



# Harold M Janinda

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### H arold Martin Janinda Obituary

Harold M. Janinda, age 89, passed away peacefully on April 15, 2020 at the Oaks of Clearwater, accompanied by his second wife after a courageous battle with Parkinson's disease.

Harold was born on August 9, 1930 in Columbus, NY to the late Michael and Elizabeth Janinda. He was raised on the family farm in Sherburne, NY, later moved to Trumbull, CT, and lastly resided in Largo, FL.

He is survived by his wife of 27 years, Odessa Janinda and ex-wife of 37 years, Dorothy Beno.

Harold is also survived by his daughter, Joy Smith of Dunbarton, NH; son, Gary Janinda of Hopkinton, NH; grandson, Robert Hammond and granddaughters, Katherine Swartz, Maddison Janinda and Jessica Janinda; as well as a son-in-law and daughter-in-law; great-grandchildren; cousins; nieces and nephews; and stepdaughter Sandra Bowden and step-grandchildren.

Harold graduated from the U.S. Merchant Marine Academy at Kings Point in 1955 with a bachelor's in engineering and served honorably in the U.S. Merchant Marines and Navy Reserves. He also earned a master's in business administration.

Harold's travels as a Merchant Marine took him around the world and across the equator. As a civilian engineer, Harold was a key component to the success of the U.S. missile silos; and developed fiber optics, lasers, silicone molds and metals fabrication in a R & D research capacity. He also tried out for the Brooklyn Dodgers in 1955 but family trumped a baseball career.

After completing a MBA, Harold acquired and managed the family business, Westbank Food Shop, located in Westport, CT, where he personally shopped for meats and fresh local and imported produce at the NY City markets.

Semi-retirement landed Harold in Largo, FL where he worked under Karleen DeBlaker, Pinellas County Clerk of the Circuit Court, for several years until fully retiring at age 71. He was known for his personal customer service and as the mediator for employee conflicts.

Harold held many leadership and volunteer positions in his church as well as Indian Guides, Little League, Chamber of Commerce, Rotary, the Masons, local governments and the Republican party, and as a cadet while at the U.S. Merchant Marine Academy. He was an avid chess player,



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baseball aficionado and collector, and enjoyed patriotic musical marches.

We will miss his keen wit and sense of humor, his ingenuity, his love of God and country, and love for his family. Information is forthcoming regarding a Celebration of Life service in consideration of current COVID-19 restrictions. He will also be honored with a private family burial at sea.



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**Barbara Ewert** lit a candle in honor of Harold.

Odessa and family, I am so sorry to hear of Harold's death. I know you had a blessed marriage, and Harold was a special person. I will contact you next month, and we can get together. Love you, Barbara Campbell Ewert



April 23 at 3:12 PM

SB

**Sandra Bowen** October 14 at 6:18 AM

hello Barbara. Odessa passed away yesterday.Sandra 727 940 3894



**Audrey Eeva** posted:

Harold was a loved grandfather and husband to my beautiful grandmother Odessa Janinda. His kindness was legendary, his quick wit, sparkling eyes, intelligence, tact, courage, and humor have touched people all over the world. Harold's work ethic, devotion to God, and service to others is singular and unmatched. His ability and passion to share his knowledge of engineering in an engaging fashion is a legacy that is carried on by me. I will most remember my grandfather for educating, encouraging, and inspiring me to become an engineer myself. His soul filled of kindness, teaching me a wonderful set of morals and ethics to live by. He is survived by his granddaughter Audrey Eeva Cunningham, grandson-n-law Matthew Cunningham, and his great-grandson Cameron Alton Cunningham of Washington, DC.

April 23 at 9:42 AM

SB

**Sandra Bowen** posted:

Papa Harold is also survived by his wife Odessa Janinda, (and through marriage and love by) Gary and Sandra Bowen, Garret and Danielle Bowen, Sheila Bowen, Allen Kraay, Victoria Kraay, Allen Kraay, Jr. Mathew and Audrey Cunningham and Cameron Cunningham. Children, grandchildren and great grandchildren.

April 23 at 8:57 AM



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**Sandra Bowen** posted:

My deepest condolences to all members of Harold's blended family. Harold was truly a gentleman. Although through marriage, Papa Harold was the only grandfather and great grandfather my children knew. We will deeply miss him. A service (after covid restrictions are lifted) will be held by Pastor Bronson at their church on Belleair Road. Papa Harold's ashes will be laid to rest with our family in the plots at Largo Cemetery. It is a difficult time not being able to share hugs during this time of grief. I ask that everyone reach out to each other. This will pass, we will be together again.

April 23 at 8:32 AM

SL

**So Long Ago** shared an album called **Harold M Janinda**.



April 22 at 2:40 PM

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**Victra Eugene** April 23 at 2:35 PM

Forever in our hearts your wife odessa ❤️



## Media


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So Long Ago shared a photo to the **Harold M Janinda** album.

April 22 at 2:40 PM

U.S., School Yearbooks, 1900-1999



**Harold M Janinda**  
Birth      abt 1932  
Residence  1948 Fairfield, Connecticut, USA

**The World is My Oyster**



# Memories only last if you share them

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



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