



Harry Dandelles

February 9, 1925 - July 9, 2016

Lifelong Kankakee resident Harry Dandelles passed from this life on Saturday evening July 9, 2016. He was born on February 9, 1925, the second son of Greek immigrant parents Gus and Eoanna (Ahvramedes) Dandelles. He graduated from Kankakee High School in 1943 and joined the US Navy shortly thereafter. On December 30, 1944 he married Lorraine Margaret Richard. While in the service he pursued his college education at various universities near where he was stationed and graduated from Northwestern University with an Accounting degree in 1948. Harry was employed as an accountant at A. O. Smith then as an owner manager of the Dandelles Bowling Lanes until the business was sold in 1969. After the sale, he gained his teaching certification and taught business classes at Bradley Bourbonnais High School until his retirement in 1990. He was a lifelong active member of the Annunciation Greek Orthodox Church in Kankakee and served many years as the church President, Vice President and Treasurer. He was a Scouting leader while his boys were young. He touched many lives as an active volunteer with many civic and charitable organizations, the most cherished of which were his attainment of 33rd Degree Mason and membership in Medinah Shriners, where he also served as Treasurer of the local Masonic Lodge.

In addition to his parents and beloved wife of 65 years, Lorraine, he was predeceased by his brothers James Dandelles and wife Clara, George Dandelles and wife Marie, Brother-in-law Robert Richard and wife Gloria, and

son Richard Dandelles. He is survived by sons Harry G. Dandelles and wife Barbara of Tulsa, Oklahoma and Tom Dandelles and wife Eileen of Kankakee. Grandchildren Stefan Dandelles and wife Dina of Evanston, Illinois, Sarah Dandelles of Chicago, Amy McKinney Van Gilder, of Kankakee, Stephanie Morin and husband Matt of Kankakee, Joseph McKinney and fiancé Kary Harling of Kankakee all mourn the loss of their Papou or Papa. He was very proud of his great-grandchildren, Ioanna, Nikoletta and Klearchos Dandelles; Dawson, Dylan and Drew Van Gilder; Tyler, Jaden and Joey McKinney.

Visitation will be from 6 until 8 pm on Tuesday at Clancy-Gernon-Hertz Funeral Home, Kankakee.

Visitation will also be held from 9:30 a.m. on Wednesday, until the 10:00 a.m. funeral service at the Annunciation Greek Orthodox Church.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made in his name to the Parkinson's Disease Foundation, Shriners Hospital for Children or the Annunciation Greek Orthodox Church.

Cemetery Details

Mound Grove Gardens Cemetery

1000 N. Greenwood
Kankakee, IL 60901
(815) 933-6726

Previous Events

Visitation

JUL 12. 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

Kankakee - Clancy-Gernon-Hertz Funeral Home
1480 W. Court St.
Kankakee, IL 60901
(815) 932-1214
cgfuneral@gmail.com

Prayer Service

JUL 12. 7:30 PM (CT)

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Visitation

JUL 13. 9:30 AM - 10:00 AM (CT)

Annunciation Greek Orthodox Church
296 N. Washington
Kankakee, IL 60901
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Funeral Service

JUL 13. 10:00 AM (CT)

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Tribute Wall

SK

“ So odd to think of the Dandelles patriarch on the anniversary of his new life. Want to share memories of my friend and youngest son- Tom D. Tom always joked about being brother of the “Tom, Dick and Harry” sibs of wonderful Greek parents. Miss our rookie days of being mental health specialists at ISPI. Long story short- all I know is that Tom’s parents were awesome, awesome people. Wasn’t a Greek myth nor tragedy. Take care and may you be forever blessed.

Sandra C. Knox - February 10, 2021 at 03:29 AM

JP

“ Tom, Sorry to hear of the loss of your Dad. Your Dad, Harry, had a full, good and long life. Sympathies to your entire family.
Julia Denault Parker

Julia Denault Parker - July 15, 2016 at 04:58 PM

SK

To Tom Dandelles, Jr. Thought about you and our work at ISPI, funny jokes about the “Tom, Dick and Harry” Dandelles brothers, pizza, Doobie brothers, your Hawaiian shirts, Greek temperament and most of all-I still have your mom’s Spinach pie recipe!! Who could be so blessed?! Thanks for the good times. Never met dad or mom, but you represented them so well. Thru you to them, I say job well done Mr. and Mrs. Dandelles. God rest and keep you forever.

Sandra C. Knox - February 10, 2021 at 03:14 AM

AR

“ with sympathy, I am sorry for your loss

Andy Roski - July 14, 2016 at 11:16 AM

NW

“ My deepest sympathy to the family. I was blessed to have him as a teacher at bbchs. And he was favorite. Then blessed again to wait on Harry and Lorraine when I worked at Eagles. Just a lovely couple and always may my day. Rest in Peace. Nancy Ponikvar Waller

nancy waller - July 14, 2016 at 07:26 AM

NK

“ Our deepest sympathies to the Dandelles Family. My brother Stephan Kouzomis and I grew up in the Greek Church with Harry, Richard and Tom. The church was the focal point for the families. Everyone worked the Greek Picnic.

We all went to West Junior and Kankakee High. In our younger days we were in bowling leagues at the original location and then on Station Street. As a youngster and as I got older I remember Harry and Lorraine as gracious and good hearted. My parents George and Freda Kouzomis always spoke highly of them. There are plenty of fond memories.

Nick Kouzomis
Saint Louis, Missouri

Nick Kouzomis - July 13, 2016 at 07:58 PM

CN

“ Mr. D. was the best teacher I had the privilege of having. His dedication to his students was always first. My condolences to his family. This world has lost a compassionate man.

Cheryl (Friend) Nourie.

Cheryl Nourie - July 13, 2016 at 02:49 PM

MB

“ I met Harry & Lorraine in 1970 when I joined ESA Sorority & had the priviledge & honor of being involved in their lives for the next 40 years or so. We went to sorority dances, parties, fundraisers, reunions,etc. I will miss both of them very much. The meetings at Lorraine & Harry's were always such fun, the food so good. I continued to see Harry around town after Lorraine died - sometimes at Riverside Medical Center where I was Cashier until 2014 when I retired. You all have my deepest sympathies.

Mary Birr
12 Richard St
Kankakee, Il 60901

Mary Birr - July 13, 2016 at 02:27 PM

CH

“ Our sympathy goes out to Harry's family on their loss. As a brother Mason and Shriner he will be sadly missed. We shared good times with Harry and Lorraine.

Carole and Park Hollenbeck

Carole and Park Hollenbeck - July 13, 2016 at 11:04 AM

RL

“ I grew up with Harry's oldest sons, Harry and Richard. From bowling owner to school bus driver, he was a remarkable and complex man. He raised two sons who were my closes friends growing up and for at least one of them it was not easy, but he did it with a style all his own.

Roger Longtin - July 13, 2016 at 09:55 AM

FD

“ We built our home across Grace St. from Harry and Lorraine when we moved to Kankakee where I was appointed to be minister at St. Mark United Methodist Church. How fortunate to have them as neighbors. Our sympathy to their family. Floyd & Donna Stradley

Floyd & Donna - July 13, 2016 at 09:26 AM

MM

“ Extending our sympathy to Harry's family. We knew Harry since high school. While we were living at Westwood last winter we were fortunate to have been able to dine with Harry several times. Harry was definitely a "white hat".. one of the good guys. We will be making a donation to Parkinsons foundation in his memory. Our thoughts and prayers are with his family
Tom and Mary Maass

Mary and Tom Maass - July 13, 2016 at 08:17 AM

CH

“ I am so sorry for your loss! I had your father in accounting class at BBCHS and I really admired him. He treated his students with respect and was very kind. He was the kind of teacher I aspire to be today. I am thinking of your family and remembering Mr. D with much fondness.

Cheryl Harris-Sumida - July 12, 2016 at 08:48 PM

JB

“ Sorry to hear of your loss. We know it is never easy at these times. Many memories at the bowling alley.
Richard and Judy (Longtin) Berdahl

Judy Longtin berdahl - July 12, 2016 at 08:31 PM

TC

“ Sorry that I cannot be with all of you at this time. I will miss his wit, stories and good humor. One of the most recent memories I have is how excited Uncle Harry was to play Santa Claus and wanted to send me photos on his cell phone but didn't know how. He said he would get someone to show him how and he did, he was able to send and share the photos with me. He enjoyed making people happy.

Tania Capps - July 12, 2016 at 03:19 PM

CM

“ Cathie Miedema lit a candle in memory of Harry Dandelles



cathie miedema - July 12, 2016 at 12:13 PM

VD

“ The Officers and Members of Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite, 32nd Degree Masons, wish to extend our sincere condolences.

Valley of Danville - July 12, 2016 at 11:53 AM

AH

“ Our Sympaty to you and your family. John Schierholz & Family

Ann Harms - July 12, 2016 at 06:56 AM

JB

“ So sorry for your loss, my thoughts are with you. Joel Berman

Joel berman - July 11, 2016 at 10:03 PM

JE

“ Harry was one of my teachers in high school then later became colleagues at BBCHS. I remember seeing Harry at Riverside and he always gave me a big hug. My prayers and thoughts are with his family.

Julie Ebersole

Julie Ebersole - July 11, 2016 at 03:17 PM

BE

I took Mr. Dandelles business classes in high school in 1976/77. One of my favorite teachers and had an influence on my life. The community lost a great man. Brad Elam

Brad Elam - July 12, 2016 at 10:41 AM

JB

“ I will always have great memories of fun at the bowling alley, thanks again Harry, you will be missed by me and all of my 50's & 60's friends.

Jerry the Mailman

jerry bjick - July 11, 2016 at 12:47 PM

JR

“ We were so sorry to hear of Harry's passing and wish we could be there for family support as you did when we had services for Jim's burial. I was very glad I got to talk to him just a month ago. And I want you to know how grateful I am that both your parents always looked out for Connie & I when we were kids in Kankakee. Our sincere sympathies and a hope that the remaining Dandelles' of our generation will stay more connected in the future.
With Love, Jim and Joanna (Dandelles) Robbins

Joanna Robbins - July 11, 2016 at 10:08 AM

DM

Tom, so sorry to hear of your dad's passing, my thoughts are with you. Wish we could turn back the clock.

Deborah M. Muniz - July 12, 2016 at 08:39 AM

CD

Uncle Harry was the last of my uncles. It was special to have Uncle Harry and Aunt Lorraine, Uncle Jim and Aunt Clara come all the way to Arizona to attend my wedding. I remember how special it was to have Uncle Harry say the prayer at my reception. Thoughts and prayers to the family.
May his memory be eternal.

Cynthia Dandelles - July 12, 2016 at 10:04 AM

JD

Harry, our thoughts and prayers are with you & your family. He was a wonderful man. I remember meeting him when we were in high school. Such a difficult loss. God bless you all.

Jeanie (Denoyer) Darr & Dick - July 12, 2016 at 10:24 PM