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KT

Kristen Tracy posted:

Grandpa Harry will be greatly missed by the Foster Grandparent Program. Harry was such a positive influence and inspiration to many children and adults.

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KM

Karen Mcdermott posted:

To Cheryl, Rick, Kim, and well all of you. I send my condolences, and good thoughts to you. My dad, Jim, is in an assisted living place now. He is the last of his and moms family. Pray for him. Love to you all, Karen

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KC

Kay Campbell posted:

Grandpa I miss you so much I wish I could have seen you again before you past.. and I also wish that you could have seen my first born... but I'm glad you at least heard the news.... I love you and will never forget you. I will be with you again someday! I love you! Love your favorite granddaughter
~*Kay*~

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KG

Kim Gerhardt posted:

Dad, This is your baby of the 7. For 40 yrs. I always wondered about my Dad. And in the last 6 yrs I have gotten my closure I needed. Meeting you and getting to know you really made me proud. You've made an impression on so many lives. They all love you, and I'm glad to be one of them. Been so great having a Dad after all this time and wish it could have been longer but the memories I have (and my girls have) are really great ones. Sure will miss you, and I love you! Kim

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BA

Barbara & Ana posted:

We were both deeply saddened to hear of your loss. Our thoughts and prayers are always with you both. Your Dad will always be with you. Love you both, Ana & Barbara

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RD

Robin, Josh And Danny Dillion posted:

I Love You Grandpa and Miss You dearly and so do the boys! We will Never forget you!!

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SH

Sandra Haines posted:

We will all miss Grandpa Harry and his wonderful way with children. He did so many good things for so many children, but especially a little red-haired girl named Dani. She has been waiting more than eight years, but she can now walk hand-in-hand with Harry again.

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RG

Rhonda Gibson posted:

Harry was a wonderful and vital part of William Howard Taft Elementary School where he was known as "Grandpa Harry". He truly was a Grandpa to hundreds of children who loved to read to him, work on their addition skills or just talk to him telling him their deepest thoughts and feelings. Harry thank you for touching our hearts and lives, we will miss you.

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MA

Mickie Andrews posted:

Harry you were such a good and kind person. I only wish we had kept more in touch over the years.

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BM

Betty Maxey posted:

Harry meant so much to so many. He was a faithful Grandpa volunteer to many school children and was loved by all of them. He will be greatly missed by all that knew him.

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MH

Memorial Park Funeral Home posted:

The staff of the Memorial Park Funeral Home extends their heartfelt condolences.

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Memories only last if you share them

Join us in honoring Harry by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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