



Colonel Harold O. Loy

February 10, 1932 - March 28, 2015

Loy, Harold O. Colonel (Ret.) 83, passed away peacefully at his home on March 28, 2015. Born on February 10, 1932 in Taylor County, Ky to Henry and Estell Gribbins Loy. Harold's life career was in the military, serving in Korea from March 1952 until June 1954 and Vietnam from October 1968 until October 1969. His awards and decorations include the Legion of Merit, Bronze Star Medal, Meritorious Service Medal, Army Commendation Medal, Army Achievement Medal, Good Conduct Medal, National Defense Service Medal, Korean Service Medal, Vietnam Service Medal, Humanitarian Service Medal, Armed Forces Reserve Medal, Army Service Medal, United Nations Service Medal, Republic of Vietnam Campaign Medal, Korean Presidential Unit Citation, Meritorious Service Medal, and the Kentucky Medal of Merit. Following his military retirement, Colonel Loy was employed by the Commonwealth of Kentucky, Division of Disaster and Emergency Services, Department of Military Affairs. Positions held were Plans officer, Operations Branch Manager and Assistant Division Director following until retirement from state government in August 1995. In September 2001, he was appointed to the position of State Director, Kentucky Selective Service System and held that position until August 2007. Following that he volunteered with the Red Cross where he participated in several disaster relief missions. He was a member of Good Shepherd Catholic Church, VFW Post 4075th, National Guard Association of United States and Ky, and was the former director of the Red Cross.

Survivors include two daughters; Kathryn Louise Parrish (George) and Dr. Elizabeth Diane Loy both of Louisville, two sons; Mark Kevin Loy (Bonnie) and James Harold Loy of Frankfort, five grandchildren; Heidi Rebecca Loy, Ashley Ann Parrish, Kevin Scot Loy, Heather Elizabeth Loy, Kayla Sue Loy, five great grandchildren; Scot Andrew Loy, Olivia Kathryn Nalley, Izzabel Grace Clark, Aubrey Nicole Loy, Joshua Jackson Wilbert II, a brother; Carl Loy (Helen), Campbellsville, Ky, and a sister; Mildred Cooley, Louisville.

He is preceded in death by his parents, wife; Ruth Ann Loy, and a brother Willard Loy.

Mass of Christian Burial will be noon, Wednesday at Good Shepard Catholic Church, 75 Shepherd Way, Frankfort, Ky 40601. Father Charles Howell will officiate. Burial will follow at Sunset Memorial Gardens. Visitation will be 1:00 p.m. until 8:00 p.m., Tuesday at LeCompte Johnson Taylor Funeral Home, 1725 Louisville Road, Frankfort, Ky 40601. A prayer service will be held at 7:00 p.m., Tuesday at the funeral home.

Contributions may be made to Hosparus of Louisville, PO Box 35425, Louisville, Ky 40232-9892.

You may share memories and leave condolences on his tribute wall at www.ljtfuneralhome.com

Cemetery Details

Sunset Memorial Gardens

3250 Versailles Road
Frankfort, KY 40601

Previous Events

Visitation

MAR 31. 1:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

LeCompte-Johnson-Taylor Funeral Home
1725 Louisville Rd.
Frankfort, KY 40601
(502) 223-5858
ljtfuneralhome@gmail.com
<https://ljtfuneralhome.com/>

Mass of Christian Burial

APR 1. 12:00 PM (ET)

Good Shepherd Catholic Church
72 Shepherd Way
Frankfort, KY 40601

Tribute Wall

NL

“ I am so sorry for your loss. I was looking through some old newspapers that my daughter saved for me during my time in the hospital at this exact time and was very surprised to see this picture and obituary. I worked with "Oakley" at the Kroger store in Bardstown, Ky. from 1956-1959 until I married. I always liked him, he was so nice. I'm sending a picture of him working there. Thought you might like it. If you'd like to get in touch with me I'd like that.

Nancy Lyvers Lyon



Nancy Lyon - May 09, 2015 at 01:17 PM

JP

“ We had not known Harold but about two years when we moved into the condo community where he lived in Louisville. Whenever he was out walking his dog, we would chat. What a kind, friendly neighbor. When we read his obituary, we were in awe of his achievements and outstanding dedication to our country. What a humble man! Our condolences to his family. We enjoyed this gentle man. Sincerely, Ed and Jan Preher
Louisville, KY

Jan Preher - April 01, 2015 at 05:10 PM

W5

“ WDKY FOX 56 purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Colonel Harold O. Loy.



WDKY FOX 56 - March 31, 2015 at 05:59 PM

 Maria Shepherd

“ Kathy and Diane so sorry for your loss. He is up in heaven with your Mom. He was a wonderful hero and we thank him for his service to this country. I there is anything I can do please let me know.

*Jerry and Maria Shepherd
Louisville, Ky*

Maria Shepherd - March 31, 2015 at 10:04 AM

KB

“ Ken Butler lit a candle in memory of Colonel Harold O. Loy



Ken Butler - March 31, 2015 at 09:14 AM

JW

“ I worked with Colonel Loy on the Red Cross Board of Directors some years ago. I have fond memories of our representing the Red Cross in some of the local parades. Colonel Loy would drive the Red Cross van and I'd throw out the candy. He was certainly an asset to the Board.

He was a wonderful man, well respected by all who knew him.

Please accept my deepest sympathy for your loss.

Jane Wilson

Jane Wilson - March 30, 2015 at 07:42 PM

JD

“ Col Loy swore me into the guard at "C" btry in Bardstown. He was always a mentor, friend, and a true gentleman. His contributions to the guard, country, and soldiers was unequalled. Today's soldiers would be wise to emulate his demeanor and presence. I am saddened by his loss. Just a great patriot.

BG(R) Jack Doyle

Jack Doyle - March 30, 2015 at 03:02 PM



“ 59 files added to the album Life Tributes



Lecompte Johnson Taylor Funeral Home - March 30, 2015 at 02:44 PM

NL

Thank you for sharing these pictures. I certainly remember his wife. I would not have known though or remembered until I see these. She was a beautiful lady. This is how I remember her and him. Good looking couple..

Nancy Lyon - May 09, 2015 at 01:23 PM

FC

“ I wish to offer my prayers and condolences to the family of Colonel Loy. I am a retired Catholic priest who lives in Bardstown, Fr. Thomas Clark. When I saw the obituary, I wondered if the O in Harold's name stands for Oakley. The reason I ask is that my brother Bill Clark worked as a butcher for Krogers for 40 years, and back in the mid 50's worked with an Oakley Loy at Kroger, perhaps in Columbia or Campbellsville. They were good friends and I remember meeting Oakley in the mid or late 50th when they worked together. I always wondered what had happened to him. My brother passed away about 9 yrs. ago. If this is a mis-identification, please ignore.

*Fr. Thomas Clark, 407 South 3rd St., Bardstown KY 40004
trc1936@hotmail.com*

Fr. Thomas R. Clark - March 30, 2015 at 11:47 AM

NL

Father Clark you are bringing back many memories for me . I remember Bill Clark also. They worked in the meat department together. I never would have dreamed he'd go off and become a hero like this with so many medals and honors. His family must be very proud. I was a "checker" and later assistant book-keeper when I worked with him at Kroger.

Nancy Lyon - May 09, 2015 at 01:27 PM

VL

“ Vernice L. purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Colonel Harold O. Loy.



Vernice L. - March 30, 2015 at 11:15 AM

GL

“ I was friends with Harold Loy for 38 years. I have a heavy heart knowing that he is gone. He set the example for the way we should live. Harold was a true American Patriot. He loved his God, his family and his country. He will be missed by all that knew him. Harold you have done your share of good deeds. Go and REST IN PEACE my good and faithful servant.

*CWO3 Gene Logue USA Retired and Area manager for KYEM
Retired*

Gene Logue - March 30, 2015 at 10:11 AM

FF

“ Harold, was a good friend and an outstanding soldier, whom I remember fondly. His contributions to the Kentucky National Guard are noteworthy. Erma and I send our prayers and condolences to the family and friends. Col (Ret) Frank C. Van Fleet

Frank C. Van Fleet - March 30, 2015 at 09:07 AM

CP

“ *A fine soldier who set the example for all of us. It was an honor, and pleasure, to have known him and be his friend.* ”



CW4 (Ret) Dewey Pope - March 30, 2015 at 08:05 AM

JD

“ *Harold was a true officer and gentleman, we will miss him.* ”

jim and ruth drake - March 30, 2015 at 06:12 AM