



Harry Arthur Chalekian

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Harry Chalekian, age 91, of Racine (formerly Carson City, NV), passed away at home after a long and honorable life well lived. Born in Racine to Gulbank and Armenuhe Chalekian, Harry graduated from Horlick High School, Class of 1949. He joined ROTC at UW Madison, earned a Bachelor's in Education, and became a 1st Lieutenant in the U.S. Army Signal Corps. Stationed in Frankfurt, Germany, Harry and former wife Jeanne Arnold nurtured their sense of adventure by traveling throughout Europe. Returning to Racine in 1958, they raised two children, Paul Chalekian of Carson City and Jody (Bryon) Spencer of Racine. Divorced from Jeanne in 1977, Harry married Arlene Butterworth in 1984, becoming stepfather to John Butterworth and Todd (Kellie) Butterworth of Carson City.

Harry is survived by his children Paul, Jody, and Todd with grandchildren William Cody (Luisa) Spencer, Jessica Spencer, Danielle (Garry) Price, Kevin (Lizz) Spencer, Michael (Heather) Butterworth, and Jeremy (Yesenia) Pacheco. His great-grandchildren are Jada Spencer; Jenna Witek; Victoria, Jade, and Paisley Kizewic; Makayla, Johnathan, and Mawson Butterworth. Nieces Irene Nahabedian and Suzanne Chalekian and nephews Jack and John (Kathy) Chalekian also survive him along with many loving friends and extended family.

He was preceded in death by his parents, his wife Arlene and son John

Butterworth, sister Cetina Nahabedian and two brothers Jack (Martha) and Jim Chalekian.

Because of Harry's math expertise, the Army assigned him to a highly classified Cold War cryptography unit. Upon returning to Racine, he worked as a math teacher at Mitchell and as a systems analyst and manager at Western Publishing where he was on the cutting edge of computer science in the 1960's. In 1984 he moved to Nevada and worked as an information technology manager for the state government. After retirement he tutored visually impaired people on computer advantages and access.

Harry lived in Nevada for 40 years and called it home. Paul lovingly cared for Harry as his health diminished. He moved back to Racine in March to be with Jody and her family under their care. His family sincerely appreciates the assistance from A+ Hospice (Nevada) and Hospice Alliance during his final months.

Harry loved to travel and has been to every continent. He was a loyal friend and father-figure to many. He is dearly loved. His kindness, bright eyes, gentle voice, and easygoing manner will be missed.

Harry's memorial service will be held at Sturino Funeral Home on Thursday, August 4th, 2022. Visitation is from 3:30–5:00, service at 5pm led by Reverend Danielle Lindstrom of Olympia Brown Unitarian Universalist Church, where Harry was a long-time member. In lieu of flowers, donations are suggested to the American Cancer Society or Olympia Brown Church.

Previous Events

Visitation

AUG 4. 3:30 PM - 5:00 PM (CT)

Sturino Funeral Home
3014 Northwestern Avenue
Racine, WI 53404
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Memorial Service

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Tribute Wall



“ *Sturino Funeral Home created a Webcast in memory of Harry Arthur Chalekian*



Sturino Funeral Home - August 04, 2022 at 04:14 PM



“ *Sturino Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Harry Arthur Chalekian*



Sturino Funeral Home - August 03, 2022 at 05:12 PM

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“ I had the pleasure of visiting with Harry twice during the last 6 months of his life. We developed an immediate bond when I found out that he and Jeanne had lived in Frankfurt, Germany when they were first married as had my husband and I. Harry and my husband even worked in the same building although there was a 15 year difference in time. I thoroughly enjoyed visiting with him and hearing about his travels throughout the world. I want to offer my sincere condolences to all Harry’s family. Unfortunately I was unable to attend the service due to COVID exposure.
Cindy Weiss

Cindy Weiss - August 10, 2022 at 03:38 PM

SR

“ Harry was the beloved cousin to my father Jack Charles Chalikian and he was my supervisor at Western Publishing company for 18 months in the Data Center. I will never forget when I interviewed with him and after finding out who I was had decided to extend the position to me as an on the job training position. I was so grateful to him and will always remember the many things I learned from him and all the experience I gained from working under his supervision. Rest in peace Harry and say Hi to my father when you see him. Blessings for the family always,
Shari sue Rudolph (Chalikian)

Sharisue Rudolph(Chalikian) - August 07, 2022 at 12:13 PM

SR

“ Sharisue Rudolph(Chalikian) lit a candle in memory of Harry Arthur Chalekian



Sharisue Rudolph(Chalikian) - August 07, 2022 at 11:56 AM

JC

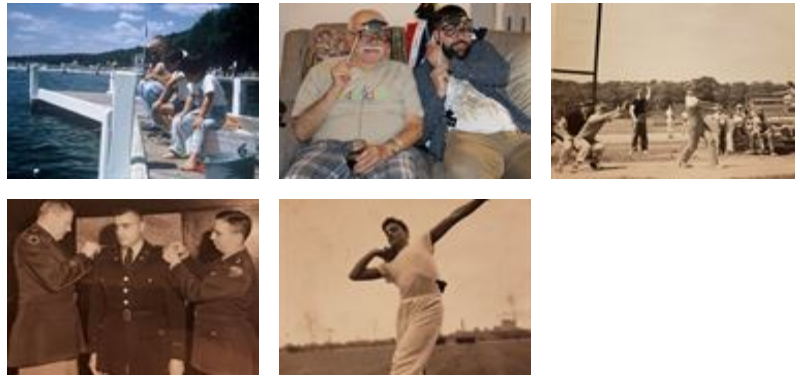
“ *JeanMarie Chalik lit a candle in memory of Harry Arthur Chalekian*



JeanMarie Chalik - August 07, 2022 at 09:24 AM



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Sturino Funeral Home - August 03, 2022 at 02:56 PM

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“ *Irene Nahabedian lit a candle in memory of Harry Arthur Chalekian*



irene Nahabedian - August 02, 2022 at 06:30 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum* was purchased for the family of Harry Arthur Chalekian.



July 30, 2022 at 09:38 AM