



Mary Van Harn

September 5, 1930 - December 14, 2018

Mary A. Van Harn, age 88, passed away peacefully on December 14, 2018 with her family by her side. COL Van Harn is originally from Zeeland, MI and went to the US Army School of Physical Therapy at Brooke Army Medical Center, TX . She graduated from Hope College in Michigan and then earned her MS degree from USC. She served in the Army Medical Specialist Corps and retired with 30 years of service from 1952-1982. During the Vietnam conflict she was assigned to Camp Drake, Army Hospital, Japan; US Army Medical Center, Okinawa and then transferred to Vietnam in Jan. 1970. While in country she was Chief US Army Physical Therapy consultant, Vietnam and assigned to the 93rd Evac hospital in Long Binh from 1970-1971. Her tour required frequent helicopter trips and visiting of all Army hospitals and medical centers in country. After Vietnam, she was assigned to Walter Reed Army Medical Center, as Chief and later assigned Chief, Physical Therapy Section, Army Medical Specialist Corps. COL Van Harn holds the Bronze Star along with other medals. She had several different assignments during her career in the US Army and was always respected for her special knowledge about treatment of neurological injuries and use of ice therapy. She is preceded in death by her parents; Martin and Marie Van Harn; sister, Norma (Roger) Plasman; and brother, Martin and (Joan) Van Harn. She is survived by her nephews; Curt Van Harn, Michael (Susan) Plasman; nieces, Diane (Michael) Cribbs, Merry Van Harn (James Gohlke), Marty Amaya, Melody (Tim) Dykstra; many great nieces and nephews; and longtime friend, Dale Boggs. Funeral

services are 11:00 am on Wednesday, December 19, 2018 at Yntema Funeral Home, 251 S. State St. Zeeland, MI 49464 officiated by Rev. Leigh Van Kempen. A time of visitation with the family to precede starting at 10:00 am. Burial to take place with full military honors in Zeeland Cemetery. Memorial contributions may be given to Resthaven or Hospice of Holland.

Tribute Wall



“ *Mary Van Harn*

August 31, 2022 at 01:26 PM



“ *"Mary was so much fun. When she lived in Maryland I drove her to church on Sundays as well as around for her weekly errands. She liked to sing Christmas carols all year long. One day we went to a pawn shop and she bought a clarinet to play in my car when we were out and about. What a hoot she was!"*

Barb Kleinknecht - March 16, 2019 at 12:00 AM



“ *"Mary was so dear to me. I have many great memories being with her: driving her to church in Leisureworld; Mary singing Christmas carols in my car year round. Buying items from a local pawn shop and giving them to others in the community. What a hoot she was!"*

B Kleinknecht - March 16, 2019 at 12:00 AM



“ *"My heart felt condolences to Marty, Merry, Melody and Curt. I first met this amazing woman while in High School then I worked with her at Freedom Village when she came back to town to care for grandma. We had many cups of coffee and even more laughs during that time. Rest my friend for you have done good. Michelle Ash"*

Michelle Ash - December 15, 2018 at 12:00 AM

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“I will forever cherish the care i gave you and the memories i have of/with you. You where an amazing women always had a amazing attitude at life. You will be missed”

Glenda Gonzales - December 14, 2018 at 12:00 AM

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“I will always remember you and treasure your friendship. Now you are resting in Michigan the state you loved.”

Dale Boggs - December 14, 2018 at 12:00 AM