



Harry W. Ritzel

January 18, 2024

Harry W. Ritzel, 99, of the North Syracuse/Cicero area, formerly of Leesburg, Florida, passed away Thursday, January 18, 2024.

Born in Philadelphia, PA, he served as a Chief Petty Officer in the US Navy from 1942 to 1948. In 1985, he retired from General Electric after 32 years in various management positions. He developed and instructed management programs for the American Manufacturers Association and for the Manufacturers Association of CNY.

Harry was active in the community having served as president of the North Syracuse Optimist Club, a Little League coach, a Boy Scout leader, Syracuse Chamber of Commerce President's Club member, a 4th degree Knight of Columbus, America Legion and VFW member, and an eleven year volunteer with the Cicero Police Department VIP's program.

Predeceased in May 1980 by his first wife of 27 years, Flora Elizabeth, who was also the mother of his children and his second wife of 38 years, Doris Mae, in November 2019, he is survived by his children, Harry B. Ritzel of Cicero, Lora E. (Andrew) Dattellas of Brewerton, Mary A. (Carmen) Ponto of Jamesville, Clare D. (Robert) Kiskadden of Hastings, Julia R. (Frank) Agazio of Denver and Jane F. Hepfinger of Denver; many grandchildren, great grandchildren and great great grandchildren.

Calling hours will be Wednesday, January 24th from 4:00 to 7:00 pm at Ferguson Funeral Home, 215 South Main Street, North Syracuse. Thursday, January 25th a Mass of Christian Burial will be offered at 10 am at St. Rose of

Lima Church, 407 South Main Street, North Syracuse followed by military honors. Burial will on Tuesday, January 30th 11 am at Onondaga County Veterans' Memorial Cemetery, Onondaga Hill.

Donations may be made to the Wounded Warrior Project, PO Box 758516, Topeka, Kansas 66675-8516.

Cemetery Details

Onondaga County Veterans' Memorial Cemetery

4069 Howlett Hill Road
Syracuse, NY 13215

Previous Events

Calling Hour

JAN 24. 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

Ferguson Funeral Home, Inc.
215 South Main Street
North Syracuse, NY 13212
(315) 458-1970
<http://fergersonfuneralhome.com/>

Mass of Christian Burial

JAN 25. 10:00 AM (ET)

St. Rose of Lima Church
407 S Main St
Syracuse, NY 13212

Burial

JAN 30. 11:00 AM.

Onondaga County Veterans' Memorial Cemetery

Tribute Wall

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“ I had such a wonderful time visiting Great Uncle Harry in Syracuse, N.Y. with my Oma. He was such a bright light and so kind to us. I will never forget my visit!

Lisa Mallett - March 04, 2024 at 10:20 PM

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“ A patriot, my hero, my dad❤️

Mary - January 25, 2024 at 02:55 PM



“ Sacred Duty Spray was purchased for the family of Harry W. Ritzel.



January 21, 2024 at 02:52 PM



“ Lavender Reflections Spray was purchased for the family of Harry W. Ritzel.



January 20, 2024 at 08:25 PM