



Harold J. Witham

July 4, 1931 - July 6, 2009

Auburn – Harold J. Witham 78, a resident of the Lewiston Rd., New Gloucester passed away peacefully Monday afternoon at the Hospice House with his family by his side. He was born in Rockland, July 4, 1931, the son of John P. and Rachie (Edwards) Witham. Mr. Witham served in the United States Army during the Korean Conflict, and then married the former Betty Bryant on September 3, 1954. For most of his life, Harold served in the food industry beginning as a cook in the Army to a cook for 22 years at the Sam's Restaurants as well as owning and operating the former Mario's Restaurant in Poland on Tripp Lake. He also served as a bus driver for the Auburn School District for 19 years. He and his wife, Betty were active members of the East Auburn Baptist Church where he was affectionately known as Captain Harold with the Christian Service Brigade, for over 50 years, a nationwide youth church organization. His real enjoyment was spending time with his family such as family gatherings, and trips especially to Pemaquid where Harold would stop and cook breakfast for his family along the way to the beach. Survivors include his wife, Betty of New Gloucester, three sons, John P. Witham and his wife Ruth of New Ipswich, NH; James H. Witham and his wife, Jacqueline of Cumberland; and Timothy E. Witham and his wife, Kimberly of Greene. Two daughters, Pamela W. Bell and her husband, Stephen of Milton, VT; and Lori L. Lewis and her husband, Erik of North Monmouth. Also surviving are 16 grandchildren, 1 great grandchild, and many nieces and nephews. WITHAM died in Auburn, July 6, 2009, Mr. Harold J. Witham age 78 years a resident of New Gloucester. Memorial services honoring Harold's life will be celebrated SATURDAY 11:00AM at the East Auburn Baptist Church followed by military honors. Burial will be private at the Maine Veterans Cemetery, Augusta. Memorial donations in Harold's memory may be made to either the East Auburn Baptist Church 560 Park Ave., Auburn, Me 04210 or to Androscoggin Home Care and Hospice 15 Strawberry Ave., Lewiston, ME 04240. Online condolences and sharing of memories may be expressed at www.lynchbrothers.com Family and friends are invited to visit Friday only 6-8PM at the PINETTE & LYNCH FUNERAL HOME AND CREMATION SERVICES 305 Alfred Plourde Parkway Lewiston, 784-4023

Tribute Wall

JC

“ Betty, Our condolences go out to you and your family. I want you to know that Harold was a very dedicated employee and well respected. I had a total hip replacement three weeks ago and don't think I'll be able to attend the wake. Sincerely, Jerry & polly

Jerry & Polly Clements - July 07, 2009 at 11:53 AM

NM

“ Dear Betty, I want to express my sympathy to you and your family for the passing of your husband. I noticed your husband was in the Brigade program for over 50 years. My son was a Brigader at East Auburn and became a leader in Princeton, Me. and I know the wonderful program well. Many boys come to the Lord, many grow and mature to fine Christian men and I wanted to let you know how thankful I am for his service in his area. May the Lord be praised. Your friend and classmate, Natalie

Natalie Marshall - July 07, 2009 at 11:53 AM

AB

“ Our thoughts and prayers are with you all during this difficult time. We rejoice with you in the knowledge that Uncle Harold is with our Lord and Savior. I have such fond memories of him and those memories are precious. We love you all very much.

April Frye Biggs - July 07, 2009 at 11:53 AM

LL

“ Jim, Jackie and family, I am so sorry to hear of the passing of your father. Please know I am thinking of you, and my prayers are with you also. Lisa

Lisa Vasiliauskas Lally - July 07, 2009 at 11:53 AM

CB

“ I remember growing up with a lot of memories of Uncle Harold always being there at the family gatherings and doing a lot of the cooking. Especially, the ones where we went to the ocean he always cooked breakfast on the road. It was the best! I worked for him in Poland, just before my senior year in high school. He always had a smile. Love you, Uncle Harold. I'm going to greatly miss you.

Carol Bryant - July 07, 2009 at 11:53 AM

MI

“ Those we Love don't go away. They walk beside us every day, unseen, unheard, but always near, still loved, still missed and very dear... Wishing you hope in the midst of sorrow, comfort in the midst of pain~ Anonymous Even though I hadn't known you long Thank you for letting me be part of Mr. Withams final days..

Michelle - July 07, 2009 at 11:53 AM

SF

“ Lori, Erik, Izzy, Anna, TJ and Alli, We want you to know that you are in our hearts and our prayers. We love you. Sandy and Mike

Sandy and Mike Flynn - July 07, 2009 at 11:53 AM

JC

“ Betty and Family! My sincere condolences! We just returned from being away last week and as I was reading my many work emails, I read notice of Harold's passing. Harold was a terrific person and one who cared deeply about his family and for others. He will be sadly missed and fondly remembered. My prayers and thought are with you at this time.

Jude Cyr - July 07, 2009 at 11:53 AM

RF

“ I remember many visits from Uncle Harold & Aunt Betty growing up. A quiet man, but bits of humor popped up now and again. Uncle Harry, as I liked to call him, was always the cook. But apart from cooking as a career, he would cook at family gatherings. Many would migrate to his camp site for the goodies. I even sought his advice for our daughters' wedding receptions! I have a visual memory of Dad & Uncle Harry wearing bandanas around their heads while building the garage at camp. That was a sight! I believe there is a picture somewhere. Anyway, how thankful I am for all the memories. Love to all of you!

Roland & Marje Frye - July 07, 2009 at 11:53 AM

JF

“ Just wanted to let you know you all are in our thoughts and prayers. God bless you all especially Lori.

Jodi Fleury - July 07, 2009 at 11:53 AM

DC

“ To the whole family, We are so...going to miss Uncle Harold. He brought a quiet but quick humor in his conversations. He was as we all know the best cook in the world. I (Alanna) do remember those trips to Pemaquid when I was a child and we would stop at the rest area and Uncle Harold would cook up his great breakfast. He served our belly well but he also filled our hearts with love and his love for Jesus was evident. As a family we had so many wonderful vacation times together in the summers where our families would enjoy great fun together, and in Virginia Beach too. I know without a doubt he has met Mom and they are having their own reunion in the splendor of Jesus. We love you all very much and our prayers are with you during this difficult but sweet time remembering all of your memories. Memories are what keeps us going and the assurance that we will see them again in heaven. Big hugs to you all.

Don and Alanna Cole - July 07, 2009 at 11:53 AM

PC

“ Dear Betty! was shocked to open the paper this morning. Harold will always be an icon in my life. The memories of Word of Life meetings every week we had in your home are treasured memories. All of the outings you both took us on for Word of Life and the example you set will always be remembered. I guess we just expect that people are always going to be there. I know my dad was at Heaven's gate to welcome Harold Home. I pray that all your good memories will help to sustain you in the difficult days to come. Just know that loving thoughts and prayers are sent your way. LovePam

Pam Culleton - July 07, 2009 at 11:53 AM

CL

“ Our thoughts and prayers are with you guys at this difficult time. I remember Uncle Harold's "curly cue" mustache and that wonderful smile he so often gave. He will truly be missed by all!!! We love you Chelley, Dave, Chris and Brayden

Chelley Choate Laliberte - July 07, 2009 at 11:53 AM