



Harold Milling

June 14, 1923 - March 8, 2018

Harold Milling, 94, of Kankakee, passed away on Thursday, March 8, 2018 at Riverside Medical Center. He was born in Essex Township of Kankakee County on June 14, 1923. His parents were Bernard and Louise (Harms) Milling.

Harold's schooling began in a one room country school with one teacher. Harold attended Reddick High School, following which he had fond memories of working on his family's farm. Harold later decided to pursue higher level education at Olivet Nazarene College where he earned Bachelor's Degree in Biological Science. He then attended University of Illinois for further education in Botanical Science.

Harold's first job following high school was at the University of Chicago working on the Manhattan Project where the development of the Atom Bomb was conducted by Enrico Fermie and several other physicists. This project entailed a high level of security.

Harold served in the military in the European Theater of Operations under General George Patton. He served in the United States Army as a medic, serving in France and Germany in tent hospitals, preparing the wounded for transport to more distant hospitals for treatment. After the fighting ceased, Harold documented a search for German doctors and nurses in the goal of

sending them to their homes where there was a sore need for medical care to be provided to the German people. Following the conclusion of service in Europe, Harold returned home, crossing the Atlantic on a ship that was now no longer needed for shipping cargo. During this trip, the first atom bomb was dropped in Japan, which he did not know until receiving his discharge from the armed forces. Learning the end result of his prior work at the University of Chicago came as a surprise to him. Following his discharge, he was later recalled for service in Korea. During the Korean War, he was stationed at Madigan Army Hospital in Tacoma, Washington where the soldiers suffering from injuries they incurred on the battlefield were treated. This was an introduction to hospital laboratory services, a career he further pursued in later years.

Harold was an associated member of The American Society of Clinical Pathologists. He was a member of The American Society of Cryobiology, The American Association of Blood Banks, and Masonic Blue Lodge in Gardner, Illinois. He was a commander of the Essex VFW Post 9693.

He participated in conferences and symposiums in the USA and the greater part of Europe (including Communist countries). Harold's exposure to foreign countries during his military service generated interest in foreign nations, especially in Germany which was his nationality. This led to a search for family history and traditions.

In addition to his parents, he is preceded in death by three sisters, Esther Johnson and Bernice Beach, of Kankakee and Zelma Guest, of Reddick; one brother, Clifford Milling, of Chicago Heights. Harold is survived by his nieces and one nephew, Dorothy Reed, of Kankakee, Robert Beach, of Missouri, Mary Lou McFarland, of Arkansas, Verletta Ray, of Moline, Rena Eich, of Herscher, and Ruth Robards, of Bradley.

Cremation rites have been accorded. Private inurnment will take place at Abraham Lincoln National Cemetery at a later date. Arrangements are being handled by Clancy-Gernon-Hertz Funeral Home in Kankakee.

Cemetery Details

Abraham Lincoln National Cemetery

20953 Hoff Road
Elwood, IL 60421

Tribute Wall

PP

“ I met Harold when I was a patient in the rehab section at Miller. I would meet with him at meal times along with his friend Marie Schore who is also a resident there. After I was discharged, I continued to visit during lunch and would bring pie for dessert. I grew very fond of him and once I was able to get him to talk (he was always so quiet), I learned so much about him, the UofC project, and his favorite book *The Ultimate Survivor*, the writer J Dennis Marek, and the subject Wally Piezka. I tried to set up a meeting with Mr. Piezka and was not able to find the right time. Although I knew him shortly, I will miss him, as so will Marie. She is very saddened. He touched our hearts deeply.

*Our prayers are with you Harold,
Love,
Pam Pennington & Marie Schore*

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Pam Pennington - March 16, 2018 at 04:38 PM

PG

“ I met Harold years ago when I started working at the lab at Riverside. He was a gentle, kind and giving man. Always ready to help you thru a problem. Not do it for you, but help you learn how to solve it. In later years I saw him again while I was doing my family history. He had not changed from when I met him at Riverside. Still as kind and giving.

He will be greatly missed by all who knew him.

Paula Goodwin

Paula Goodwin - March 11, 2018 at 01:58 PM

MP

“ Harold was my friend for 50 years, I met him when I worked in the lab at Riverside. He was truly one of the most interesting people in my life. I considered him a true Renaissance man, well educated and well traveled. I admired and respected so much, I am so glad and honored to have had him as a friend.

Marsha Phelps - March 10, 2018 at 09:12 PM

LM

“ My heart is sad. Harold was such a great friend and wonderful person. I worked with him at Riverside Hospital . I grew up near Reddick and Harold actually was the person who took my picture at my first communion in Essex. He was an intelligent , kind, wonderous man who I greatly admired. I would stop in to visit him from time to time when my husband and I came from Pennsylvania to visit relatives. It was always such a pleasure to spent time with him. I have many great memories of this man. God bless you Harold , I am so happy that you were part of my life.

Linda (Passini) McDonald

Linda McDonald - March 10, 2018 at 08:36 PM

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“ I worked in the lab at Riverside Hospital where Harold had an important place in the Dept. I learned that he was from my area and worked tirelessly on the research for the Essex Historical Society. Harold was a man who my husband, Joe, and I greatly admired. He was a remarkable man who touched the lives of so many with his kindness.



Pam Silvey - March 10, 2018 at 11:22 AM

LS

“ Sorry to here about Mr. Milling he was such a sweet and kind man



Lisa Samuels - March 10, 2018 at 10:01 AM

TB

“ Harold was my grandmother, Bernice Milling Beach's brother and my grand uncle. I remember Harold while growing up, seeing him from time to time on Sunday's at my grandmothers or while visiting my great-grandmother Louise Milling (a real stitch). Harold was always a very pleasant and soft-spoken gentleman and someone I liked very much, although I never got to know him well. Still, I have a true sense of loss in his passing and wish his relatives and friends my heartfelt condolences.

*Thomas A. Beach
Rochester, WI*

Thomas Beach - March 10, 2018 at 09:12 AM