



Russell Joseph Harper

February 16, 2016

Russell Joseph Harper, 94, of Scottsdale, AZ went to heaven on Tuesday, February 16, 2016 at Brookdale of North Glendale, Glendale, AZ. Mr. Harper is survived by his beloved wife, Elia Harper (Crisorio), daughter Penelope (Penny) Campana (Richard), son Ronald Harper (Tina), six grandchildren, ten great grandchildren and brother William Harper (Luann). Preceded in death by parents, Edmond J. Harper and Ella F. Harper (Oesterreich), brothers Raymond, Robert, and sister Loretta Thompson. Mr. Harper was a WWII, US Army Veteran in the Pacific and a 37-year veteran and a Chicago Fire Dept. captain. In his career he distinguished himself for bravery and received the prestigious Chicago Fire Dept. Carter H. Harrison Award for Meritorious Service. Visitation 3 to 5 pm Sunday, February 28, 2016 at Grace Funeral & Cremation Services, 1340 South Alpine Rd., Rockford - at Colonial Village. Celebration of Life Monday, February 29, 2016 at Rockford First in the South Auditorium, 5950 Spring Creek Rd. Rockford, at 10:00 a.m., with visitation at 9 a.m. until the time of service. Rev. Bob Taylor will officiate. Interment in Queen of Heaven Cemetery, Hillside. In lieu of flowers donations can be made to the Alzheimer's Association at Alz.org. Share a memory or condolence at www.graceFH.com.

Cemetery Details

Queen of Heaven Cemetery

Hillside, IL

Previous Events

Visitation

FEB 28. 3:00 PM - 5:00 PM (CT)

Grace Funeral & Cremation Services
4301 N. Main Street
Rockford, IL 61103
(815) 395-0559
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Visitation

FEB 29. 9:00 AM - 10:00 AM (CT)

Rockford First
5950 Spring Creek
Rockford, IL

Service

FEB 29. 10:00 AM (CT)

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5950 Spring Creek
Rockford, IL

Tribute Wall

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“ Thoughts and prayers to the entire Harper family during this time .
May you all find comfort knowing Russ is at peace with the Lord.

Tracy Swanson RN - February 26, 2016 at 11:31 AM

KE

“ We were honored to have Russell be a part of our family here at Brookdale. I speak for all the staff when I say he will be Missed.
Kathy

Kathleen Brender ED - February 26, 2016 at 10:35 AM

DW

“ We will miss Grandpa. His stories will be in our hearts forever. I will treasure the time spent with him and Grandma at their house in AZ, going swimming, browsing the book stores, making sandwiches.
Such a passionate man who truly cared for his family.

Denise Wiktor - February 25, 2016 at 07:33 PM

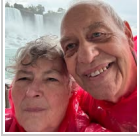
DK

“ Ron and family so sorry for your loss.

Donna Key



Donna Key - February 25, 2016 at 12:54 PM



“ *Condolences to the Harper Family. Russ was a great guy, always entertaining and easy to talk to. Prayers for Elia to get through this difficult time.*

Bob & Darlene Behland

Darlene Behland - February 25, 2016 at 12:35 PM