



William Harold Canon Jr

December 13, 1930 - October 7, 2024

William H. Canon Jr. "Harold" passed away on October 7, 2024, at the age of 93, leaving behind a legacy and a life lived to its fullest. Born on December 13, 1930, in Bowling Green, KY, to William H. Canon Sr. and Rebecca Louise Westbrook, Harold attended College High, where he met his beloved wife, Betty Zane Curts. They married on August 25, 1954, in Springfield, TN, and were lifelong companions for 63 years, blessed with three children. Harold is survived by his children William (Pat), Bobby (Stephanie), and Becky Canon Whitson (Mark Hayden); grandchildren Sarah Beth Walther (Aaron), Ashley Canon, Sonny Whitson (Tasha Stewart), Abbey Kelly, Meredith Jacobs (Dan), and Maddie Herrera (Dakota); seven great-grandchildren, and numerous nieces and nephews.

Harold's distinguished 40-year career with the Kentucky Army National Guard began in 1950, where he earned numerous military awards, including the Legion of Merit, Meritorious Service Medal, and Saint Michael's Award for Aviation. His civic involvement was also widely recognized, with accolades such as the VFW Outstanding Citizenship Award and the Red Cross Exceptional Volunteer Award.

A devoted member of Friendship Christian Church and Hiram Lodge 4 F&AM, Harold was known for his selflessness. He volunteered at the Frankfort Food Pantry and was always ready to lend a hand to those in need, leaving a lasting impact on his community and everyone who knew him.

Harold also leaves behind cherished friends and extended family who were a

significant part of his life, including Betty Inman, Lori Jeffries, and The Brown Family. His kindness and generosity touched the lives of many, and his memory will be treasured by all who knew him.

A Celebration of Harold's life will be held at Harrod Brothers Funeral Home on Monday, October 14, 2024, at 10:00 a.m. with Reverend Dr. Bert Patterson and Chaplain Colonel William C. Draper officiating. Burial will follow at Frankfort Cemetery. Military Honors will be observed at the gravesite by the Kentucky Army National Guard. Visitation will be at Harrod Brothers Funeral Home from 2:00 p.m. until 8:00 p.m. on Sunday, October 13, 2024. Masonic Rites will be observed by the Hiram Lodge No. 4 F&AM at 7:30 p.m. with Open Lodge at 6:45 p.m. on Sunday.

Honorary pallbearers will include the Kentucky Army National Guard, members of Friendship Christian Church, and VFW Post 4075.

In lieu of flowers, expressions of sympathy may be made to the Kentucky National Guard Memorial or the Masonic Homes of Kentucky.

Arrangements are under the direction of Harrod Brothers Funeral Home & Crematory.

Cemetery Details

Frankfort Cemetery

215 East Main Street
Frankfort, KY 40601
(502) 227-2403

Previous Events

Visitation

OCT 13. 2:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Harrod Brothers Funeral Home
312 Washington Street
Frankfort, KY 40601
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Masonic Rites

OCT 13. 7:30 PM (ET)

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Celebration

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Tribute Wall

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“ my name is Barry Claypool. i served with Harold in the National Guard in the 70s and became good friends. we had lots of fun together and with Colonel Flemming in those days and i always thought a lot of him. as a good friend. i talked to him about selling his farm in warren county a few times but he was never ready to let it go. sorry for your loss.

barry claypool - October 12, 2024 at 10:22 AM

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“ Prayers to all the family. God bless.

Holly C - October 11, 2024 at 09:28 PM



“ 54 files added to the album Life Tributes



Harrod Brothers Funeral Home - October 11, 2024 at 11:34 AM

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Harold was loved and respected by everyone with whom he came into contact. Smart, kind and generous, he never refused help to someone who needed it. I served both in the Guard and on the KyNG Memorial Board with Harold for many years. I always listened to his sound advice and guidance. He will be missed at every FCHS football game, by his friends and fellow Guardsmen and every other person with whom he came into contact. May God keep him in His arms and reunite him with the spirit of his lovely wife.

Steven G. Bolton - October 14, 2024 at 05:40 PM

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“*My deepest condolences to the Canon Family. Harold was one of the most kind and generous people I had the pleasure of knowing always taking an interest in how I was doing. He was quick to volunteer for any task and any event in support of the Kentucky National Guard Memorial, to include our annual cleaning day. The attached photo is from May 2022. Even after officially retiring from the board last December, he was quick to volunteer. Harold was a founding member of the KYNG Memorial in November 2008, but was involved going all the way back to the first discussions of creating a memorial in April 2004 as the Kentucky Guard community struggled with its first combat losses in the Global War on Terror. He continued to serve on the board of directors until December 2023. RIP brother Harold. You will be missed by all who knew you.*

Dean Stoops - October 09, 2024 at 04:52 PM