

Harry Victor Hill

September 30, 1922 - December 21, 2018



Harry Victor Hill, 96, beloved brother, father, and grandfather, passed away Friday, December 21, at the Universal Health Care facility in Fletcher, NC.

Harry was born and raised in Montfort, Wisconsin. After high school graduation, he joined his brothers at University of Wisconsin Madison in 1939, majoring in business and participating on the track and cross country teams. Harry interrupted his education to enlist in the Navy in 1942. He was placed in officer training at Notre Dame University and became a Lieutenant Supply Officer in Pearl Harbor, Hawaii, after it was attacked. He really enjoyed his stint in Hawaii, saying that his biggest potential job hazard was getting “bonked on the head by a coconut.” But he also worked very hard and grieved the friends he lost in combat elsewhere.

Harry returned to Madison after his service and graduated with a Bachelors in Business in 1947. While in law school in 1948, Harry met his future wife, Marion, when he was a dishwasher at her dorm (Chadbourne Hall). One night after the cafeteria closed, the dishwashers decided to stuff the waitresses into the dish sinks and Harry quickly grabbed Marion for this caper. One thing led to another and they were married on June 18, 1949 in Madison, and lived there until Harry finished law school in 1950.

The couple moved to Fennimore Wisconsin where Harry set up his law practice serving the rural community of his birth. In 1955, they moved back to Madison and Harry eventually became a partner at the Harris & Hill law office (now Hill Glowacki, LLP). He served as president of the Dane County Bar Association from 1979-1980.

Harry and Marion happily raised their three girls in Madison. Harry’s favorite activities, besides practicing law, were mowing the lawn, playing golf, camping with his family in many National Parks, helping to organize huge neighborhood picnics and participating in several local service clubs. He also enjoyed going to Friday night fish fries, watching the Badgers and Packers, walking in the woods with Marion, skiing the local slopes, having a beer on the UW terrace, reading maps, and acting silly in public to embarrass his daughters.

Harry and Marion moved to Arden, North Carolina in 2011 to be closer to their children. There, he made many friends at the Trinity View retirement community, and enjoyed countless drives along the Blue Ridge Parkway and picnics by the French Broad River with his wife and daughters.

Harry was a wonderful husband and father. His goofy humor and unconditional love and support got us through some difficult times. He was predeceased by his wife Marion on November 23, 2018. Surviving are his brother, Jerry Hill and wife Jeanene of Burlington, WI; daughters, Heidi Sherman and husband John, of Asheville, NC, Harriet Hill of Eureka, CA, Hannah Rudstam and husband Lars of Ithaca, NY; grandchildren, Brianna Jacobs of Denver, CO, Lars Rudstam of Charlotte, NC, Drew Bridges of Princeton, NJ, and Pelle Rudstam of Hendersonville, NC; great-grandson, Cormac Jacobs of Denver, CO and many nieces and nephews.

The family most gratefully acknowledges the loving care provided to Harry by the staff of the Trinity View and Universal Healthcare facilities during his final months in North Carolina.

A celebration of Harry's (and Marion's) life will be held this summer in the Madison area (date TBA). In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Boys and Girls Club of Dane County online at www.bgcfdc.org/about-us/contact-us or to Big Brothers Big Sisters of Dane County at www.bbbsmadison.org/about/contact-us.