



William F. "Bill" Harris

April 19, 1923 - February 5, 2014

William F. "Bill" Harris, 90, of Grand Island died Wednesday, February 5, 2014 at Riverside Lodge Retirement Community.

William F. "Bill" Harris Mass of Christian burial will be 10:00 a.m. Saturday at St. Mary's Cathedral. Father Richard Piontkowski will officiate. Burial will be in Grand Island City Cemetery with military honors provided by the United States Army and Grand Island Veterans Honor Guard.

Visitation will be from 5-7 p.m. Friday at All Faiths Funeral Home followed by a rosary at 7:00.

Bill was born April 19, 1923 in Omaha to William and Kathryn (Fass) Harris.

Survivors include his wife of 71 years, Virginia; his children and their spouses, Linda and Pat Wenzl of Stevens Point, WI, Mary and Randy Marshall of Omaha, Marthanna and Rick Cogswell of San Francisco, CA and David Harris of Grand Island; and a sister, Mary Kittel of Nashville, TN.

Those also left to cherish his memory include 14 grandchildren; 20 great grandchildren; and 1 great-great granddaughter.

He was preceded in death by his parents; a son, John Paul Harris; brother,

Robert Harris and sister, Joyce Jorgenson.

Bill received his education at Grand Island St. Mary's High School, graduating with the class of 1941.

He entered the United States Army on March 20, 1943, serving with the 28th Infantry Division during WWII. Bill was honorably discharged October 22, 1945.

He was united in marriage to Virginia May King on January 7, 1943. For 71 years Bill gave his beloved 'Ginny' red roses on their anniversary. Bill owned and operated "Bill's Bar None" and later "Corner Tavern", both in Grand Island. He was employed by National Cash Register for 22 years, from which he retired. After his retirement, Bill started Bankers Electronic Equipment.

He was a member of Blessed Sacrament Catholic Church and St. Mary's Catholic Church; and he served as an usher at both churches. He was also a member of the VFW and the Platt Deutsche. Bill enjoyed fishing, playing cards and traveling. He will be remembered as the man "whose cup was always half full". Because of Bill's optimism and ingenuity, there was no task too great to accomplish.

The family would like to extend their sincere appreciation to St. Francis Hospice and Home Care and Companions caregivers for their kindness and service.

Memorials are suggested to the Bill Harris and John Harris Central Catholic Memorial Fund or St. Francis Hospice.

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“ *William F. "Bill" Harris*

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