



Harold M. Lincoln

October 8, 1929 - February 1, 2014

Harold M Lincoln, age 86, of Toledo, Ohio passed away unexpectedly February 1, 2014, at home. He was born October 8, 1927 to Ruby Elizabeth (Bayer) and Harold Merriman Lincoln. He attended Gesu grade school and Central Catholic High School, graduating in 1945. He was an active participant in Central's yearly class reunions.

While in high school, Harold worked at Toby's Food Market at Bancroft and Upton Avenue. He was always thankful that Jack and Ida Erlen hired him at such an early age. He used to brag about how he was able to deliver groceries for them even when he didn't have a drivers license. This was just the beginning of his love for the grocery business.

After graduating from high school, he joined the Merchant Marines and was proud of his service. He even took trips recently to Baltimore, Md. to see and ride on the "John W. Brown" Liberty ship.

After serving his country he went to work for Gerber Baby Foods as a salesman. From there, in 1954 he started his own food brokerage company, Harold M. Lincoln Company, which still exists today. He built the company from the grass roots until it became one of the largest brokerage houses, with offices in Toledo, Ft, Wayne, Grand Rapids, Detroit and Bay City. Each

December he traveled to the National Food Brokers Association meetings and received many national awards for outstanding sales performance. He was extremely proud that his two sons followed him into the business and they continue to run the business along with their brother- in- law.

Harold was strong in his faith and was also a strong advocate for Catholic education. He made sure that his children and grandchildren attended Catholic schools. He was particularly fond of the Ursuline Sisters, St. Francis de Sales, and Central Catholic high schools. He was active on many of the school boards and chairman of various school fundraisers.

One of Harold's' greatest loves was the trips he and his wife, Mary took. They visited Rome eight times, and they also visited France, Germany, England, Denmark, the Far East, Africa, and South America where they saw the beautiful Christ the Redeemer of the Andes statue.

Harold enjoyed spending time in the summer at his cottage at Sweezy Lake with family and friends. He also loved his Dunbridge Farm farmhouse that he remodeled and refurbished with his wife. He held many reunions and parties at the farm that were enjoyed by family and friends.

Harold was the longest living member of the Catholic War Veterans #639 where he also served as the post commander. He was also an honorary member of the Knights of Columbus #3122. He was a member of the Serra Club, which he served as President. He helped found the Msgr. Jerome E. Schmit youth foundation and was chairman for over 10 years.

He was an avid Toledo Mud Hens and University of Toledo supporter. He could be seen attending many games.

He was preceded in death by his loving wife Mary, to whom he was married to

for 55 years. She passed away on May 21, 2004. Surviving are his six loving children, David B., Mary Sue (David) DuMont, Margaret A. (Harry) McGovern of Pittsburgh PA, John S. (Connie), Marcia L. (Ed) Urban of Florida, and Marilyn L. (John) Hall of Whitehouse; along with 17 grandchildren, Lysa, David Jr., Amy, Jeramy, Mary, Elizabeth, Erica, Rachel, Aaron, Harry III, Amanda, Christopher, Bryan, Brittany, Ariel, John II and Alex; and 5 great-grandchildren, Maia, Taylor, Chaz, Spencer, and Grace. His sister Mary (Don) Kohli also survives.

Friends may call at the Coyle Funeral Home, 1770 S. Reynolds Rd, on Friday February 7, 2014 from 2-8pm, where a Rosary will be recited at 7pm by Logsdon-Walla Catholic War Veterans #639. Funeral Services will begin in the Mortuary at 10:15 a.m. on Saturday February 8, 2014 followed by the Mass of Christian burial in Gesu Church at 11 a.m. Internment will be at New Belleville Ridge Cemetery in Dowling, Ohio following the luncheon at the Sullivan Center at Gesu Church. In lieu of flowers, the family requests that memorials be made to the Ursuline Center, St. Francis de Sales H.S., Central Catholic H.S., or Gesu Church. Please view and sign our online registry at CoyleFuneralHome.com

Cemetery Details

New Belleville Ridge

County Rd. 8
Bowling Green, OH 43402

Previous Events

Visitation

FEB 7. 2:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Coyle Funeral and Cremation Services
1770 S. Reynolds Road
Toledo, OH 43614
(419) 865-1295
<https://www.coylefuneralhome.com>

Tribute Wall

JM

“ I was so sorry to hear the news of Mr. Lincoln's passing. He was a wonderful neighbor and friend to my parents for many years. Deepest sympathy to David, Sue, Margaret, John, Marcia, Marilyn and their families.

Jane Fulton Morrow

Jane Morrow - February 10, 2014 at 08:21 AM



“ Sentiments of Serenity Spray was purchased for the family of Harold M. Lincoln.



February 07, 2014 at 10:54 AM

RB

“ I am still watching for his car to make certain he gets into the house all right.

I will miss Harold, too.

Thinking of you

Rose Bodette

Rose E. Bodette - February 06, 2014 at 03:49 PM

CV

“ 2 files added to the album VIDEO TRIBUTE



COYLE FUNERAL HOME VIDEOS - February 06, 2014 at 02:05 PM

MD

“ Harold was a loyal ,loving, generous, classmate of CCHS class of "45" . . Our Oct.2013 meeting was hosted by him....what fun we had! He will be missed.

Mary C. Dibling

Mary C Dibling - February 06, 2014 at 12:10 PM

G.

“ My husband(deceased) Jim worked with and was a very good friend of Harold and Mary. We went on family vacations when our children were young....their 6 and our 4 children had many happy times together.

He came to visit me a few years ago and we shared thoughts of the past years. I am sure that he will be missed by many who knew and loved him.

So sorry to the entire Lincoln family for the loss of a good , gentle man.

Prayers to you all.

Gert Farber ...Tamarac, Florida

Gert Farber ..Florida - February 06, 2014 at 11:42 AM



“ *Heavenly and Harmony was purchased for the family of Harold M. Lincoln.*



February 06, 2014 at 11:26 AM



“ *Lily and Rose Tribute Spray was purchased for the family of Harold M. Lincoln.*



February 06, 2014 at 09:33 AM



“ *Susan (Bieniek) Dunn lit a candle in memory of Harold M. Lincoln*



Susan (Bieniek) Dunn - February 05, 2014 at 08:39 PM



“ *David, John, and Mary,
You are in my thoughts and prayers. He always seemed happy and proud of his family and business. So sorry for you loss!*

Susan (Bieniek) Dunn - February 05, 2014 at 08:39 PM

AA

“ Dear Mary and Don,
All of my sympathy. Mary I think as you and Harold have gotten older you look more alike, both very good looking. I believe that we will see Harold again. In the Holy Bible 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18, it says when Jesus comes the second time the righteous dead will be resurrected and I believe that Harold will be resurrected to live eternally in heaven. I will be praying for you my dear cousins. With love, Alice

Alice Abraham-Benson - February 05, 2014 at 08:11 PM

AA

“ Cousin Harold was very good to My family, The Tom and Loyce Burkhardt family with children Alice, Tommy , Margie and Danny. My dad and Harold were first cousins and spent a great deal of time together growing up. My grandmother Beatrice Bayer Burkhardt was Harold's godmother and my mother was her nurse and Harold told me how he appreciated my mother's loving care as Beatrice laid dying of cancer at St Charles Hospital. Harold was very generous he gave and did many good things for my family. When my dad, Tom Burkhardt died, Harold was there with his mother my Aunt Ruby and her husband Uncle Steve and his sister and brother in law, my cousins Mary and Don Kohli. Harold was a very kind Christian man and at the resurrection : 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18 , I have no doubt that I will see Harold again. To David, Sue, Margaret, John, Marcia and Marilyn all my sympathy. Your cousin, Alice Burkhardt Abraham-Benson.

Alice Abraham-Benson - February 05, 2014 at 08:01 PM

RE

“ Harold was a wonderful Catholic gentleman. My condolences to Dave and to the entire family. May God grant him peace in His Kingdom.

Rev. Thomas Extejt - February 05, 2014 at 07:41 PM

AK

“ To everyone in the Lincoln family, our heartfelt sympathy and love. We lived right across Park Ridge Lane from Harold and Mary for 25 years. They were inspirational to us in their love of family and strong dedication to their faith. We share in the sadness of your loss at this time. Sincerely, Andy, Rose, Tricia, & Christopher Kandik

Andy and Rose Kandik - February 05, 2014 at 02:10 PM

TS

“ To all of the wonderful Lincolns and their families: Harold Lincoln was truly a man of faith who genuinely served others to glorify God. I am so honored to have known him through my best friend, Maggie. I am glad that I could enjoy his sense of humor, stories and wisdom. No doubt, he and his beautiful wife are seated together, poised to serve as angels who will watch over all of you. May God be with you as you celebrate his life and resurrection. My love to you all, Toni S.

Toni Sulkowski - February 05, 2014 at 12:47 PM

KB

“ I am honored to say Harold was truly a father figure to me as I grew up. Growing up with son John, I spent nearly as much time at the Lincoln house as I did my own. Harold lived a purposeful, hard working lifestyle that I will always consider a model for anyone to consider following. Faith, charity, love and devotion to God and family, were plainly visible attributes to anyone that was lucky enough to know him. To think that Harold and Mary are again reunited is a comfort during this difficult time. Rest in peace, Harold.

Ken Breier

Ken Breier - February 05, 2014 at 09:00 AM



“ *A Full Life was purchased for the family of Harold M. Lincoln.*



February 04, 2014 at 09:28 AM



“ *I have memories of being at the DuMont house when Grandpa was over. I remember him as a kind, sweet, jovial and LOVING man. My prayers for the Lincoln and DuMont family.*

Liz Batman - February 03, 2014 at 10:01 PM



“ *Harold was a wise man who lived life "Old School" and enjoyed life to the fullest. I will always remember our conversations about Faith and Virtue and will miss his presence. Thank You Harold for your words, your advice and for all you do for Catholic education in Toledo. May you rest in Peace. You will be missed.
Fr David L. Ritchie, Pastor OLPH Toledo.*

Fr David L. Ritchie - February 03, 2014 at 09:14 PM



“ *Quintessential Grandfather, so forever Grandpa Harold, even to those that weren't his grandchildren. Sympathies and love to the entire family.*

Marnie Stahl - February 03, 2014 at 08:08 PM

TP

“ Harold was both a competitor and my broker. I have many fond memories of him and his many stories on our trips to Lima, Tiffin or the farm. David and John, my deepest sympathies. Your Dad was a wonderful man that did a lot for me in my years in the food business. Few people like him still exist.

Tom Payne
Rock Hill, SC

Tom Payne - February 03, 2014 at 06:32 PM

AK

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Andy and Rose Kandik - February 05, 2014 at 02:09 PM

JP

“ JEFF PRENTISS lit a candle in memory of Harold M. Lincoln



JEFF PRENTISS - February 03, 2014 at 06:21 PM

JP

“ TO JOHN LINCOLN AND FAMILY...SORRY TO HEAR ABOUT DAD..I KNOW, YOU CAME TO MY DADS NOT LONG AGO...YOUR MY BEST FRIEND, JEFF PRENTISS HOUSTON,TX AND MY MOM, RITA COLLINS

JEFF PRENTISS - February 03, 2014 at 06:20 PM