



Harry James Kessinger

October 2, 1934 - August 5, 2023

Van Orin, IL - Harry James Kessinger, 88, passed away at Heritage Manor in Walnut, IL on Saturday, August 5, 2023.

Harry was born in Mendota, IL to the late Harry and Kathleen (Gladfelter) Kessinger, on October 2, 1934. He was a graduate of Mendota High School, Class of 1954. He married his love Judy Palmatier on February 1, 1958 at the Prairie Center. They celebrated 65 years of marriage in February of this year.

Before he married, Harry joined the United States Navy from 1954 - 1957, when he was honorably discharged. He traveled the North West Pacific while serving on the USS Eldorado.

Harry worked at Wayside Press in Mendota, IL., before he and Judy moved to Walsenburg, Colorado. Together they owned and operated their own printing company as well as selling office supplies.

He loved to travel, Harry, would have stayed on the road if he could have. Seeing all the magnificent sights the world has to offer. He and Judy drove their motor home to Alaska, one of their favorite spots. They would take all their fur babies for long walks wherever they may be, they always managed to find a great spot to walk the pups. He loved spending time with his family, but especially the grandkids, who were growing up right before his very eyes.

Harry is survived by his bride of 65 plus years, Judy Kessinger of Van Orin, IL; two children, daughter, Shonni (Dale) Schaefer of Davenport, IA and son Doug (Chris) Kessinger of LaMoille, IL.; three grandsons, Brian (Kim) Oliver of Sioux Falls, SD, Lance (Heather) Kessinger of Amboy, IL and Bret (DeLaney) Kessinger of Wymore, NE; one great grandson, Gabe Kessinger; two brothers, Ken (Sharon) Kessinger, of Mendota, IL and Bill (Joyce) Kessinger of Mendota, IL and one sister Barb (Ron) Jacob of Naples FL; as well as many very special nieces, nephews and friends.

Preceded in death by his parents, Harry and Kathleen Kessinger, and one daughter Shonni J. Schaefer.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be directed to the family.

Online condolences may be directed to www.norbergfh.com

Arrangements by Norberg Memorial Home, Inc. & Monuments.

Tribute Wall



“ *Kim Oliver lit a candle in memory of Harry James Kessinger*



Kim Oliver - September 30, 2023 at 05:48 PM

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“ *You have my sympathy for the family. Have lots of fond memories from years ago. Love and God Bless*

Carol Fischer - August 26, 2023 at 01:24 PM

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“ *Christine Kessinger lit a candle in memory of Harry James Kessinger*



Christine Kessinger - August 18, 2023 at 03:40 PM